

## FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

### ORDINARY MEETING HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.00pm

Present : Councillor Richard Walker (Chairman) and Councillors John Haxby, Jacqui Houlden-Banks, John Shackleton, Anna Shaw, Kevin Wilkie and Marion Wright.  
Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Cty Cllr Sam Cross, Mr Andrew Santon NYCC Highways Customer Communications Officer, Mr Ken Leathley FTC Health & Safety Advisor, Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk, Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

Cllr Walker 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 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. 707/016**

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Sue Bosomworth (holiday), John Casey (holiday), Diane Glanvill (personal), Robert Horley (illness), Jeff Meek (holiday), Boro Cllr Colin Haddington (work) and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the above apologies be duly noted. 708/016**

**RESOLVED : That the above reasons for absence be accepted. 709/016**

#### 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. 710/016**

#### NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and as there was no Police presence at the meeting at this time it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted. 711/016**

#### Filey Youth Project

Members had previously been informed that the report had been completed and a further meeting of the group had been arranged to take place on Monday 26 September 2016 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber and the associated papers had already been sent out to members of this group.

**RESOLVED: That the above information be duly noted. 712/016**

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**RESOLVED : That it be noted no questions were raised at this point. 713/016**

#### TOWN CENTRE BUNTING

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter from the Filey Music Festival informing them that representatives of Filey Bay Traders/Tourism/Music Festival had undertaken to replace the street bunting and install brackets where necessary to support the bunting in a safe manner according to current Health and Safety procedures. As representatives of the Group were present they were requested to address the members of the Town Council. A representative informed members that the Festival of Filey had insured the bunting under their Public Liability Insurance and a licence to span the highway had subsequently been granted by the County Council however it was hoped that the Town Council would take ownership of this bunting in future years and subsequently the insurance and licence.

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**TOWN CENTRE BUNTING** (cont)

The representative went on to state that a local volunteer had erected the brackets and bunting in conjunction with others and he was fully qualified in working at heights from ladders. At this point the Chairman asked Mr Andrew Santon the NYCC Highways Customer Communications Officer to comment and he stated that the County Council received claims for damage and injuries from the public and that was why they needed to ensure that Public Liability Insurance was in place. He went on to state that the County Council fully supported the town's bunting which had been erected and he had spoken with the Insurance Broker that morning who had confirmed that everything was in order. Cllr Wright commented that the bunting looked good and brightened up the town however the Festival of Filey's AGM was to take place on the 22 September 2016 at which she was going to stand down but feared that if no additional volunteers came forward to be on this Committee then it would fold resulting in the insurance being cancelled. She went on to state that she would fully support the Town Council taking on the ownership of the street bunting for future years including the insurance and licence. Cllr Houlden-Banks stated that she supported the bunting project wholeheartedly and also considered that the Town Council should take ownership of this, which was re-iterated by Cllr Shackleton although he was not in favour of the Town Council entering into an agreement with a third party. Other options were then put forward i.e. a tripartite agreement between the Town Council, Filey Tourism Association and Filey Music Festival or the Town Council to cover the cost of the insurance only. Another suggestion was to give the Group a grant to cover the cost of insurance etc. with an application form having to be completed prior to 31 October each year although it was noted that grants could not be guaranteed.

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

**714/016**

Response from Town Council's insurance company

Members had previously been supplied with information from the insurance company stating the risks and concerns to the Town Council and all the requirements which would need to be put in place to satisfy the insurance company. The Clerk pointed out to the representatives that any responsibility for the Town Council to take on this bunting project would have to be considered from next year onwards as the Council had to follow proper procedures to comply with current legislation. After some further discussion it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Town Clerk obtain full costs of undertaking this project with these being discussed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at a future meeting.**

**715/016**

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

Min 373/016 Replacement Setts for Crescent Hill

Mr Andrew Santon, NYCC Highways Customer Communication Officer circulated plans showing the lay-out of the setts on Crescent Hill stating that this had taken hours to produce by hand as there was a difference of 20 metres between the inner and outer radius. The County Council had now gone back to the suppliers of the setts for a quote and it was hoped that they would pre-cut these before being sent to site to shorten the time Crescent Hill would be closed. He went on to state that until they heard further from the suppliers they could not programme in these works. Members stressed that the laying of these setts had to be right and hoped that the County Council's contractors had the right staff to undertake this work. Cllr Wright commented that the crossing point at the bottom of the hill must be wheelchair friendly. Cllr Haxby enquired what would happen to the existing setts as there were a lot missing from other areas in the town and hoped they could be retained for use in these areas. Mr Santon was to make enquiries regarding this. Cllr Shackleton enquired about the area of tarmac higher up Crescent Hill and whether this could be rectified at the same time. Mr Santon would enquire about this.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this time*

*Carried forward*

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### Min 373/016 Replacement Setts for Crescent Hill (cont)

Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that where the area of tarmac was this was due to the original setts sinking and tarmac was placed over the top of these, he went on to state that when the setts on Crescent Hill were replaced some years ago a concrete sub strata was laid.

A member of the public enquired what would happen if one of the utility companies damaged the setts when they did future work on the hill to which Mr Santon replied that these would have to be re-instated as is. The member of the public went on to state that there was some replacement gas works to be undertaken in the future and suggested that this should take place, as well as a meeting with all the utilities, prior to the new setts being installed.

Mr Santon was also informed that the Yorkshire Water sewer on Crescent Hill frequently blew its lid when there was a heavy rain storm. Mr Santon noted these concerns and advised he would discuss with the NYCC engineers.

*Standing Orders were re-instated at this point*

**RESOLVED : That the circulated plan of the proposed work on Crescent Hill be accepted and further information awaited regarding installation dates. 716/016**

It was suggested, and agreed, at this point that Agenda item 17 – NYCC Report be discussed whilst Mr Santon was present in order that he could have his input if required.

### **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Cross gave a verbal report regarding the meeting he had attended with Mr Richard Flinton, the Chief Executive, and Mr Richard Marr regarding the outstanding list of items which to date had still not been addressed. He stated that he informed them he wanted actions on these items rather than excuses as to why they had not been undertaken. He anticipated that he would have answers in time for the next full Council meeting. Cllr Wright commented that on the junction of Murray Street and Hope Street the gap between the kerb and the tarmac was too wide and resulted in some mobility scooters tipping over, there were also vehicles parking half-way over dropped kerbs on Station Avenue close to the junctions with The Avenue and Raincliffe Avenue and Mr Santon was to investigate these problems. Cllr Wilkie also enquired as to whether the requested small white posts would be installed on Muston Road to stop vehicles parking on the grass, similar to those installed on Padbury Avenue which had been successful in stopping parking issues. Mr Santon replied that the County Council may not have installed those on Padbury Avenue but would investigate this request. Cllr Haxby commented on a contractor who was controlling traffic at the top of Muston Road by holding his hand up rather than by using stop/go boards or traffic lights, Mr Santon replied that this method of controlling traffic was not allowed and he would investigate this. Cllr Shaw suggested that there should be allocated parking bays marked out on Church Ravine as this would allow additional vehicles to park. Cllr Shackleton stated that at the bottom of Church Ravine there was a grate which was above the road level which needed dropping down as this caused the road to flood across to the public toilets during heavy rain. Cty Cllr Cross commented that perhaps Mr Santon could attend a future meeting in 2-3 months' time and give answers to the above comments. Mr Santon stated that he was willing to undertake this which was welcomed by the members.

**RESOLVED : That the verbal report be accepted and further updates awaited. 717/016**

### Min 457/016 Sale of Land at Southdene, Filey

The Clerk informed members that she had contacted the Local Government Ombudsman who confirmed that they only dealt with complaints from individuals in cases where those individuals were personally affected but did not deal with complaints from one council to another. A further response from Mrs L Dixon SBC Director of Democratic and Legal Services stated that there was no other advice she could offer.

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Cllr Haxby queried why there was no other avenue that the Town Council could use and Cllr Walker stated that perhaps the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations may be of assistance and in addition to a letter being sent to them he would also pursue this on his next visit to their offices.

**RESOLVED : That the contents of the letter be noted and the Town Clerk was to contact the YLCA as suggested as well as Cllr Walker.** 718/016

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

**RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received.** 719/016

*Cty Cllr Cross and a member of the public  
left the meeting at this point 8.20pm*

**MINUTES**

Special Council meeting held 8 August 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 628/016 to 640/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary.** 720/016

Ordinary Council meeting held 10 August 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 641/016 to 672/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary.** 721/016

Property Committee meeting held 7 September 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 in respect of Minute No. 677/016 that Minutes 673/016 to 678/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action taken thereon as necessary.** 722/016

Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 7 September 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. After due consideration of the recommendation made in respect of Minute Nos. F688/016, F690/016 and F691/016 that Minutes F679/016 to F698/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary.** 723/016

Planning Committee meeting held 12 September 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 699/016 to 706/016 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary.** 724/016

**REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**

Filey Town Guide/Map

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 9 August 2016 and it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted.** 725/016

**FINANCE**

**RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon.** 726/016

General Fund :	11 - 31 August 2016	£ 6,699.07
	1 - 14 September 2016	£ 5,561.78

**COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Statement of Persons Nominated and informed that the by-election would take place on Thursday 6 October 2016 although no polling cards would be issued due to the high cost of printing and postage and therefore the by-election would be advertised on the Town Council's website, newsletter and council notice boards.

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

**727/016**

**QUALITY AWARD**

The Town Clerk presented the certificate to the Town Council and this was duly circulated to all members present who were informed that this would be hung in the council chamber in due course. The Town Clerk, her team and members of the Strategic Planning Committee were congratulated on achieving this award.

**RESOLVED : The above information be duly noted.**

**728/016**

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO WORKING PARTIES**

**Town Centre Working Party**

Members were informed that an additional member was required to serve on this new Working Party whose first meeting was scheduled for Thursday 27 October 2016 at 10am in the Committee Room when representatives of Filey Chamber of Trade and Filey Tourism Association would also be in attendance. Members suggested that this be deferred until after the by-election had taken place.

**RESOLVED : That this item be deferred until the next Council meeting.**

**729/016**

**STANDING ORDERS**

The following proposed changes to Standing Orders as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee on 21 July 2016 had stood adjourned for one month and members were now requested to vote on each Standing Order separately as follows : Standing Order 3(y); Standing Order 3 (z) and Standing Order 15b(i).

**RESOLVED : That the above amended Standing Orders be accepted and a revised copy be circulated to each member of the Town Council.**

**730/016**

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

Boro Cllr Cockerill enquired as to whether the Standing Orders he had identified as requiring reviewing had been and was informed that his suggestions had been reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee and no changes were identified as being necessary.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at this point*

**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 11 August 2016 and 14 September 2016.

*Cllr Shaw* gave a verbal update stating that at the recent Councillors Question and Answer session at the Filey Library it had been suggested that there should be a board for displaying plans and information for both the Town Council and the Borough Council within the Library and this was duly noted.

*Cllr Shackleton* verbally informed members that he had received thanks on behalf of the Town Council from Mr Adrian Colling of Filey Brigg Angling Society for sponsorship of the Filey Town Cup during the annual fishing festival.

*Cllr Houlden-Banks* and *Cllr Donohue-Moncrieff* had had a good meeting with Kevin Hollinrake MP at his recent surgery and when the MP had arrived a group of anti-fracking members had undertaken a peaceful and quiet protest. *Cllr Donohue-Moncrieff* had discussed the proposed development in respect of the meadow land at The Bay and he had been very responsive.

**RESOLVED : That the above Councillors be thanked for their verbal reports.**

**731/016**

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**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 1). Boro Cllr M Cockerill gave members a verbal update, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 1a) in respect of Port Strategy; Country Park electric supply upgrade; Flood Alleviation Scheme and the Boundary Commission. Cllr Haxby commented on the finding of the clay section pipe on the beach, believed to be Victorian and additional metal pipe nearby. The Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and Borough Council and gps readings had been taken with Yorkshire Water hoping to investigate after the end of the season. Members commented that as the Southdene tennis courts were now open to the public when could the Town Council expect to receive financial details to which Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that a letter would be sent from the Borough Council shortly. Cllr Haxby also queried as to what provisions had been made for members of the public to play tennis on the Tennis Club's courts and how could the public access the floodlights. The cost of Junior Membership was also commented upon. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Filey Tennis Club regarding these queries. Cllr Wilkie commented that the Tourist Information Centre tender documents were now on the Borough Council's website and he had perused these but noted that the TIC area available had not been clearly identified whilst the Town Council had been informed that this area would be separated by a partition. Boro Cllr Cockerill commented that the tender document had been sent to those persons who had forwarded expressions of interest with a view to getting the best use, best benefit for Filey and that was why the area was to remain flexible. Cllr Wilkie queried why there could not be a set area for the TIC as the remainder was used by the community for a café area when events were being held in the Concert Hall and should not be restricted to use by the future tenant of the TIC. Cllr Shackleton concurred with the above stating that the members of the Town Council had stressed to Janet Deacon, during their discussions, that the café area should not be included within the TIC area. Cllr Wilkie continued to challenge Boro Cllr Cockerill regarding this matter but he would not comment any further. Cllr Wright commented that where the TIC lettering had been removed from the wall of the building this area needed painting to which Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that this area would be sorted out at a future date.

**RESOLVED : That the above reports and further comments be noted.** **732/016**

**YLCA CONFERENCE**

Members had previously been circulated with details of the Conference which was being held in Scarborough on 28-30 October 2016. Cllr Walker expressed an interest in attending all the sessions and could obtain a discount as an Executive Member. Cllr Houlden-Banks was interested in attending the Sunday session but would let the office know, however the following day, after consulting her diary, she notified the office that she was unable to attend.

**RESOLVED : That the full Conference be booked for Cllr Walker with all fees and expenses being paid by the Town Council.** **733/016**

**NEWSLETTER**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the draft Autumn Newsletter which, after some small amendments, was duly accepted.

**RESOLVED : That the Autumn Newsletter be amended, printed and circulated to all residents.** **734/016**

**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.

The Clerk informed members that the copy of response from Lisa Dixon SBCV Legal regarding the Review of Local Council Parish Charter had been forwarded to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association for their comments. With regard to the new Dog Signage Posters, these appeared to be all in tact, a member commented that a poster was needed in the Willow Close area.

**RESOLVED : That the above information and comments be noted and action taken where requested.** **735/016**

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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. Members attention was drawn to the proposed Special Council Meeting to discuss the Filey Public Toilet provision on Monday 17 October 2016 at 7pm. Members commented that they needed much more information from the Borough Council on this and hoped that this information would be forwarded to them shortly so that they had time to peruse same.

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

**736/016**

### Mayors Engagements

Members were circulated with the list of engagements for September and early October for information.

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

**737/016**

### Events Attended by the Clerk and Members of the Town Council

The Mayor & Mayoress of Filey, Members of the Town Council, Clerk and staff had attended the Town Council Civic Service on 4 September 2016 and it be noted that the annual rent from Filey Museum was paid at this event. Cllr Shackleton expressed thanks to the Town Mayor for a good service and the buffet at the Filey Sea Cadets had been excellent. This was re-iterated by other members.

**RESOLVED : That this be noted.**

**738/016**

### Olympic Coaches

Members had previously been circulated with images of the new vehicle which had the wording down the side which highlighted the Town Council's and Borough Council's financial support.

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

**739/016**

### Fisherman Information Panel

The Clerk informed members that Mrs Robinson had forwarded a further donation towards this project and a letter of thanks with receipt had been sent to her.

**RESOLVED : That this kind donation be noted and welcomed.**

**740/016**

### Staff Update

The Clerk reported that she would be unavailable from the 19-30 September 2016 however as her husband was in hospital at the present time she would not be going away but would be taking at least a week of her annual leave during the above dates.

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

**741/016**

### Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

All questions raised by members of the public were answered at the meeting and the suggestion to have a register of derelict properties had been compiled by Councillors for approval at this meeting prior to being submitted to the Borough Council.

**RESOLVED : That members approved this list which would be forwarded to the Borough Council for their comments.**

**742/016**

### REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

**RESOLVED : It be noted that no requests had been received.**

**743/016**

*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 9.35pm*

Councillor Richard Walker  
Vice-Chairman & Deputy Town Mayor

**Coble Landing**

The Port Strategy covering all 3 port operations, including Coble Landing, within the control of SBC will be presented to Cabinet the day before your September meeting.

**Former TIC**

The tender documents for the potential lease of the building are available and have been forwarded to people who previously expressed an interest.

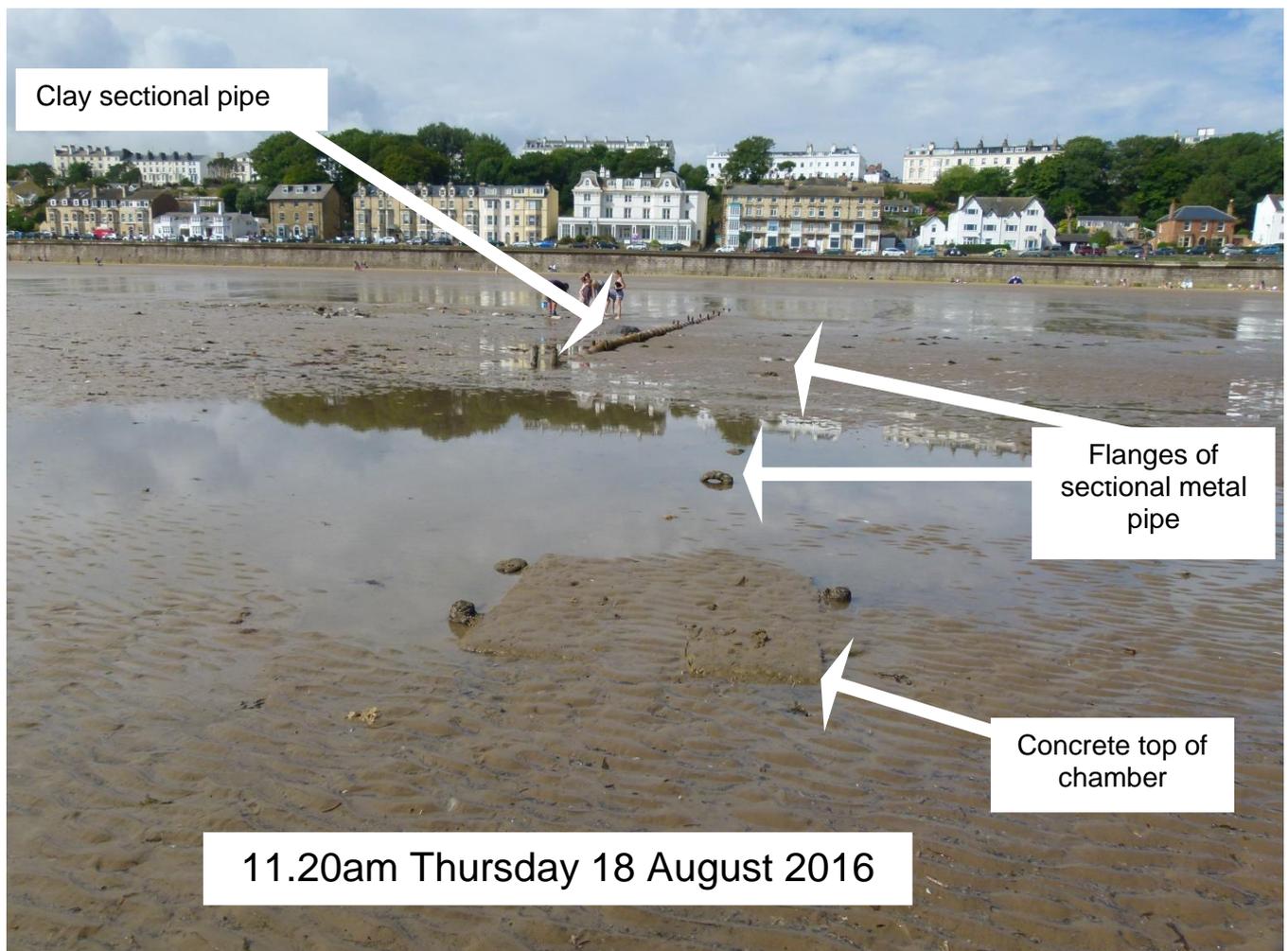
**Pipe on the beach**

Recently the natural process of sand migration has uncovered number of items on the beach. The remains of the wartime concrete blocks below Crescent Hill are seen quite frequently but last month I saw some items for the first time.

I discovered a length of clay sectional pipe, believed to be Victorian, and nearby was part of a metal pipe and what appeared to be a chamber at the seaward end of it.

In well over 60 years this is the first time I have seen these pipes. I showed the find to Cllr Haxby who concurs.

The Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and SBC have been informed and it is possible that Yorkshire Water will investigate the pipes after the end of the season.

**Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme (FFAS)**

Kevin Hollinrake, our MP, recently took advantage of my invitation to view the area of land on which we expect to construct the scheme. During the visit I took the opportunity to, once again, raise the potential effect of seismic activity from fracking on the stability of our cliffs.

The tender process continues for the construction of the FFAS, based on the current cost estimate, it is possible there could be a theoretical shortfall in the overall funding available to satisfy the major funding agencies that “the risk pot” can be covered. This has been recognised and earlier this year SBC, when discussing the budget, approved the inclusion of a £3 million fund “to underwrite risks and make contributions” to enable major Coast and Flood projects to proceed. At that meeting I made particular mention of the FFAS.

At its September meeting, the Cabinet will be asked to approve the “Coast and Flood Protection Finance Strategy”. This spells out how the fund is likely to be allocated and managed so that 7 of the ongoing major projects can be progressed to a successful conclusion. One of these is the FFAS.

As has been mentioned previously, Government now expects “those who benefit” to contribute to the cost of any project.

When the tenders for the work are received we will have a far better indication as to how the theoretical shortfall fits in with the detail of the Coast and Flood Protection Finance Strategy. All aspects of the project will be re-evaluated including the overall funding.

At that time I will update the Town Council of the situation and possibly invite it to consider a contribution to underwriting the theoretical risk pot to allow the project to move forward.

### **Filey Tapestries**

The relocation of the Filey Tapestries has been completed to the satisfaction of the “Tapestry Ladies”. Positive feedback has also been received from a number of other people who consider the new location allows far easier and better viewing.

An alternative background colour of the awards cabinet has been applied at the request of the “Tapestry Ladies”, I am informed there were some very favourable comments over the recent Bank Holiday.

### **Fracking**

At the risk of having another complaint made against me, I have, of my own volition, contacted both the Environment Agency and the Oil and Gas Authority to ask questions in regard to the potential risk from seismic activity during the fracking process on the cliff faces along the coastline.

The Environment Agency has an interest in the potential impact of any seismic event on well integrity and risk to the environment; they are not the regulatory body for this activity. The Environment Agency forwarded a document from the Department of Energy and Climate Change website and stated that the Oil and Gas Authority who have responsibility for this area of regulation for further information. I am awaiting their reply.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mike Cockerill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

**Borough Councillor M J Cockerill**

## VERBAL UPDATE      APPENDIX 1A

The Ports Strategy was approved by Cabinet at our meeting yesterday. This will now go to Council in November but, in the meantime, individual Business Plans for the 3 port operations will be prepared for consultation.

Cabinet also approved a budget to upgrade the electric supply to the Country Park to provide a more reliable service for those using the caravan park, the café and Filey Sailing Club together with some spare capacity. The present capacity will be increased to the maximum supply that can be achieved without requiring the added expenditure on a new substation. The increased level of available supply would be sufficient to service the suggested Discovery Centre for Discover Filey. It is hoped the upgrade will take place during the New Year closure period.

At the same meeting, the Cabinet approved the “Coast and Flood Protection Finance Strategy”.

Coincidentally, earlier today we opened the tenders received for the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme, there were 5 altogether.

The detailed evaluation process now starts. As soon as the situation in regard to the funding of the project becomes clear, I have arranged with officers that we will call a joint meeting of the Project Team and the remaining members of the Filey Flood Working Group to be followed by an update to the Town Council.

We still await the formal approval of the Project Appraisal Report by the Environment Agency but I am informed there is only one remaining query to be clarified.

Many of you will have seen the proposals from the Boundary Commission that, if implemented, will see Filey Town moving into the same constituency as Scarborough and Whitby but the area covered by the Town Council will be split as Primrose Valley will remain with Malton and Thirsk.

Once again, Westminster mandarins playing the numbers game without adequate consideration of local matters.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill