

## FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

### ORDINARY MEETING HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00pm

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

Also present : Cty Cllr Sam Cross, Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Sgt Chris Gosling North Yorkshire Police, Mr Andy Galbraith Headteacher, Ebor Academy Filey (7.08pm), Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk and Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk.

Cllr Bosomworth reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place. She went on to state that the filming and recording of the meeting was taking place and enquired whether anyone did not wish to be filmed, she also enquired whether anyone else wished to record or film the meeting and no response was made.

#### 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.**

842/016

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Boro Cllr Colin Haddington (other commitment) and Mr Andy Galbraith who would be late arriving, it was noted that no apologies had been received by the office from Cllr Jacqui Houlden-Banks.

**RESOLVED : That the above apologies be duly noted.**

843/016

**RESOLVED : That the above reasons for absence be accepted.**

844/016

#### COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk read members the letter of resignation from Ann (Anna) Shaw with effect from 31 October 2016 for personal reasons and she stated that the notices advertising the vacancy had been erected and the Borough Council informed. The Clerk enquired whether, in the event of a by-election, members wished to have polling cards, a short discussion took place and the majority of members did not wish to have these issued, therefore it was :

**RESOLVED : That this letter of resignation be duly noted.**

845/016

**RESOLVED : That in the event of a by-election no polling cards would be requested.**

846/016

#### 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.

**RESOLVED : That it be noted no declarations of interest were made at this point.**

847/016

#### NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and Sgt Chris Gosling stated that with regard to the enquiry about there being 2 x violence listed these should read violence without injury and violence with injury and similarly with the 2 x burglary, these should read burglary dwelling and burglary non-dwelling. Sgt Gosling went on to state that the reason the crime figures had risen was due to the fact that the Primrose Valley figures were included but should not be as this is part of the Hertford Ward and not Filey's. He was pleased to report that the Anti-Social Behaviour figures were down. Sgt Gosling stated that there had been recent issues involving 2 cars having no tax or insurance in Queen Street and these were seized. He went on to state that with regard to a recent dangerous dog incident, which had belonged to a family in Queen Street, the senior member of the family had received a 2 year suspended sentence, a 12 week tag and curfew, the dog destroyed and he had to pay £1500 in compensation.

*Standing Orders were suspended for Boro Cllr Cockerill to speak*

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE** (cont)

Boro Cllr Cockerill expressed thanks to Sgt Gosling and his staff for the prompt removal of the banners from the railings of the Memorial Gardens and similarly the following day. Sgt Gosling stated that he would pass this thanks onto his staff.

*Standing Orders were re-instated at this point*

**RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and additional comments noted. 848/016**

Filey Youth Project

Cllr Meek, as Chairman of this Group reported that he and other members had attended the presentation by the students at the Ebor Academy Filey who had put a lot of work into producing this and they were to attend the next Town Council meeting to give this same presentation to members. Some discussion had taken place regarding changing the name of the project with Ravine Skate Park being suggested. PcsO Vicki Leeson was to attend a forthcoming Funding Fair to ascertain whether the Group could access any external funding for their project.

**RESOLVED: That the above information be duly noted. 849/016**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**RESOLVED : It be noted that no members of the public were present. 850/016**

**FILEY SPORTS PROVISION PROJECT**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the notes from the Filey Sports Provision Working Group meeting which had been held on 14 October 2016 and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the report be accepted. 851/016**

Verbal Update

Mr A Galbraith, Headteacher, Ebor Academy Trust was welcomed to the meeting and confirmed that the cost of the lift had been included in the Mechanical and Electrical costs as had the cost of the fittings and floor finishes to the Dance and Gym areas. He stated that some of the students had been at the Tesco store promoting the surveys and had 187 completed together with an additional 45 from the parents evening the previous day. at the present time there were 12 groups who had requested to use the facilities. Cllr Shackleton enquired as to whether the Filey Bowling Club was one of these as they were interested in having indoor short mat bowling sessions and confirmed he would contact them again. Mr Galbraith stated that they had taken ownership of the 3G and AstroTurf facilities and had received funding from Sport England for portable floodlights. He went on to state that he was to attend a 'Meet the Funders' session at the Evron Centre and also had an appointment with the 'Lottery' representatives. Cllr Wright enquired whether a kitchen was to be provided and suggested that a worktop, sink and cupboards be installed in the meeting room so that users could at least have tea/coffee etc which Mr Galbraith duly noted. Mr Galbraith went on to comment that Cllr Cross has suggested a new build the costs of which had been investigated and this would be £1.8m however the maximum Sport England grant would be only £500k which would leave a large shortfall.

**RESOLVED : That Mr Galbraith be thanked for the above information. 852/016**

*Sgt Gosling and Mr Galbraith left the meeting at this point 7.37pm*

**TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

Min 766/016 Sale of Land at Southdene, Filey

Members had been circulated with a copy of the letter received from Scarborough Borough Council regarding the residual capital receipt of £130k, Cllr Haxby commented that the Scarborough Tennis Club's members may come and play at these courts as they have lost their own therefore it would be less likely that Filey's children would have access to the one court available at present.

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Min 766/016 Sale of Land at Southdene, Filey (cont)

Cllr Haxby went on to comment on the tender document stating that he failed to see how a company could fail to meet the tender specifications as he considered there was nothing in it. He again re-iterated that further details of the submitted tenders needed to be supplied, without identifying the companies. It was requested that the Ward Borough Councillors pursue this on behalf of the Town Council as well as a letter being sent by the Clerk to the Chief Executive.

**RESOLVED : That a letter requested detailed information be sent as stated. 853/016**

Response from Mr Kevin Hollinrake MP

The Clerk reported that a letter had been promised from the MP but this had not been received to date.

**RESOLVED : That the letter be awaited. 854/016**

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

**RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received. 855/016**

**MINUTES**

Ordinary Council meeting held 12 October 2016

**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 757/016 to 800/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 856/016**

Property Committee meeting held 13 October 2016

**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 801/016 to 809/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 857/016**

Planning Committee meeting held 24 October 2016

**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 810/016 to 818/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 858/016**

Special Council meeting held 26 October 2016

**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 819/016 to 826/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 859/016**

Bandstand Committee meeting held 1 November 2016

**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 the recommendation made on Minute 836/016 that Minutes 827/016 to 841/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 860/016**

**REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**

Filey Town Centre

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 27 October 2016 and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted. 861/016**

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Filey Town Guide/Map

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted.** 862/016

Filey Community & Police Group

Members were circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 2 November 2016 and it was noted that additional Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinators were needed and Cllr Wright enquired as to which areas and was informed that this was in respect of all areas of Filey. It was suggested that this shortage of Co-ordinators be highlighted in the next edition of the Newsletter.

**RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted.** 863/016

**FINANCE**

**RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon.** 864/016

General Fund :	13 - 31 October 2016	£ 6,957.17
	1 - 09 November 2016	£ 3,535.95

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

Planning Committee

Members were informed that additional members were still required to serve on this Committee.

**RESOLVED : That the vacancies be left in abeyance until after a new Councillor was elected.** 865/016

Property Committee

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member was required to serve on this Committee. Cllr Anthony volunteered.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Anthony be appointed a member of the Property Committee.** 866/016

Bandstand Committee

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member (who already is a member of the Property Committee) was required to serve on this Committee. Cllr Anthony volunteered.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Anthony be appointed a member of the Bandstand Committee.** 867/016

Staffing Committee

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member was required to serve on this Committee.

**RESOLVED : That the vacancy be left in abeyance until after a new Councillor is elected.** 868/016

Archive Working Party

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member was required to serve on this Working Party. Cllr Shackleton volunteered.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Shackleton be appointed a member of the Archive Working Party.** 869/016

Town Guide Working Party

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member was required to serve on this Working Party. Cllr Bosomworth volunteered.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Bosomworth be appointed a member of the Town Guide Working Party.** 870/016

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### Emergency Plan Working Party

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member was required to serve on this Working Party. Cllr Wright volunteered.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Wright be appointed a member of the Emergency Plan Working Party.**

**871/016**

### Appeal Hearing Panel

Members were informed that following the resignation of Mrs Shaw an additional member was required to serve as substitute on this Panel. Cllr Casey volunteered.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Casey be appointed a substitute member of the Appeal Hearing Panel.**

**872/016**

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Members had been requested to submit a written report if they had attended any meetings of any other outside organisations between 13 October 2016 and 9 November 2016.

Cllr Casey had submitted 3 written reports from *Chamber of Trade; Filey Tourism Association and Festival of Filey*. Cllr Wilkie commented on the positive reports which showed that everyone was working together.

Cllr Wright reminded members of the Civic Reception which was being held the following evening in the Concert Hall at 7pm to celebrate the Filey in Bloom's Gold Award at the recent Britain in Bloom Awards.

**RESOLVED : That the above Councillors be thanked for their informative reports. 873/016**

## **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Cross had submitted a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 1), and also gave a verbal report stating that there were further cut-backs to come but it was hoped that we can keep as much as we can in Filey. Cllr Casey enquired as to whether a date had been set for the installation of the new Crescent Hill setts but no date had been set. Cllr Wilkie again commented on the low numbers of parents from the Infants and Junior Schools who had attended the meetings regarding joining with Ebor Academy. He also commented on the future of the Filey Childcare as they were faced with a rent increase. Cllr Meek stated that he had received copies of the emails from the Officer at NYCC in respect of the Filey Station Level crossing closure over 3 weekends and the need for them to provide pedestrian access at all times during these closures. He also enquired as to when the work would re-commence on the footpaths where there had been a new problem and similarly when would work be undertaken on the trees on Wharfedale. Cllr Casey reported that there had been a positive meeting with Mr Andrew Santon NYCC and members of the Town Centre Working Party earlier that day regarding various problems and suggestions i.e. look at making Murray Street a pedestrian zone between certain hours, still allowing access for deliveries, but improving this main street in Filey for the enjoyment of visitors and residents.

**RESOLVED : That the report be accepted and further comments noted.**

**874/016**

### Planned Road Closure – Filey Station Level Crossing

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the planned road closure over three weekends for the above and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted.**

**875/016**

## **SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### Report from Borough Councillors

Boro Cllr Cross reported that Boro Cllr Haddington had spoken against the Borough Council's proposal to pay £150k to bring the Tour de Yorkshire to Scarborough in 2017 whilst all Filey Ward Councillors voted against this, they were defeated.

Boro Cllr Cockerill had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2) and stated that with regard to the above, he considered that the Borough Council should not be spending public money where people did not benefit.

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Boro Cllr Cockerill then gave a verbal update (Appendix 2a) regarding potential events in Filey Country Park, Water Quality, Flatcliffs slope stabilisation works. He was also pleased to announce that the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme's Project Appraisal Report had been signed off by the Environment Agency and the formal offer letter for the previously allocated funding had now been received by the Borough Council. Under his recent enhanced Cabinet role he would be more closely involved with the delivery of this scheme and looked forward to bringing this to fruition with construction work expected to commence during the first half of next year. Cllr Haxby commented on the water quality results which showed that whilst Scarborough South Bay was poor, Filey and Reighton were good but hoped that, as promised by Yorkshire Water, they were striving to be excellent and efforts would be made to achieve this. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that the groups which were monitoring the water quality down Church Ravine had found worrying levels of ammonia at times and similar monitoring was needed for Martins Ravine and he had requested a budget meeting with the Chief Executive and Leader regarding this. The Town Mayor and Town Clerk thanked Boro Cllr Cockerill for all his work as this was a great achievement for Filey and suggested that a leaflet be distributed with the next edition of the Newsletter.

**RESOLVED : That the above report and further comments be noted.** **876/016**

### SBC Chief Executive's Liaison Meeting

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the meeting held on 31 October 2016 and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the report be accepted and information be duly noted.** **877/016**

### Removal of Telephone Kiosk

Members had previously been circulated with information from SBC Forward Planning Manager regarding BT's proposal to remove the telephone kiosk at Clarence Drive, Filey. After a short discussion regarding the possibilities of moving and utilising this kiosk it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Clerk investigate whether it would be possible to move and re-site this kiosk.** **878/016**

## COUNCIL MEMBERS CHAIRS

Members were informed that the Property Committee had requested that the Clerk seek estimates for the re-upholstery of council members chairs or to consider seeking costs for the purchase of new multi-use conference tables and chairs. A prolonged discussion of the options took place resulting in members, and Borough Councillors, agreeing that the existing traditional type tables and chairs be refurbished and re-upholstered by a professional restorer / upholsterer and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Clerk obtain quotes for all the above work.** **879/016**

## PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER SESSIONS

Members were reminded that the final session at the Library would be held on Wednesday 16 November 2016 with Cllr Houlden-Banks in attendance and a further member was required to assist her. Cllr Casey stated that he could attend the afternoon session from 1 – 2pm but was unable to undertake the evening session from 6 – 7pm.

**RESOLVED : That Cllr Casey attend with Cllr Houlden-Banks as above.** **880/016**

Members were asked whether they wished these to continue however it was considered that normally members were stopped in the street and asked questions or would come into the office. Cllr Casey considered that social media was the way forward and whilst members felt that some interaction with the public was needed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Public Question and Answer Sessions be discontinued.** **881/016**

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Outstanding Items and Actions Log 2016 to date

Members had been circulated with a copy of the updated outstanding log which gave a potted history of any outstanding items and the Clerk went through these items giving updates where necessary.

**RESOLVED : That the contents of the outstanding log be noted.** **882/016**

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### Diary Dates for Members

Members had been circulated with a list of various dates of meetings and events etc. during the forthcoming month and were requested to note these in their diaries. Cllr Bosomworth drew members attention to the Council Dinner and enquired whether a dance/disco was required, members replied in the affirmative.

**RESOLVED : That these dates be noted.**

**883/016**

### Mayors Engagements

Members were circulated with the list of engagements for November and early December for information. With regard to the Filey Lions Community Bonfire & Fireworks Display, Cllr Haxby commended the Club on their prompt decision to cancel this event due to the adverse weather conditions forecast and requested that a letter be sent to them.

**RESOLVED : That this information be noted and letter sent as requested.**

**884/016**

### Newsletter

Members were reminded that items were now required for the Christmas Edition of the Newsletter and should be submitted to the office as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED : That this be noted.**

**885/016**

### Christmas Trees and Decorations

Members were informed that the Town Council's Christmas Trees and Lighting would start to be erected from 25 November 2016 and would all be lit by 1 December 2016.

**RESOLVED : That this information be duly noted.**

**886/016**

### Christmas Card Collection

Members were requested to give a donation to RNLI Filey Lifeboat instead of sending Christmas Cards to staff and other members and the collection box was circulated.

**RESOLVED : That a further collection be held at the December full Council Meetings for the RNLI Filey Lifeboat.**

**887/016**

### Glen Gardens Play Area

The Clerk informed members that Mr Matthew Smartt, SBC Officer had advised that there was a sum of agreed Section 106 monies to be used on this area and were proposing to provide a new springy elephant and new enlarged rubber base plus 3 or 4 timber picnic table sets to replace those that were removed due to rot. Cllr Haxby commented that during wet weather the area floods often to a depth of 1ft and surrounding area becomes very muddy.

*Standing Orders were suspended for Boro Cllr Cockerill to speak*

Boro Cllr Cockerill suggested that plastic type tables/seating be used rather than wood as there would be less maintenance.

*Standing Orders were re-instated at this point*

**RESOLVED : That the above comments be submitted to Mr Smartt.**

**888/016**

### Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

Questions raised during Public Question Time were answered at the last meeting.

**RESOLVED : That this be noted.**

**889/016**

### **FILEY TOILET PROVISION**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the short report from the meeting held with a toilet provision company on 3 November. Subsequently to that, the Clerk had met with Mr Paul Thompson SBC Officer regarding the information supplied to date in respect of Filey's toilets and he was to make further enquiries and obtain more up to date information which would be submitted to the Town Council.

**RESOLVED : That this additional information be awaited.**

**890/016**

**FILEY TOILET PROVISION** (cont)

**Further to Minute No 825/016 – Special Council Meeting 26 October 2016**

With regard to the above Minute, members considered whether to (a) submit an expression of interest regarding the transfer of provision of public conveniences or (b) whether more time was required to make a response to the Borough Council. It was considered that more time and up to date and accurate figures were needed before any decision was made with any future decisions being taken at additional Special Council Meetings as necessary which could include counter proposals by the Town Council.

**RESOLVED : That further discussions take place in the future at Special Council Meetings to be arranged as and when required.**

**891/016**

**REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED : It be noted no requests were made.**

**892/016**

*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 Susan Bosomworth  
Chairman & Town Mayor

## APPENDIX 1

-----Original Message-----

From: Cllr.Sam Cross [mailto:Cllr.Sam.Cross@northyorks.gov.uk]

Sent: 07 November 2016 11:42

To: mail@fileytowncouncil.co.uk

Subject: Monthly Report

1 Attended County Hall members' seminar and the talk was all about cuts that need to be made to balance the Budget for 2017/8.

2 The Lining Team has been very active in Filey and considerable amount has been done in the Town.

3 I have chased Andrew Santon a start date for Crescent Setts and update on o/s from his last visit.

4 As you may be aware the Infant /Junior school are in talks with Ebor Academy.

5 Also work is going on with Filey Childcare and NYCC and the running of that service.

6 I attended the CAP Meeting and concerns were made about Chapel Corner and replacing the stolen cones, I have chased officers for more cones.

7 Regarding closing of Muston Road while British Rail work on the line Cllr.Meek has been speaking about alternative of walking over the footbridge

when the crossing is closed .

rgds Sam Cross

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**County Councillor S Cross**



## **Public Conveniences**

Unfortunately ill health prevented me from attending your meeting, 12 October, at which the future provision of public conveniences in Filey was discussed.

Whilst recuperating, I have watched some of the video of the meeting. From the amount I viewed there were 2 major issues raised, I appreciate there may have been others.

1. insufficient maintenance.
2. the "Double Taxation" issue.

In regards to the first I would comment that lack of maintenance across many of the building belonging to the Borough Council has been one of my largest concerns since first elected. Proper maintenance saves money in the long run.

In regard to the toilets, I believe it is clear that most maintenance undertaken was largely reactive rather than proactive.

In regard to the "Double Taxation" issue that crops up time and time again, I have put the question to various Chief Executives and senior Finance Officers since first elected to the Town Council in 1983 – why can't we have differential levels of Council Tax?

I have repeatedly been informed that the relevant Local Government Acts do not provide for this.

Similarly, and particularly following the rejection by the electorate of unparished parts of the Borough, i.e. Scarborough town, could a Scarborough Town Council be created as a fait accompli.

Again, I have been informed that current legislation does not allow for this.

Possibly the Town Council would wish to clarify this with NALC or anyone else to check that the information with which I have been provided is correct.

I did raise this at the recent liaison meeting with Jim Dillon and Helen Mallory.

As I understand the process, following the acceptance or rejection of the offer to take on the operation of public convenience across the Borough, the results of the exercise will be analysed by officers and proposals put forward.

I would hope there will be a period of public consultation about any proposals before they are considered by Cabinet and then, I expect, the Borough Council.

## **Liaison with SBC**

Following the SBC / FTC meeting last week I emailed Jim Dillon about a site meeting about the grass bank above the Crazy Golf and Roundabouts.

I received this response – "Just had a meeting with Nick and we have agreed to set up a series of liaison meetings between Paul and his team with FTC to take place at the beginning, middle and end of each season to allow issues to be resolved as we discussed last night. This first of these will be done now where the grass bank issue can be picked up along with any other issues. Nick will ask Paul to set something up and ensure you are involved."



**Borough Councillor M J Cockerill**

## VERBAL UPDATE APPENDIX 2A

**Quite a lot to update on matters since I wrote my statement last week.**

### **Tour de Yorkshire**

Once again the Borough Council has agreed to sponsor a start or finish of a stage of the Tour de Yorkshire.

Once again I did not support the use of public funds to bring this event to Scarborough.

### **Country Park**

The 3 potential events are –

- the Filey Festival with the Rise of the Dragon, similar to this year.
- the Freebird Triathlon – Filey has been put forward as a suitable location but no further information has been received.

Trackrod Rally – this could be using Country Park as the base for 130 rally car trailers, tyre trucks, overnight security and scrutineering marque.

Discussions ongoing about closing The Beach between Cargate and Ravine for the official start at one minute intervals.

Speed limits would be adhered to on the public highway, the timed trials take place in Dalby forest.

I understand that the organisers are hoping to make a short presentation to the Town Council next month.

### **Water Quality**

I have forwarded notification from the Environment Agency to the Clerk that the Bathing Water Classification for 2016, based on the data collected since 2013, is GOOD.

This will be included on the signage for 2017.

So far, investigations into the sources affecting the water quality in the bay are inconclusive. Led by the Environment Agency, the partnership continues to carry out investigations to try to identify the remaining source(s) of pollution impacting on water quality and this work will continue going forwards.

### **Flatcliffs**

The Environment Agency has approved the business case, both technically and financially to undertake the slope stabilisation work at Flat Cliffs. The grant awarded is £600k.

The limited intervention work will involve localised slope stabilisation, using drainage, erosion control matting and reseeded together with localised protection to the toe of the cliff using sand filled geotextile bags.

The work will be confined in extent to the localised pinch point adjacent to the access road and limited to a 20 year effective life.

### **Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme (FFAS)**

In this century 2 dates stand out in the history of Filey, 10 August 2002 and 18 July 2007.

These are the days on which hundreds of homes and businesses in Filey were internally flooded.

At the Borough Council meeting this Monday, I was pleased to be able to report that the Project Appraisal Report had been signed off by the Environment Agency and that the formal offer letter for the previously allocated funding for the scheme has been received by the Borough Council. Unfortunately the formal Offer Letters were received too late to allow a report to go to that meeting, this is now anticipated for January.

To say that I was pleased to be able to announce that Filey has received this early circa £4 million Christmas present is an understatement.

During the time we have been working towards a scheme we have had quite a number of knockbacks – national policies have been amended, there has been insufficient funding to undertake some necessary stages.

Perhaps the second major event in 2007, when we had over 80mm of rain in less than 90 minutes, served to highlight our plight.

We have worked with Yorkshire Water which has invested over £3.5 million in improving their system in one area of the town.

I firmly believe this has been of significant benefit.

When the Planning Appeal for the Mill Meadows development of 300 homes was considered by the Planning Inspector, she supported our view that the new surface water drainage system needed to be above current industry standards.

As well as helping to protect an area of Filey this also meant that the cost to the Public Purse of the overall Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme would be significantly reduced.

We have not just relied on the usual funding streams as discussions with other agencies have led to a number of additional bids being submitted.

We have also had indications from NYCC, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, that they will be recommending a contribution of £250k to the risk pot. This replicates the strategy and funding stream agreed by the Borough Council earlier this year.

Thus we are most definitely seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

This is the penultimate step in what; up to date has been a 14 year journey since that fateful day, 10 August 2002, when Filey saw devastation, the likes of which had not been seen in living history.

As I mentioned, during that time we have had knockbacks, goalposts have been moved, methods of applying for funding altered, lack of necessary funding but the residents and representatives from all the agencies, organisations and individuals that form the Filey Flood Working Group have stuck to their guns.

As Chairman of that Group, I express my thanks to past and present members for their input and support.

Given my recently enhanced Cabinet role, I shall be even more closely involved with the delivery of the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme and look forward to bringing it to fruition.

The tenders we received for the necessary work were all within the budget.

We have a few I's to dot and T's to cross but I anticipate that I shall be bringing a detailed report to the January meeting of the Borough Council with the expectation that construction work will commence during the first half of next year.

**Borough Councillor M J Cockerill**