

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 13 JANUARY 2016

AT 7.00pm

Present : Councillor John Shackleton (Chairman) and Councillors Susan Bosomworth, John Casey, Mike Cockerill, John Haxby, Jeff Meek, Anna Shaw, Richard Walker and Kevin Wilkie.

Also present : Boro/Cty Cllr Sam Cross, Sgt Chris Gosling North Yorkshire Police, Miss Natalie Bosomworth Editor Filey Bay Today, Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk and Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk plus 1 member of the public.

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place. He 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, he went on to enquire 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. 001/016

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Diane Glanvill (holiday), Robert Horley (holiday), Jacqui Houlden-Banks (personal commitment) and Marion Wright (ill health) and it was :

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be duly noted and accepted. 002/016

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.

Cllr Mike Cockerill declared a generic personal interest on any agenda item whereby a decision would be taken at Scarborough Borough Council as he is also a Scarborough Borough Councillor

RESOLVED : That the above personal declaration of interest by Cllr Cockerill be duly noted. 003/016

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and Sgt Gosling stated that he was pleased to report that the Christmas and New Year period had gone very well with no violence. A vehicle had suffered a large dent to its boot, possibly by kicking, whilst parked in Mitford Street. A store window had also been cracked in Belle Vue Street. A male had been arrested for shop lifting at Tesco's stores where he stole a quantity of alcohol, when searched he was also found in possession of a small quantity of a controlled drug, he subsequently was charged with both offences. A male and a female were arrested following an altercation in a restaurant in Hope Street with a further male being arrested for wounding during an altercation between staff members at a Takeaway shop in John Street, the offender was charged and remanded in custody. Sgt Gosling went on to state that acting on community intelligence a Drugs warrant was executed at premises in Providence Place where a quantity of controlled drugs were recovered. The suspect was arrested and is presently on Police bail whilst the drugs are forensically examined. He went on to inform members that Pcso Joe Gallagher had gone to work at Scarborough but was replaced at Filey by Pcso Victoria Leeson. There had been damage to Filey in Bloom items at the Railway Station as well as damage to the trellis in the triangular sensory garden adjacent to the Churches Together wishing well. Cllr Casey also reported that there had been a number of beer cans in both the Northcliffe Gardens shelter and the Rose Garden shelter that morning. Cllr Walker stated that there had also been a dog attack on the Mill Meadows estate the previous week but investigations were on-going. There being no further comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and further comments noted. 004/016

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Proposed Youth Project for Filey

Sgt Gosling stated that there were a group of younger youths who seemed to be causing problems at the present time and he had been considering what could be done for this group, he stated that funding was available but could not be applied for by the Police only by other groups. He suggested that a group be formed with representatives from various bodies i.e. Councillors, Schools, Youth Service as well as the Police and enquired which members would be interested in sitting on this group. Cllrs Bosomworth, Haxby, Wilkie and Shackleton expressed their interest stating that they would prefer evening meetings. It was also considered that an SBC Officer should also be involved in this group.

RESOLVED : That the above Councillors sit on this proposed task group and a letter be sent to the Chief Executive requesting that a relevant Borough Officer also join this group.

005/015

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The member of the public enquired as to the dates of two emails received by the Clerk, one from Kevin Hollinrake MP regarding flooding and one from Cuadrilla Resources who had been offered a number of New Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration Licences to explore for shale gas in the area of North Yorkshire and East Riding and the Clerk informed him that the email from the MP was dated 29 December 2015 and the email from Cuadrilla Resources was dated 17 December 2015.

He then went on to enquire whether anyone from Filey Town Council had initiated the contact with Cuadrilla Resources and was informed by the Clerk that as the email received from them appeared to have been sent to all Parish and Town Councils and not just the Filey Town Council, she had sent them an email reply asking whether they would be willing to come to a future meeting of the Town Council but to date had received no reply.

The member of the public went on to comment on Boro Cllr Cockerill's verbal report to the October 2015 meeting when he had informed members about an event on Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration which he had been invited to attend at Malton which had been chaired by the MP, Kevin Hollinrake with speakers from several Regulatory Bodies. He asked who Boro Cllr Cockerill had discussed this with and was informed that he had discussed it with a Cabinet Member who was also a County Councillor as any decisions would come under the remit of the North Yorkshire County Council. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that following the granting of the licences for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration by the Government and in order to attempt to gain further information he had contacted Cuadrilla Resources to enquire whether they would be willing to give a presentation to members of the Borough Council, with possibly representatives of the Town Council being invited to attend, and was waiting to hear back from them.

The member of the public asked Boro Cllr Cockerill with whom he had consulted prior to contacting Cuadrilla Resources and Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he had not consulted anyone but had done it off his own back to gain information. He went on to state that he had since spoken to Senior Officers and colleagues who were supportive of his actions. The member of the public considered that Boro Cllr Cockerill should have got feedback from colleagues first and not acted on his own initiative, and voiced his concern that whilst Boro Cllr Cockerill was a very hard working Councillor he had to work within a democratic framework and queried why he had found it necessary to decide that he had to contact Cuadrilla Resources as by doing this he had elevated himself to a higher level. He enquired whether Boro Cllr Cockerill wanted to self-reflect upon his actions under the principal of good governance. Boro Cllr Cockerill re-iterated that he had been attempting to gain information which he considered he was fully entitled to do and would continue to do.

Miss Natalie Bosomworth informed members that a volunteer event was to take place at the Filey Library on the 26 February 2016 and enquired whether any member would be willing to attend with an information stand as this would be appreciated. She would forward details of this event to the Clerk in due course.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted.

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TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 909/015 'A High Tide in Short Wellies'

Members had previously been circulated with further correspondence from Mrs Robinson regarding the proposed information panel and the Clerk suggested that an initial meeting be set up to meet with her to discuss the proposed information panel, her rough draft text and the siting. Members were requested to put their names forward if they wished to be involved with this project and Cllrs Casey, Meek and Shackleton expressed their interest.

RESOLVED : That a suitable date be arranged for the meeting between the above named members, the Clerk and Mrs Robinson.

007/016

Min 910/015 Review of Borough Tourist Information Centres

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the Filey TIC Review Group meeting which had taken place on the 16 December 2015 together with the operating costs for the Filey TIC and were requested to consider whether the Town Council had a role to play in supporting the tourist information service in Filey. Members commented that they would not like to lose this service and queried whether this could be taken on in some form under the Model Agreement scheme. Cllr Bosomworth considered that the service could be run from the Community Office at the Evron Centre with possibly volunteer staff. Members agreed that the Customer First Service could be housed within the Filey Library for two days per week.

RESOLVED : That the Report of the TIC Review Group meeting be duly accepted and a further meeting with Janet Deacon be arranged with additional financial detail being requested.

008/016

Min 912/015 Filey Country Park Fence

The members had previously been circulated with the response from Mr P Thompson, SBC Operations, Transport and Countryside Manager which confirmed that the decision was taken by SBC Officers after giving due regard to all responses received during the consultation period. Cllr Haxby considered this reply to be derisory however it was :

RESOLVED : That the contents of the reply be duly noted.

009/016

Min 771/015 Land adjacent to the Filey Lion on seafront

Members had been circulated with a copy of further information from Mr D Batchelor SBC Officer who confirmed that the decision to undertake Option 2 had been made at a higher Officer level. Members considered that it was the principal of the decision being made without first re-consulting with the Town Council. Members requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive regarding the above two items.

RESOLVED : That the letter to the Chief Executive be sent as requested.

010/016

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

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

011/016

MINUTES

Ordinary Council held 9 December 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.

Cllr Cockerill requested that an amendment be made to a statement in Min 913/015 to read 'Cllr Cockerill stated that the decision had *not* been taken *at Officer level but at a more senior level*'. After the inclusion of the above amendment to Min 913/015 that Minutes 901/015 to 947/015 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary.

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MINUTES (cont)

Staffing Committee held 17 December 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 948/015 to 957/015 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. **013/016**

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Filey Town Guide/Map

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the above meeting held on 15 December 2015 and Cllr Wilkie stated that the first Town Guide proof had been received.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted **014/016**

Archive Working Party

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the above meeting held on 17 December 2015. Cllr Meek informed members that he had been to visit Mr Brian Mulrine, the Archivist who looked very well following his recent operation and further updates on his progress would be given from time to time.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. **015/016**

FINANCE

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

General Fund :	10 – 31 December 2015	£ 7,476.66
	1 - 13 January 2016	£ 18,499.89

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Members were requested to submit a written report if they had attended any meetings of any other outside organisations between 10 December 2015 and 13 January 2016.

Cllr Casey had submitted three written reports which had been duly circulated to members as follows :

Filey Chamber of Trade – The AGM had been held and new Officers had been elected and the dates of their Spring and Christmas Fayres were announced.

Filey Tourism Association – They had also held their AGM and Officers elected included a new Chairman – Jeannie Williams.

Filey in Bloom – The Group had been invited to enter the RHS Britain in Bloom after winning Gold and Best in Category in RHS Yorkshire in Bloom in 2015 and 3 members were to go to a RHS seminar in Birmingham later this month and hoped to be a chosen finalist to make, prepare and post on social media regular blogs featuring all the work the Group and others do in the run up preparations for entry into this prestigious competition. A list of forthcoming events was included in the report.

Cllr Shaw commented that as Yorkshire Coast Homes were planning to undertake some renovations to the Elderly Persons Club premises there was little to report at this time.

RESOLVED : That the above informative reports be noted. **017/016**

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Cross had submitted a written report together with a walkabout report both of which had been circulated to members and copies of which are attached hereto (Appendix 1 and 1A).

Cty Cllr Cross stated that the settlement figure from the Government had been far worse than expected and would affect services, there would be a Council Tax increase of 3.99% which included 2% and would be ring-fenced for social care. He stated that some of the shortfall would be funded from reserves on this occasion however Cllr Cockerill commented that they would only be able to use the reserves once. Cllr Haxby enquired how much the bike race would cost the County Council and Cty Cllr Cross stated that he would ask this question.

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Report from County Councillor (cont)

Cllr Wilkie enquired about footpath inspections and was informed that this was undertaken on the walkabout each month and that he had invited the Leader of NYCC Cllr Carl Les to visit Filey. Cllr Meek stated that the footpaths on Silverwood Avenue and Cawthorne Crescent needed attention and queried the progress of the white lining.

RESOLVED : That the Reports and further comments be duly noted. 018/016

Crescent Hill Replacement Setts

Members had previously been circulated with a response from Mr D Bowe, NYCC Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services in which he confirmed that the funding for these works was still available and once a supply of setts had been identified these would be presented as a trial panel for the Town Council to consider and if accepted work would start as soon as practicable after that. Cllr Cockerill commented that the funding had been allocated 4 years ago for this project and not 2 – 3 years ago as had been stated in a letter from the Town Council to the NYCC Chief Executive. The Clerk informed members that she had emailed Mr Bowe again to ask him to personally monitor the progress of these setts and he had confirmed that he would. She had also been informed that it was anticipated the trial panel would take place just after Easter.

RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted. 019/016

NYCC News Release re: funding shortfall

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the above news release regarding the funding shortfall from the North Yorkshire Communications Unit for information.

RESOLVED : That the information be duly noted. 020/016

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report from Borough Councillors

Boro Cllr Cross stated that the decision regarding the increase in parking charges and especially the proposal to include winter charging had been 'called in' and would be considered at a Borough Council meeting the following day. Members commented that the winter charging would reduce tourism and the surrounding estate roads would become free car parks. Cllr Haxby commented on the flooding at the Filey Country Park during the Christmas period and considered that Arndale was a problem and needed maintenance but he was not convinced that work to construct a dam would work as often the existing pipes were not up to capacity as the water was flowing over them and not through them. Cllr Shaw considered that the car parking bays on Church Ravine should be properly marked out as then additional cars would be able to park in this area. Cllr Haxby went on to comment on the drain on Church Ravine, opposite the toilets, which was higher than the road causing flooding in this area. Boro Cllr Cross informed members that the recent flooding on the A165 outside Filey had been caused by a silted up drain which had since been cleared.

RESOLVED : That Boro Cllr Cross be thanked for his informative report. 021/016

Boro Cllr M Cockerill had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2).

Boro Cllr M Cockerill gave members a verbal update, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2a) in respect of Oil & Gas Licences; Arndale; Parking on Verges and the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme planning application.

Cllr Haxby commented on the physical damage which was being caused to the grass verges on the corner of Ash Road and Scarborough Road as the grass was down to mud, other members commented on the Muston Road verge parking and the Grange Avenue estate. Cllr Haxby went on to state that these areas of grass were needed to help soak up the rain as part of the ecological water system. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that contact should be made with Mr Stuart Clark at the Borough Council regarding these grass verges.

At this point members were informed by the Deputy Town Clerk that she had printed off many of the plans in respect of the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme planning application and these were available in the office for members to peruse at their convenience.

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

022/016

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The Old Conference Hall, Filey

A site visit to view this property on the 18 December 2015 had been attended by several members of the Town Council and Cllr Haxby commented that this was the last asset remaining and therefore this should still be registered with the Borough Council as an 'Asset of Community Value'. Cllr Cockerill commented that at the present time the building was still leased to the Filey Scout Group. Boro Cllr Cross put forward his thoughts as to how this area could be re-developed to create a keep fit venue for the youth to enjoy with 5-a-side soccer; badminton; table tennis etc. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that as the Town Council was working with the Police on youth projects, ideas should be put forward to Mr Martin Pedley at the Borough Council for consideration.

RESOLVED : That the Town Council registers the Old Conference Hall, Filey as an 'Asset of Community Value' and submit the necessary Nomination Form to Scarborough Borough Council. **023/016**

Local Council Parish Charter

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the above document in which the Clerk had highlighted a number of paragraphs which were no longer applicable to the Parish Charter therefore a review should be undertaken by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED : That a letter be sent to the Chief Executive at Borough Council requesting that a review of this document takes place. **024/016**

SBC Review of Parking Charges

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of their proposed fees and charges for 2016/17 and members commented that the proposed winter parking charges would be counter productive as it would reduce the number of tourists visiting who were willing to pay for parking. The Clerk asked if the Borough Council would enforce the parking during the winter months.

RESOLVED : That members note the possible increased charges. **025/016**

SBC Fees and Charges

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the proposed fees and charges for Beach Chalet Service, Filey Brigg Caravan Park, Amenities and Attractions, Evron Centre and Concert Hall. Members commented that the Crazy Golf area was in need of maintenance.

RESOLVED : That these proposed fees and charges be noted. **026/016**

Miss Natalie Bosomworth left the meeting at this point 9pm

SBC Scales of Fees and Charges – Filey Coble Landing

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the proposed fees and charges including Filey Coble Landing.

RESOLVED : That the proposed fees and charges be noted. **027/016**

SBC Operations and Performance Report for Filey Coble Landing

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the above Report for information and it was :

RESOLVED : That the contents of the Report be noted. **028/016**

LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Members had previously been circulated with a flooding update which had been received from Kevin Hollinrake MP for their information. Members requested that a letter be sent to Tadcaster Town Council offering sympathy on the recent flooding incidents in the town.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted and the letter be sent as requested. **029/016**

NEW ONSHORE OIL & GAS EXPLORATION LICENCES

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter from Cuadrilla Resources requesting to have a meeting with the Town Council at some time in the future. Members considered that as they needed to hear the views of all parties a meeting should be arranged. Cllr Cockerill stated that this should be a Special meeting or alternatively Town Council representatives could attend the meeting being held by the Borough Council.

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NEW ONSHORE OIL & GAS EXPLORATION LICENCES (cont)

Members felt that they would prefer to have their own meeting with Cuadrilla Resources.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point

The member of the public advised the Town Council to take this issue seriously as any decisions would affect the whole community and it was necessary to communicate to raise awareness and co-ordinate with other Councils. Boro Cllr Cross stated that a balanced view was needed. Cllr Cockerill stated his concern at the minor earthquakes which had been caused by fracking at Blackpool and feared for Filey's cliffs. The member of the public suggested that all Parish Councils in the surrounding area as well as members of the public should be invited to attend this meeting and a larger venue than the Council Chamber would be needed.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Cllr Haxby considered that the process should firstly commence with a Town Council meeting which would be fact-finding as it was not the responsibility of the Town Council to organise other Councils, a report would then be produced which would be available publicly following which information could be disseminated to various bodies and no doubt further meetings would ensue including public meetings. At this stage therefore it was :

RESOLVED : That a reply be sent to Cuadrilla Resources requesting that their representative(s) attend a future Special Meeting of the Town Council. **030/016**

Cty/Boro Cllr Cross and the member of the public left at this point

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings

Min 425/08 Dog Warden Service - The Clerk informed members that the dog posters had arrived and she was in the process of setting up a site meeting to erect the signs with Councillors, Pcco Tony Bate, the Borough's Senior Dog Warden and representatives of the Spade Group. Members wishing to be involved were requested to put their names forward and Cllrs Bosomworth, Casey, Shackleton and Walker expressed their interest.

Min 120/015 Filey Country Park Fence – the Clerk suggested that this item be now removed from the list and members agreed.

RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted and the above item be removed from the outstanding list. **031/016**

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. The Town Council Dinner invitations had been circulated and members were requested to respond as soon as possible.

RESOLVED : That members would make a note of the dates submitted. **032/016**

Mayoral Engagements

Members were circulated with the list of engagements for January and early February for information.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. **033/016**

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

White Rose Update

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the December edition of the above publication which contained several informative articles. The changes to the external audit arrangements would be discussed by the Finance Committee at their next meeting. Members were asked if they wished to be involved in the Queens 90th Birthday Beacons and as the Filey Lions had undertaken previous beacons Cllr Casey stated he would take this to their next meeting to ascertain if they would be willing to arrange this.

RESOLVED : That the contents of this publication be noted together with the additional information. **034/016**

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YLCA Membership Subscriptions

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of a circular giving details of the subscriptions for 2016/17 for their information.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted.

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Christmas Card Collection

Members were informed that the collection for Saint Catherine's Hospice in lieu of sending Christmas Cards to staff and members had raised £59. 38 which had been taken to the Hospice by the Town Mayor when he and the Mayoress visited prior to Christmas. The Clerk stated that a letter of thanks had been received from the Hospice.

RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted.

036/016

NYCC Highways & Transportation

Members were informed that the staff had attended a training session on 15 December 2015 with the Scarborough & Whitby Highways Customer Communications Officer, Mr Andrew Santon could also deliver this training to members if they so wished and Cllrs Walker and Wilkie expressed their interest.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted with other members being requested to give their names in to the office if they wished to undertake this training.

037/016

Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

A question had been raised by a member of the public which had been responded to at the meeting and the Clerk confirmed that she had arranged for the leaves to be swept up on Queen Street, Filey but the adjacent gully required a road closure for repairs to be undertaken.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted.

038/016

REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

Cllr Walker informed members that there was a survey ship in Filey Bay.

Cllr Haxby stated that Hon. Citizen Eddie Temple was ill and requested that a card be sent to him.

Cllr Cockerill informed members that the Borough Mayor elect for 2016/17 would be Cllr Simon Green and his Deputy elect would be Cllr Martin Smith.

RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted and action taken as necessary.

039/016

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 9.45pm

Councillor John Shackleton
Chairman & Town Mayor

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

Sent: 07 January 2016 11:17

To: mail@fileytowncouncil.co.uk

Subject: Report

1 The roads report will follow the walkabout is tomorrow On one interesting thing I heard from David Bowe is that in Essex they do not fill the pt holes they wait till they can afford to put. anew section down.

2 The council at the present time is concerned about the floods and the budget 360 properties have been flooded 75% are residetial and 25% commercial.we have also seen the bridge at Tadcaster that will cost £3m plus to repair.

3 as you are aware the Settlement from the government was worse than expected much worse.

It was mentioned that our N.Yorkshire MP s should be putting our case forward to The Government.

The key points are as follows :

a) they will be more cuts to services and they will be sooner and these cuts will hurt services

b)it is envisaged council tax will go up 3.99% (incorporating 2% for Social Care)

c) a 4 year settlement has been agreed giving the Council chance to plan

d)County Councils have done worse than London and Metropolitan District Councils eg a band D in Westminster is £672 compared to Craven District is £1432

e) the shortage for this year 2016/7 will be £5.4 m and this will be taken out of reseves .

4. They will be more cuts in the future and no services will be protected

Sam Cross

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County Councillor Sam Cross

NYCC Walkabout at 0830hrs on Friday 8 January 2016

Present:

Cllr Sam Cross - NYCC

Cllr John B Casey – FTC

Mr Paul Birkett – NYCC

- Ravine Top – New 80 metres of metal fencing at fabricators and should be in situ soon
- Opposite 2A Mitford Street there is a gully collapse 10metres from the grate. NYCC are diverting the drainage across the road into a gully there
- Path from St Oswald's towards Church Cliff. 40 metres of wooden fencing to be priced up
- Top of Church Ravine near to lamp column 1. YEB have been doing some work and left grass and path in disrepair. PB to ensure it is made good
- The Avenue/Station Road. Repaired pothole subsiding badly, possible foundation issue. PB to investigate further
- Queens Terrace at the end of cul de sac, white lines of a previous parking bay to be burnt off (This has been done on morning of 11/01/16)
- Belle Vue Crescent footpaths on both sides are going to be repaired soon
- PB is carrying out a full footpath inspection of Filey Town Centre soon
- Murray Street outside Spar, bollard has been made temporarily safe and will be repaired asap
- Burnsall Close, both footpaths are to be repaired
- Flower Garth, NYCC looking at costings for replacement block paving and or tarmac. Whichever is cheapest will be done
- Tree cutting on Wharfedale/Clarence Drive/West Avenue is ordered and NYCC are currently awaiting Contractor to commence

Report prepared by Cllr JB Casey

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC

Car Parking charges

I spoke at the December meeting of Cabinet at which many of the charges for car parking were to be determined.

I stated that I considered some of the proposed increases to be draconian and am pleased to report that some, but not all, of my concerns were supported by Cabinet colleagues and led to reductions by the relevant Portfolio Holder. These included the proposed cost of permits for West Avenue and Country Park, the level of the increases has now been significantly reduced. I also spoke against the single proposal to reduce the charge at a car park in another part of the Borough.

The decision, including the reductions I secured, is now the subject of a Call In.

Yorkshire Coast Communities Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme

Cabinet supported the proposal to work with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in the lower percentile of deprived areas, this includes Filey.

The funding available through this programme has the potential to bring benefits to disadvantaged communities within the area and will support the Council's economic and regeneration priorities.

The CLLD programme encourages communities and partners to work together and there are benefits in working collaboratively along the coast, with the East Riding, where there are similar issues faced by disadvantaged communities.

I requested and received the commitment that dialogue would be held with the relevant Town and Parish Councils.

New Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration Licences

Members will recall, at your October meeting, I stated that an assessment of a wide area of the Borough including Filey and the surrounding villages was being undertaken under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 prior to the announcement of any new licences.

You will recall, at that meeting, I reported about an event at Malton where agencies that would have input to the regulation of the industry provided information as to the procedures and safeguards that would have to be implemented before any drilling actually took place. The agencies providing information were the Oil and Gas Authority, Public Health England, the British Geological Survey, The Health and Safety Executive together with the Environment Agency.

I presume Members will be aware that, following completion of that assessment, licences have recently been granted for most of the areas being assessed.

Those covering Filey and the surrounding areas have been granted to Cuadrilla Resources.

It is often the case when controversial issues are discussed, there is likely to be exaggeration from both sides of the fence, it is often difficult to obtain FACTS.

As I have supplied information about the regulatory process provided by the respective agencies, I consider it only correct that the licence holder should also have an opportunity to state their case.

Consequently, I have been in contact with the company, Cuadrilla Resources, to suggest it could be useful for them to speak to the Borough Council and, possibly, the Town Councils if Members so wish.

I have received a reply stating that they would welcome the opportunity and will be in touch in the New Year to discuss this.

Port Development Group

A number of applications to join the PDG were received and are currently being evaluated

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Planning Application for the project has been submitted.

Former Conference Hall & car parking

I hope members found the site visit of interest and will assist in their deliberations.

Olympic Coaches

As the Town Council had requested a bid be submitted to extend the grant aid I had secured 2 years ago for the Town Bus, I needed to declare an interest when the issue was raised at a meeting of the informal and non decision making Corporate Finance Strategy Group (CFSG).

However, I had previously discussed the bid with a number of Cabinet colleagues who were able to provide relevant information on my behalf. Indeed, in some respects, this strengthened the case as it showed the support of the bus service had been seen beyond Filey.

The outcome being that there was general support for a one year extension of the grant aid and a senior finance officer would contact the Clerk, which I understand did happen the same day.

Prolonged Rainfall

The prolonged period of rain we experienced over the Christmas period was a test of the drainage capacity of the Yorkshire Water system.

In the main, the system coped but there were a few instances of highway and garden flooding, I have not received any reports of internal flooding.

I visited various areas on Boxing Day.

The Country Park area saw external flooding in a number of locations and Arndale was in full spate. One of the manhole covers had blown.

There were a small number of cliff slips.

Herring Hill flap valve operated.

There was some discharge down Crescent Hill onto the beach and the manhole cover at the lower end of the hill blew once again.

The stream down Martin's Ravine was in full flow and the problem was exacerbated by one of the grilles at the entrance to a culverted section being blocked with debris brought down by the water, such was the flow of water that it was not possible to safely attempt to remove the debris.

A manhole cover at the top of the slipway had blown.

I reported the blown manhole covers to SBC Emergency Hotline and shortly afterwards SBC staff arrived to cordon off the slipway at the bottom end of Martin's Ravine onto the beach.

Yorkshire Water was also informed that their 3 manhole covers had blown. I received a text on 30 December informing me that engineers would be attending that day but I am aware that some of the covers had been replaced by others.

Arndale

As promised, work has started on work to improve the situation down Arndale. The first phase includes interrupting the flow of water down the stream, this will be followed by the installation of new sheet piles to some of the Sailing Club frontage. The repair to the culvert under the road will complete the work, this expected to be finished around mid to late February.

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Borough Councillor M J Cockerill

VERBAL UPDATE

Oil & Gas Licences

I have had a couple of telecons with representatives of Cuadrilla Resources, as well as senior officers and colleagues at the Borough Council who are all supportive of arranging a presentation for members by Cuadrilla.

I have suggested the company make contact with a particular Council officer with a view to arranging a convenient date.

Whilst the purpose of the exercise is to obtain as much balanced information as possible, I will make it clear that I do have concerns in relation to certain potential effects that could have an adverse effect on our coastline.

Arndale

The work is progressing towards the expected completion date although there has been a short delay as welding could not take place when we had the prolonged period of rain earlier this month.

It is very interesting to see that the preparation work for the piling has exposed some of the original groundworks, probably to support the rails that were laid around 1954 when the sewage system was extended onto the Brigg.

There is also clear evidence of the fact that surface water does flow down the banks from both sides of Arndale.

Parking on Verges

I am informed that Civil Enforcement Officers are currently working with North Yorkshire Police to deal with Inconsiderate Parking (where a Penalty Charge Notice does not apply) this includes pavement parking and grass verge parking.

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

I hope the Planning Committee will find it interesting going through all the documentation submitted for the FFAS.

There are –

- 11 Notices to relevant Landowners,
- 21 detailed plans showing the construction of the scheme
- 6 files showing how the surface water flows in different areas both before and after the scheme is constructed
- 1 Environmental Statement but that is 698 pages long
- 46 pages of other information.

All the landowners to the north are in full support but there remain further discussions with some of those to the south of the town.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill