

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 11 FEBRUARY 2015

AT 7.00pm

Present : Councillor John Shackleton (Chairman) and Councillors Susan Bosomworth, Kerry Burton, John Casey, Diane Glanvill, John Haxby, Jeff Meek, Richard Walker, Kevin Wilkie and Marion Wright.

Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Sgt Chris Gosling North Yorkshire Police, Miss Natalie Bosomworth Filey Bay Today Editor, Mr Tony Viney Sant'Angelo Resources, Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk and Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk and 11 members of the public.

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he would be recording the meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING

RESOLVED : That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. 114/015

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Eddie Holden (ill health) Tony Willis (ill health) John Thurston (work) and Cty/Boro Cllr Sam Cross (work).

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be accepted. 115/015

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded members of the need to consider whether they needed to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or personal interest, as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

Cllr Wilkie declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7(a) in respect of the Discover Filey Development Trust Ltd as his step mother was on the Board of Directors.

RESOLVED : That Cllr Wilkie's personal declaration of interest be noted. 116/015

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and Sgt Gosling stated that the crime figures had reduced this month which was pleasing and went on to inform members that over the Christmas and New Year, 5 people had been barred from the pubs in the local area by the Pub Watch Group of these 4 were from the Three Tuns and 1 from the Belle Vue.

2 x Section 59 warnings were given to two young motorists for their manner of driving on Filey Country Park in January and if their vehicles are stopped again they will be taken from them and will cost them £250 to get them back. Cllr Marion Wright stated that the obelisk in the Crescent Gardens had been damaged as had the shipwreck in the garden at the bottom of Cargate Hill and this would have to be taken away for repair. Cllr Casey commented on youths congregating in three locations, the rose garden shelter, outside Tesco and on Chapel corner however Sgt Gosling considered that the town needed to do something for these young persons and also asked what the Town Council were doing for them. He suggested that all agencies needed to work together to try and solve this situation i.e. Police, Councillors, Youth Workers etc. Cllr Wilkie requested that young people also be represented and this was agreed. As no members of the public had any questions for the Police and there being no additional comments from members it was :

RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and additional comments noted. 117/015

Sgt Gosling left the meeting at this point 7.20pm

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public was querying the legality of the document in respect of filming or recording meetings and was informed by the Clerk that upon contacting the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, they considered the complaint worthy of a review and this would take place in conjunction with the National Association of Local Councils.

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (cont)

In the meantime the Town Council had been advised to comply with the existing document until such time as the up to date advice was received. The member of the public requested that this item be placed on the next Agenda for discussion and the Town Clerk stated that once the up to date advice was received then the matter would be placed on the Agenda.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted.

118/015

t'TOUR de FILEY

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the event outline which was proposed to take place on Saturday 2 May 2015, subject to all relevant event permissions being obtained, and consisted of a family fun day including a fancy dress cycle ride from Glen Gardens, along the seafront and beach up Arndale to the Country Park to be followed by presentations, kids rides, food festival, bar, live music, musical fireworks display and a screening of a movie on the pop-up cinema. All monies raised would go to Children in Need. Mr T Viney went through the proposals stating that he hoped to bring additional tourism into the town and requested that members support this proposal 'in principle'. Cllr Shackleton offered his personal support as did other members. Members enquired about some aspects of the proposals including the time of the fireworks display to which Mr Viney stated approx. 7.30pm although this was considered to be too early as it would still be daylight.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point
for Boro Cllr Cockerill and members of the public to speak*

Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he had been aware of these proposals for some time and the Borough Council's events panel had met the previous day, he suggested that Mr Viney contact the County Council regarding highway items as they took a long time to give a decision. A member of the public suggested that some of the money raised could go to help the children of Filey and Mr Viney stated that he would talk to Miss Natalie Bosomworth, Filey Bay Today magazine, regarding this suggestion. A further member of the public asked if this proposal was on facebook etc. but Mr T Viney stated that they had not gone public as yet due to not having full permissions in place.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

RESOLVED : That members of the Town Council agreed 'in principle' to the above proposal for the t'Tour de Filey event providing all the relevant permissions had been obtained.

119/015

Mr T Viney left the meeting at this point 7.43pm

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 007/015 Filey Country Park, Top Scrub Fencing

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the email response from Mr Paul Thompson SBC Operations, Transport and Countryside Manager informing them that a request had been made to the Discover Filey Development Trust to present a formal proposal document to the Borough Council and that the Town Council would be kept informed. Mrs Robinson then read members a further update from Mr Paul Thompson which stated that a site meeting was to be held later in the week on this matter.

Cllr Haxby commented that the Town Council had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Borough Council in respect of the Filey Country Park and that as the fence was illegal the Town Council had repeatedly requested its removal. There was also no sight of the accounts in respect of the Section 106 monies or minutes of the meetings of the Discover Filey Development Trust but as this was public money, a full account of where this had been spent should be available. Cllr Haxby was reminded that Mr Newbury of the Discover Filey Development Trust had informed members that there was a very poor paper trail in respect of past decisions etc. After further comments from members it was :

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Min 007/015 Filey Country Park, Top Scrub Fencing (cont)

RESOLVED : That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting the removal of the illegal fence forthwith as per the Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the Filey Town Council and Scarborough Borough Council. 120/015

RESOLVED : That the Clerk is requested to obtain information from SBC/Discover Filey Development Trust regarding expenditure of Section 106 monies. 121/015

Min F067/015 Discretionary Grant

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the response from Miss Anne McIntosh LLB MP which stated that she had written to The Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, requesting that he addressed the points which the Town Council had raised and would contact the Town Council again once a reply had been received. Members enquired whether any further correspondence had been received and was informed that none had been received to date therefore it was :

RESOLVED : That the above response from Miss Anne McIntosh be duly noted and further correspondence awaited. 122/015

Min 087/015 Discretionary Grants

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the detailed response from Mr N Edwards, SBC Director of Business Support which informed them that the reduction in the discretionary grant would form part of the Borough Council's £2.8m savings required to balance the budget for 2015/16. Cllr Haxby commented that the residents of Scarborough would not be affected as they were not parished but our ratepayers are subsidising them. Cllr Wilkie queried why the Borough Council had agreed to the sum of £135k being spent bringing the Tour de Yorkshire to Scarborough when no funding stream had been identified.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the reply be noted. 123/015

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH MAY NOT REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received. 124/015

MINUTES

Ordinary Council held 14 January 2015

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 001/015 to 033/015 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 125/015

Special Council held 26 January 2015

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 069/015 to 074/015 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 126/015

Planning Committee held 26 January 2015

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat and Minutes 075/015 to 079/015 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 127/015

Special Council held 28 January 2015

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 080/015 to 088/015 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 128/015

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MINUTES (cont)

Property Committee held 29 January 2015

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 089/015 to 104/015 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. **129/015**

Finance & General Purposes held 3 February 2015

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat and after due consideration of recommendations made in respect of Minutes F112/015 and F113/015 Minutes F105/015 to F113/015 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. **130/015**

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Archive

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 20 January 2015 and Cllr Meek put forward the recommendation that 'any underspend in the Archive 2014/15 budget as at 31 March 2015 be placed in the Archive Reserve' which was duly approved therefore it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted and recommendation approved. **131/015**

Yorkshire Day

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 9 February 2015 and Cllr Marion Wright stated that this may be a bigger event this year as the 1 August was a Saturday. Cllr Walker confirmed that the Royal British Legion were happy for the Yorkshire Day flag to be raised and flown in the Memorial Gardens.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted and other comments noted. **132/015**

Filey Decorative Lighting

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 9 February 2015 and Cllr Marion Wright stated that discussions were now under way for the Christmas 2015 decorative lighting and that new ideas were coming forward. Cllr Haxby congratulated Cllr Marion Wright and her working party members for all their efforts stating that it was nice to see other traders getting involved. Cllr Wilkie hoped that the outdoor display undertaken by the proprietors of Coffee Cup last year would encourage more traders to get involved.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted and other comments noted. **133/015**

FINANCE

RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon. **134/015**

General Fund :	15 – 31 January 2015	£ 6,827.11
	1 - 11 February 2015	£ 5,435.80
Transfer from General Fund to Public Sector Deposit Fund		£100,000.00

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Sam Cross had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 1). Cllr Wilkie queried what else Cllr Cross was doing both as a County Council and Borough Council member as his report consisted of highway items only. Members commented on the improved typed report which had been submitted and Cllr Marion Wright enquired as to whether there was any further information about the setts for Crescent Hill but was informed that nothing had been received to date. Cllr Marion Wright then asked whether some better cones could be utilised on the central reservation at the junction of Station Avenue and West Avenue which deterred vehicles in the left-hand lane from turning right into West Avenue.

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Report from County Councillor (cont)

Permanent bollards were suggested but this may not be possible due to the large delivery lorries which use this junction. After some further discussion it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report and contents be duly noted and that Mr Marr NYCC No 3 Area Manager be requested to attend a future Council meeting.

135/015

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report from Borough Councillors

Boro Cllr Cockerill had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2). Boro Cllr Cockerill then gave a verbal update, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 3) in respect of t'Tour de Filey, Filey Local Plan, Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme and Council Tax. With regard to the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme, Cllr Haxby stated that the cost of the long term management of the system once installed would be in the region of £500k, which equated to £5k per annum, and hoped that the Town Council could consider funding this future expense and that this matter be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that a commitment 'in principle' was all that would be required at this stage. Cllr Wilkie commented on his recent attendance at the Borough Council's Planning & Development Committee when he spoke on the Town Council's behalf on the application in respect of the former Police Station, based his arguments on the egress from the site, he went on to thank Boro Cllrs Cockerill and Cross for their verbal submissions and Boro Cllr Haddington's written submission all opposing this application however the majority of the Committee voted in favour 8 votes to 5.

There being no further comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the above reports be accepted and other information noted.

136/015

Sale of Land and Rationalisation of Existing Tennis Provision at Southdene, Filey

Cllr Haxby stated that the tennis courts belonged to Filey and therefore the amount of funding raised by this sale should be used to provide extra facilities for Filey but this figure was not in the public domain. Boro Cllr Cockerill then read members the contents of the email from Mr Nick Edwards, who was replying to the questions forwarded from the Town Council, which he had received late that afternoon part of which stated that once the contract had been signed then the figures could be released. The Clerk queried what time the email had been sent and was informed by Boro Cllr Cockerill that it had been sent at approx. 5.30pm that day. The email also stated that the successful tenderer was Thompson Homes. The email confirmed that the sale proceeds had as yet not been committed to any specific project and was aware of the Town Council's comments in respect of this funding however he was also aware of the Borough Council's 10 year Capital Programme funding shortfall. Members voiced their disapproval at the contents of the email, a copy of which was to be circulated to all members the following day. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he was only the messenger and would not answer any questions whilst being laughed at by members, the Chairman asked him to continue. Boro Cllr Cockerill reminded members of a resolution which had been passed by the Borough Council in 2010 in respect of the loss of an amenity in a community who should then be given the opportunity to make representations to reinvest the receipt (in part or in total) into a capital scheme which supports local objectives. Boro Cllr Cockerill then suggested that members come forward with some viable propositions to which Cllr Haxby replied that the Borough Council knew what Filey needed. Boro Cllr Cockerill went on to state that the bids he had put in were still live but he would still like members to submit their own bids. A discussion took place following which it was :

RESOLVED : That a letter be sent to Mr Edwards stating the Town Councils disapproval at his email reply.

137/015

RESOLVED : That the matter be placed on the Agenda for the Chief Executive's Liaison Meeting on 30 March 2015 and Mr N Edwards and Cllr T Fox be invited to attend.

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Filey Country Park Asset Transfer

Cllr Walker suggested that members give consideration to completing a Borough Council's expression of interest form in respect of an asset transfer to the Town Council of the whole of Filey Country Park including the caravan site and the car park. The Town Clerk stated that this was a lot to consider and felt that the matter should firstly be discussed by the members of the Strategic Planning Committee. Cllr Haxby amended Cllr Walker's suggestion by stating that it may be better to consider an asset transfer of only the actual Country Park. The other two elements should each be submitted separately, The Town Council had a Memorandum of Understanding with the Borough Council in place since 2008 which worked reasonably well.

Cllr Marion Wright commented that there would be a need to undertake grass cutting of this area but wondered what advantage there would be without an income from both the caravan site and car parking. Boro Cllr Cockerill also pointed out that there would be the maintenance of the roadway to consider.

RESOLVED : That consideration of the above suggestions be undertaken by the Strategic Planning Committee at their next meeting. **139/015**

Public Consultation Herring Gull and Kittiwake Problems

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the SBC Media Release which was inviting residents and businesses in the Borough of Scarborough to give their opinions on the problems associated with herring gulls and kittiwakes along the Yorkshire Coast. Members were requested to complete the on line consultation prior to 17 February 2015.

RESOLVED : That members submit their own comments on line. **140/015**

Streetlife

Members had previously been circulated with information on a new social network site which included Filey.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. **141/015**

FRACKING

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the presentation slides from Mr M Hill, North York Moors National Parks Authority for their information.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point

A member of the public enquired whether the presentation slides were available on the web site. The Town Clerk stated that she would make enquiries regarding this. Boro Cllr Cockerill informed members that he had attended this presentation which had been held at Scarborough Town Hall.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

RESOLVED : The contents of the presentation be noted. **142/015**

NEW LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME 2015

The Clerk and Cllr Susan Bosomworth, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee had attended a briefing event for the above scheme at Wakefield on 6 February 2015 at which approx. 20 other clerks were present and 2 councillors. They were now a bit clearer about what criteria was required to obtain the different levels of this new scheme and it was suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Cllr Susan Bosomworth stated that this had been a very interesting and informative briefing and the Town Council had until January 2016 to apply for the Quality level of the new award.

RESOLVED : That the new Scheme be discussed at the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting. **143/015**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings

Members were informed that the new replacement door for the community notice board on Belle Vue Street/Crescent junction should be received within the next two weeks.

RESOLVED : It be noted that there had been no change in the outstanding matters to date. **144/015**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (cont)

Diary Dates for Members

Members had been circulated with a list of various dates of meetings and events etc. during the forthcoming month. The Clerk informed members that there would be a presentation to Prospective Candidates in the forthcoming Town Council elections taking place in the Council Chamber on Monday 9 March 2015 commencing at 7pm and it was hoped that as many members as possible would attend.

RESOLVED : That members would make a note of the dates submitted. 145/015

Mayoral Engagements

Members had been circulated with a list of engagements for February and early March.

RESOLVED : That the list of engagements be noted. 146/015

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Members had previously been circulated with the current edition of the White Rose Update which included several interesting articles one of which was informing Councils that they now had a legal right to use electronic communication to send a summons for Council meetings.

RESOLVED : That the information in this publication be duly noted. 147/015

Event to be attended by the Clerk

The Clerk informed members that she was to attend a briefing session for the forthcoming Elections at Scarborough Town Hall on Wednesday 4 March in order to be informed of the nomination process and how nomination papers should be completed and will be bringing the nomination papers back with her. Members would be informed when they could collect a form and will report further at the next full council meeting.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. 148/015

Letter of thanks

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter of thanks from the Yorkshire Teaching Hospital Charity for the funds donated to the Intensive Care Unit at Scarborough Hospital by the Town Council in lieu of Christmas Cards.

RESOLVED : That this letter of thanks be accepted. 149/015

Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

Members were informed that all questions were responded to at the last meetings held on 14, 26 and 28 January respectively.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. 150/015

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Members were requested to give a report if they had attended any meetings of any other outside organisations between 15 January and 11 February 2015.

Cllr Casey, as a Council Representative on the Filey Bay Traders Group had submitted a written report which stated that their main discussion was regarding Yorkshire Day and the Chairwoman had informed their members that she had been invited to attend the Town Council's Yorkshire Day Working Party meeting and the Group intend to work closely with the Town Council. They had also considered whether to merge with the Filey Tourism Association but agreed to stay separate. He went on to state that various events were also being proposed over the Easter period.

Cllr Casey, as a Council Representative on the Filey Tourism Association had submitted a written report which stated that their February meeting had been very well attended and discussions had taken place regarding the modernisation of their website. A funding request from the Filey Folk Festival had been considered and a sponsorship amount agreed. A lengthy discussion had taken place regarding the possible merger with the Filey Bay Traders Group but also decided to stay separate.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (cont)

Cllr Wilkie stated that he had attended the recent meeting of the Community Sports Club and was pleased to report that they were breaking even financially. There were areas of standing water on the pitches. The Club were also trying to get a Parents Group established. The Football Foundation were to have a monitoring day at the Club on 25 February 2015.

Cllr Shackleton reported that he had attended a meeting of the Festival of Filey Group who were proposing to have a tug of war; marching bands and a coffee morning. The Group were reminded that they needed to have a correct and proper paper trail. Cllr Casey stated that he had not been informed that a meeting was to take place to which Cllr Shackleton informed him that the Group's next meeting would take place the following Tuesday at the Station Hotel.

Cllr Shackleton went on to inform members that at the recent AGM all the Committee were returned en bloc and it was proposed to increase the plot rentals by 15%.

RESOLVED : That the above Reports be accepted and contents duly noted. 151/015

REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

RESOLVED : That no requests had been received. 152/015

Cllr Shackleton wished Cllr Diane Glanvill all the best for her forthcoming operation which was re-iterated by all members present.

Under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 members considered that none of the above decisions would impact on crime and disorder

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Councillor John Shackleton
Town Mayor & Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 12a

Report from NYCC Cllr Sam Cross

From the walkabout at 08.30am Wednesday 4th February 2015

Present: Councillor Sam Cross, Councillor John Casey, Paul Birkett, NYCC

The following points were raised and any actions are shown below:

- Mitford Street – Double yellow lines to be painted from Hope Street to Union Street on side opposite Star Inn – Order in
- Hope Street – Flagstone outside number 23 to be fixed – Order in
- Belle Vue Road – Flagstones outside Charlottes and opposite Beachcomber in need of repair – PB to contact British Gas under Section 81
- The Crescent – outside White Lodge Hotel kitchens – dropped kerd in need of repair – Order in
- Clarence Drive – on slope from foot tunnel under railway – Pavement dip – Order in
- Clarence Drive – Kerbstone outside number 38 and also outside number 20 in need of repair – Order in
- Clarence Drive – Trees in area are OK and no need to cut back – Probably be done 2016/17
- Clarence Drive – Water main opposite 1a in need of repair due to lorries possibly delivering to EMJ Plastics – PB to Sec 81 to YWA
- Clarence Drive – outside number 2a – clay coming to road surface from previous works by YWA – PB to monitor
- Muston Road – Road re-surfacing between Crossing and the start of renewed road further up – Request for funding made by PB – Will keep Cllr Cross informed
- Station Avenue – Footpaths in need of repair leading upto Rail crossing - Order in
- Union Street – outside number 15b, repair required – PB to Section 81 B1

All highway repairs are weather dependant.

Next NYCC quarterly meeting is on the 18th
and the Executive are looking for a 1.99%
C.Tax rise,

Sam Cross

County Councillor Sam Cross

APPENDIX 2

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

Cross Connections

The work in Pinewood Avenue to correct the incorrect sewer system has been completed. Sampling will be undertaken to quantify the benefits of this latest work costing circa £100k. This brings the investment from Yorkshire Water in Filey in recent years to circa £3.5 million, all of which has been as a direct result of the work of the Filey Flood Working Group.

NYCC reduction in funding for Grass Cutting on NYCC land

A meeting took place at CE level and we await further written information.

Former Police Station

It was disappointing that the Planning and Development Committee did not accept the strength of concern put forward in regard to the development of the site of the former Police Station.

Flood Alleviation Scheme

The monthly meeting of the project team takes place on the afternoon of your meeting and a verbal report will be provided at your meeting.

It is expected that the draft detailed design of the flood alleviation works will have been completed and that consultants will have provided a firmer estimate of the expected cost of the overall project.

This will be a major milestone as it will be a strong indicator as to the fundability of the whole scheme, it will, in effect, determine whether the scheme proceeds any further.

Tour de Filey

I have expressed my support for this event and requested that officers do all that is possible to progress ongoing discussions.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill

VERBAL UPDATE

Tour de Filey

I am pleased that, where the proposed route impacts with my Portfolio, my officers have put forward positive proposals to support this event.

I understand a meeting of the Events Panel took place yesterday and positive progress has been achieved.

Local Plan

You will recall the consultation re the proposals to allocate areas of land for residential development that took place last year.

I will be attending a meeting later this month to review the comments received.

The most contentious site in Filey was HA21 that off Church Cliff Drive.

Following the comments the officers are suggesting that the indicative yield of dwellings is reduced from the initial 50 to 30, based on the location of the site and likely form of development. It suggests that a scheme comprising bungalows may be the most appropriate option for this location.

Officers have also recognised the concern about the point of access to the site and are suggesting that the site will be accessed from the existing connection off Wooldale Drive and / or Church Cliff Drive.

I shall be asking the question as to what, if anything, has changed since an earlier appeal against residential development on this site was refused.

If the site remains in the plan I shall propose that the existing entry point off Wooldale Drive is not used to access all of any development, i.e. it merely leads into a cul de sac.

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Flood Alleviation Scheme meeting took place this afternoon and I am pleased to state that it was a most positive meeting.

The main outcome being that the draft design of the scheme is complete together with a review of the estimated cost by consultants.

This has shown that nothing untoward and unmanageable has been identified as a result of the ground investigations and other work.

The original estimate included a significant contingency part of which was in case contaminated land was found that could necessitate the large scale removal offsite of the unusable soil. As expected potential problems were identified around the northern end of Parish Wood in the vicinity of the old tip, however, the consultants have taken on board the suggestion of Cllr Haxby and I that, due to the lie of the land, a slightly amended line of the proposed swales was possible.

There will now be a short break in the route, this negates the requirement to disturb the land around the old tip. This has allowed a significant saving to be achieved.

Additionally, I had previously suggested that an additional line of swale could be sited higher up from the rear of Wooldale Drive towards the cliff, this has now been incorporated.

Many factors have been taken into consideration when providing a revised estimate, some risks remain but the decision was taken to proceed to the next phase of the project, the Detailed Design and Consenting, Stage 3 on the Project Programme.

This largely covers 4 aspects –

- Environment, with various Impact Assessments
- Detailed Design
- Planning Application
- Consents and permissions

The current Project Programme schedules all these steps being complete later this year.

Stage 4 of the Project Programme is in relation to the Project Appraisal Report, basically proving to the funding agencies that the project can be undertaken and completed within the allocated funding and providing the degree of mitigation from flooding.

Stage 5 centres around the tender process and finally the actual construction phase. This is still on schedule for starting late next year with a construction period of about 12 months.

I cannot over emphasise that the decision taken this afternoon was, in my opinion, one of the most important ones taken in Filey for many a year.

Whilst only being a stage in the overall programme, it was one of, if not, the most significant milestones to date in the process that has been ongoing since 10 August 2002. If the facts had not allowed that decision to be taken and taken with confidence we could almost have been back to square one.

The experience over the last 12½ years has been akin to a game of Snakes and Ladders with the climbing of a ladder as progress was achieved but only to hit a problem and slide back.

Now the roll of the dice seems to be falling for us, not through luck but due to the work of many of the agencies involved with the Filey Flood Working Group.

Council Tax

Finally, at the budget setting meeting of the Borough Council later this month, I and the other Borough Councillors will be faced with a decision as to whether to accept a grant from the Government, equivalent to 1% of the Borough's share of Council Tax if that share is frozen once again or to levy an increase of just under 2%.

The income that would be secured if the latter option was supported would be circa an additional £50k.

Whichever option is taken there will be reductions in staff and an adverse effect on services.

I would be interested to hear the views of the Town Council.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill