

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 8 FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Boro/Cty Cllr Sam Cross, PcsO Caroline Richman and PcsO Vicki Leeson North Yorkshire Police, Mr James Hodgson White Lodge Hotel, Mr Paul Griffiths Discover Filey Group, Mrs Gina Robinson, Town Clerk, Mrs Maureen Prentice, Deputy Town Clerk and 8 members of the public.

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 else did not wish to be filmed, and further 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. 119/017

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Robert Horley (holiday), Jacqui Houlden-Banks (work) and Kevin Wilkie (work) also Boro Cllr Colin Haddington (other commitment) and Sgt Gosling (personal).

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be duly noted. 120/017

RESOLVED : That the above reasons for absence be accepted. 121/017

NEW COUNCILLOR

Cllr Thurston was welcomed to the meeting and the Clerk confirmed that he had duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Written Undertaking to abide by the Town Council's Code of Conduct as well as his Register of Interests form.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. 122/017

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. It was

RESOLVED : That it be noted no declarations of interest were made at this point. 123/017

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and PcsO Vicki Leeson explained that the violence columns should read Violence with injury and Violence without injury.

PcsO Leeson reported on the following incidents:

- Theft of cash from the Pit stop café and amusements, the owner does not want to pursue this any further.
- A male and female entered Tesco store and stole a full trolley of products, enquiries had been made and two people from outside our area were being sought.
- Three child's cycles were stolen in one day but as there were no suspects the case had been closed.
- An assault had taken place on Union Street where a male had slapped another male one afternoon. The victim and offender had known each other from childhood and the offender was dealt with by Community Resolution Disposal (CRD).
- A serious assault took place outside the Imperial Garage whereby a male was hit with a metal bar, he was initially taken to Scarborough Hospital before being transferred to Hull Royal Infirmary. The offender was arrested and bailed with strict bail conditions. The victim had been released from hospital and was recovering at home. Both victim and offender knew each other.

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- The landlord of the Grapes public house was assaulted by a customer who fled the scene and this had now been dealt with by a Community Resolution Disposal.
- There was a domestic incident on Scarborough Road between mother and daughter the daughter was arrested and bailed not to enter Filey whilst the investigation continued. To date the daughter was complying with her bail conditions.

Pcso Richman went on to state that there had been 23 incidents of Anti-social behaviour which are broken down into 3 categories – Nuisance (17) – Personal (5) and Environment (1) but out of the 17 Nuisance calls only 5 were youth related incidents. Cllr Casey commented that burglary figures were dropping but sexual offenders were on the rise Pcso Leeson agreed but stated that it was the way crimes had to be recorded now.

Cllr Wright thanked the Police for their response in respect of the man taking food etc out of bins to feed the seagulls. There being no further comments it was ;

RESOLVED : That the Police Report and additional comments be duly noted. 124/017

Filey Youth Project – Ravine Skatepark

Pcso Vicki Leeson reported that a volunteer had been welcomed as the treasurer and was progressing with setting up a bank account, two other new members had joined via the Ebor Academy. They were preparing funding letters and two grants had already been applied for. The Ebor pupils had lots of fundraising ideas one of which being pin badges and were to give a presentation to the Junior School in due course.

Cllr Cockerill had previously verbally indicated that the required land adjacent to the Multi Use Games Area was available to the group for this project but this had not been confirmed in writing therefore Cllr Casey was to pursue this via Cllr Cockerill and Mr. M. Pedley at Scarborough Borough Council. A fundraising sub-committee was required who would concentrate on this and members would be identified at future meetings. Pcso Richman stated that the new Beat Manager was Phillip Charlton.

RESOLVED : That this information be duly noted. 125/017

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public commented that the town looked disgusting at 4am after foxes and seagulls had been taking items from the bins in the main street.

RESOLVED : That this comment be noted. 126/017

DISCOVER FILEY PROJECT

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the revised plan for the Filey Country Park Improvement Proposals together with a progress report. Mr Griffiths, Chairman of Discover Filey Development Trust was welcomed to the meeting and he stated that they had moved forward significantly at the present time with improved communications with the Borough Council.

Mr Matthew Smart and Mr Tim Burkinshaw of the Borough Council were assisting. The Dragon Ring should be completed during March/early April and it was hoped that the Town Mayor could attend and open this facility on the 15 April 2017, Mr Griffiths went on to state that they had been awarded a grant from Tesco towards this facility which would be an area for school children as an outdoor classroom and in inclement weather they could cover the area with the tepee to enable it to be an all weather facility. It was hoped that the site construction of the building could commence in 2018 although funding was still being sought. The building materials may change and it was hoped that the stonework would match the colour of the nearby Church. It was proposed to erect bird feeders etc to attract wildlife with an exercise track at the lower end of the site. Members drew his attention to the plan which showed an outdoor classroom at the top of Country Park but Mr Griffiths stated that this should have been deleted as Planning would not allow any development north of Arndale. Mr Griffiths went on to state that the building may include toilets which could be accessed from inside and outside the property and it was anticipated that internally the building would be as flexible as possible. Cllr Casey suggested that the roof of the building should not be too accessible to cause anti-social behaviour which was already a problem in this area. Mr Griffiths stated that the building would be alarmed and have CCTV coverage. Members enquired whether there were any plans to erect any more fencing but were informed that there were no plans to erect any additional fencing.

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Cllr Haxby commented that on the plan there were large areas of wildflower and wildlife meadows but considered that these should be public open spaces. Mr Griffiths stated that dialogue needed to be established and Cllr Haxby stated that in principle he had no problems with the plans but would welcome further dialogue. Cllr Casey commented that the Festival of Filey would require to use the events area and Mr Griffiths stated that they did not wish to alienate any members or groups and were willing to modify. He suggested that dialogue needed to be established and Cllr Haxby re-iterated that he would welcome this.

RESOLVED : That Mr Griffiths be thanked for his informative presentation and any future dialogue would be welcomed.

127/017

The Chair suggested that Agenda item 15(a) Letter from Discover Filey and response from Cllr Houlden-Banks be discussed at this point which members agreed.

Town Council representative on Discover Filey Development Trust Ltd

Members had previously been circulated with copies of the letter from the Development Trust concerning the lack of attendance of Cllr Houlden-Banks at their meetings with no apologies being given and the reply from Cllr Houlden-Banks stating that she would endeavour to give her apologies in the future. Members were concerned that this item should have been dealt with in the office and Cllr Bosomworth enquired whether the Trust would accept an additional member being appointed so that either/or could attend to which Mr Griffiths stated yes. As Cllr Houlden-Banks was not in attendance at the meeting it was:

RESOLVED : That this matter would be dealt with in the office.

128/017

Mr Griffiths and 1 member of the public left at this point 7.53pm

TREE MANAGEMENT

Mr James Hodgson of the White Lodge Hotel was welcomed to the meeting and he proceeded to give a verbal and visual presentation on the trees from Monkey Island to end of Boating Lake in Glen Gardens. He went on to state that in the Borough Council's "Tree & Woodland Strategy 2016-2030" with regard to Filey that they should "maintain or restore some of the historic viewpoints" at the above mentioned locations. He went on to comment that a lot of elderly could not get down to the seafront and they liked to look at the views towards the Brigg and Flamborough from the Gardens. Mr Hodgson stated that he would prefer coppicing rather than felling, which is to take a tree to ground level and it would grow back in approx. five years therefore he would like to see sections taken out. He went on to comment that the trees also block the sunlight to the chalets on Royal Parade and requested that these viewpoints be restored.

Standing Orders were suspended for the public to participate

A member of the public commented that 24 trees had been cut down in Church Ravine during December to which Boro Cllr Cockerill commented that he had not known these were being felled and considered that there had been a total lack of tree management since 1974 when the Borough Council took on responsibility for the trees.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Cllr Haxby stated that a site meeting had been held in front of the White Lodge Hotel some time ago to discuss the trees in this area but now others are being included, he went on to state that with regard to Monkey Island, the access to this needs improving and whilst not against the pollarding of any trees he was totally against coppicing.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point

Boro Cllr Cross stated that all the trees needed addressing and was in favour of pollarding but this needed money and resources. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he had been in contact with Mr Tomlinson of the Borough Council with regard to the trees near the White Lodge Hotel, he would be happy to support these comments and would look at other areas in the future.

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A member of the public commented that originally the view of the Bay etc from the steps of Victoria Court were excellent as the trees were cut back every year but after 1974 this ended and they have been neglected for over 20 years and are in need of being reduced each year.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Cllr Wright commented that everyone was passionate about Filey and also agreed with the pollarding of the trees and thanked Mr Hodgson for his excellent presentation. Cllr Haxby stated that whilst felling and coppicing would not be supported there needed to be a strategy of pollarding and managing. Cllr Casey suggested that the Town Council together with the Borough Council and interested parties get together to formulate a plan for tree management in the future.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point

Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that some pollarding work on trees was to be carried out shortly and this could be extended to do some work in front of the White Lodge Hotel.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Cllr Haxby suggested that a site meeting be held as soon as possible with Mr Tomlinson and others regarding this and Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he would try and arrange this.

RESOLVED : That Mr Hodgson be thanked for his informative presentation. 129/017

RESOLVED : That Filey Town Council, Scarborough Borough Council and other interested parties get together to form and agree a strategy re: tree management in Filey with a view to opening up historic viewpoints. 130/017

Mr Hodgson and members of the public left the meeting at this point 8.35pm

CLOSURE OF YORKSHIRE BANK

Members were informed that no representative of the Bank was present but it was hoped that a representative may attend the Special Council meeting on Monday evening.

RESOLVED : That the invitation for a representative to attend remain open. 131/017

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 853/016 Sale of Land at Southdene, Filey

Members had been circulated with a copy of the response from Scarborough Borough Council regarding the residual capital receipt in respect of this land and Cllr Haxby commented that the reply stated the Borough Council did not have any statistics regarding the use of this facility and that the Tennis Club only utilised one court, however the Borough Council had now given them access to two courts with the third being available when necessary. Cllr Haxby went on to state that whilst the reply stated that the third court was available to the public during daylight hours, contact with the Tennis Club regarding putting the lights on at nightfall was proving difficult. Cllr Haxby went on to state that a vote of no confidence in Scarborough Borough Council had been passed by Whitby Town Council recently and requested that members debate a similar vote of no confidence in the Borough Council at their meeting on Monday evening.

RESOLVED : That this item be placed on that Agenda for debate. 132/017

Response sent to Kevin Hollinrake MP

Members had been circulated with a copy of the response from Marcus Jones MP at the Department of Communities and Local Government in respect of the above sale of land and requested that the Clerk contact the Borough Council's external Auditor regarding the sale of the Southdene land and also enquire of the District Valuer the cost which would be incurred by the Town Council for their services on this matter.

RESOLVED : That the Town Clerk contact the Scarborough Borough Council's Auditors as soon as possible and lodge the Town Councils long standing complaint and also contact the District Valuers and if their fee was acceptable to the Town Council then they be asked to pursue our complaint. 133/017

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

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received. 134/017

MINUTES

Strategic Planning Committee meeting held 19 January 2017

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 074/017 to 079/017 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 135/017

Special Council meeting held 25 January 2017

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 080/017 to 089/017 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 136/017

Property Committee meeting held 26 January 2017

RESOLVED : That these Minutes be deferred to the Special Council meeting on 13 February 2017. 137/017

Special Council meeting held 30 January 2017

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 097/017 to 102/017 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 138/017

Bandstand Committee meeting held 31 January 2017

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 103/017 to 112/017 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 139/017

Planning Committee meeting held 6 February 2017

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 113/017 to 118/017 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 140/017

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Filey Town Centre Working Party

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 18 January 2017 and it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted. 141/017

Filey Town Centre Working Party

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 6 February 2017 and it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted. 142/017

Filey Town Guide Working Party

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 31 January 2017 and it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report of the meeting be accepted. 143/017

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FINANCE

RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon. 144/017

General Fund:	12 - 31 January 2017	£ 7,350.79
	1 - 8 February 2017	£ 12,416.20

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Discover Filey Letter

RESOLVED : It be noted this item had been discussed earlier in the meeting. 145/017

Members had been requested to submit a written report if they had attended any meetings of any other outside organisations between 12 January 2017 and 8 February 2017.

Cllr Bosomworth had submitted 2 written reports in respect of Filey Bay Initiative and Scarborough South and Filey Steering Group. She went on to report that the FBI winter talks were well attended with the next one being the Star Carr Update. *Cllr Bosomworth* reported that the Youth Club (SSFSG) was now a vibrant place with the building going from strength to strength with a Pool and Pizza night taking place shortly.

Cllr Casey had also submitted 2 written reports from the Filey Chamber of Trade and the Filey Tourism who had both expressed the need to retain the toilets in Filey.

Cllr Shackleton had also submitted a written report in respect of the Allotments.

RESOLVED : That Cllrs Bosomworth, Casey and Shackleton be thanked for their informative reports 146/017

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Planning Committee

Members were informed that additional members were still required to serve on this Committee. *Cllr Thurston* volunteered to serve on this Committee.

RESOLVED : That Cllr Thurston be appointed a member of the Planning Committee. 147/017

Staffing Committee

Members were informed that an additional member was required to serve on this Committee. *Cllr Thurston* volunteered to serve on this Committee.

RESOLVED : That Cllr Thurston be appointed a member of the Staffing Committee. 148/017

Town Guide Working Party

Members were informed that an additional member was required to serve on this Working Party. *Cllr Anthony* volunteered to serve on this Working Party.

RESOLVED : That Cllr Anthony be appointed a member of the Town Guide Working Party. 149/017

Emergency Plan Working Party

RESOLVED : That the vacancy on this Working Party be not filled at the present time. 150/017

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report from County Councillor

Cty *Cllr Cross* had submitted a written report, which had been duly circulated to members, a copy of which is attached at **Appendix 1**. Cty *Cllr Cross* stated that the budget had not been set as the County Council had not received the Final Settlement from the Government. Cty *Cllr Cross* informed members that the Yorkshire Devolution debate goes on, with a push from Leeds City Council and NYCC for a Yorkshire deal but it seemed to be South Yorkshire was dragging its feet. The County Council were in the running for Council of the year. Due to his allocation in the locality budget, the money had gone to help the Skate Park; Fitness Trail, Cricket at Clarence Drive; Filey Town Bus Service; Filey Childcare and Filey Festival.

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He also informed members that he was working with the Filey Town Centre Working Party. Cllr Meek stated that where the newts had been the County Council had re-marked this area four times as the lines kept fading but still no work to repair this stretch of footpath had been undertaken, he also commented that the trees needed chasing up. Cllr Wright enquired about the work on Crescent Hill and Cllr Cross stated that he would ask Mr Andrew Santon the following day. It was :

RESOLVED : That the above information be welcomed and duly noted. 151/017

South Crescent Road

Members had been circulated with a planned road closure notification between 28 February to 3 March 2017 for BT cabling.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. 152/017

Filey Station Level Crossing

Members had been circulated with the planned road closure notification for a period of 8 night-time closures between 11 February 2017 and 14 July 2017. Cllr Meek commented that he was checking with regard to correct closure notices being erected.

RESOLVED : That this information be duly noted. 153/017

NYCC Countryside Access Service

Members had been circulated with the NYCC weblink for consultation regarding public rights of way. The Deputy Clerk informed members that the consultation document was not very specific as it consisted of questions and answers with each footpath being categorised as high or low priority with the landowners having to make more effort to reinstate higher category paths after ploughing or cropping, including taking enforcement action however they were less likely to move to enforcement action on a low priority path. Cllr Haxby stated that some claims regarding footpaths were still outstanding, i.e. Parish Wood to the cliff top and similarly the former footpath from White House to Butlins.

RESOLVED : That the information be noted. 154/017

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report from Borough Councillors

Borough Cllr Mike Cockerill had previously submitted a report to members of the Town Council which is attached at **Appendix 2** and he gave a verbal update to members, which is attached at **Appendix 2A** regarding enhanced electric supply to the Country Park which had now been completed; Flatcliffs Access Road whereby a project to "buy some time" for the residents which was 100% grant aided be implemented and Derelict Properties although he had requested information on how much worse they needed to be before any action was warranted.

Cllr Walker stated that he had noted on the Yorkshire Local Councils publication that the Borough Council had been awarded £1.86m for affordable homes and Boro Cllr Cockerill commented that this would help with the provision of affordable homes in the North of the Borough. It was :

RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted and Boro. Cllr Cockerill be thanked for submitting his reports. 155/017

Street Trading Policy

Members had previously been circulated with the consultation document regarding the Scarborough Borough Council's Street Trading Policy. Members were informed that the Chamber of Trade were to submit their own comments. Boro Cllr Cockerill informed members that they would be able to comment in the future when the Enforcement document was published. It was :

RESOLVED : That members await receipt of the Enforcement document prior to submitting any comments. 156/017

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Southdene Development

Members had been circulated with a copy of the letter requesting approval of suggested street name of 'Carr Naze Close' for the proposed development for acceptance or objection thereon. Members rejected this street name stating that they would prefer 'Pavilion Court' or 'Pavilion Close'.

RESOLVED : That the above suggested street names be submitted for acceptance.157/017

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Items and Actions Log 2017 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. Boro Cllr Cross stated that with regard to the land on Ash Road/Scarborough Road he was to take this up with Mr Santon. Boro Cllr Cockerill suggested a low fence be erected in this location however it was pointed out that the grass was cut using a ride on mower. Boro Cllr Cockerill commented that with regard to the Evron Centre maintenance figures, he would endeavour to obtain these for the next Council meeting. It was

RESOLVED : That the contents of the outstanding log be noted. 158/017

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. Attention was drawn to the Chief Executive Liaison Meeting on 27 March as agenda items were required. It was:

RESOLVED : That these dates be duly noted. 159/017

Mayors Engagements

Members were circulated with the list of engagements for February and early March 2017.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. 160/017

Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman of the Council, Chairman of Committees and Working Parties were reminded that reports for the above meeting which is being held on 5 April 2017 should be submitted to the office by Friday 3 March 2017.

RESOLVED : That the above request be noted. 161/017

Newsletter

Articles were also requested for the Spring Newsletter which needed to be delivered before the Annual Parish Meeting on 5 April 2017. Suggested items to date were Grants; Trackrod Rally & Events to date together with possible information on Public Conveniences.

RESOLVED : That articles be submitted as soon as possible. 162/017

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the White Rose Update for January 2017 which contained interesting information.

RESOLVED : That the above information be duly noted. 163/017

Staff Update

Members were informed that the Clerk would be unavailable from 20-24 February 2017.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. 164/017

Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

No questions were raised during Public Question Time at the last meeting.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. 165/017

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REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

Cllr Casey commented that he had been informed that many of the Filey Groups were proposing to move their bank accounts from the closing Yorkshire Bank to the Post Office Bank.

RESOLVED : It be noted no requests were made.

166/017

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 Susan Bosomworth
Chairman & Town Mayor

APPENDIX 1

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

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

Sent: 08 February 2017 10:30

To: Filey Town Clerk <mail@fileytowncouncil.co.uk>

Subject: Monthly Report

Gina

- 1 .currently the budget has not been decided because NYCC has not received the Final Settlement from the Government which was due in January ,but currently it is 1.99 plus 2 % for the Social Fund.
- 2 the Devolution debate goes on. with a push from Leeds City Council and NYCC for aYorkshire deal and it seems to be South Yorkshire dragging its feet.
- 3 The biggest problem for NYCC has been the cost and work involved in Adult Care and Hospitals and bed blocking.
- 4 NYCC is in the running for Council of the year
- 5 With Thr locality budgets this has gone to help a The Skate Park b The Fitness Trail c Cricket at Clarence Drive d Filey Bus Service e Filey Childcare f Filey Festival at Country Park
- 6 I am working with the Filey Town Working Party on the Town Centre If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself rgds Sam

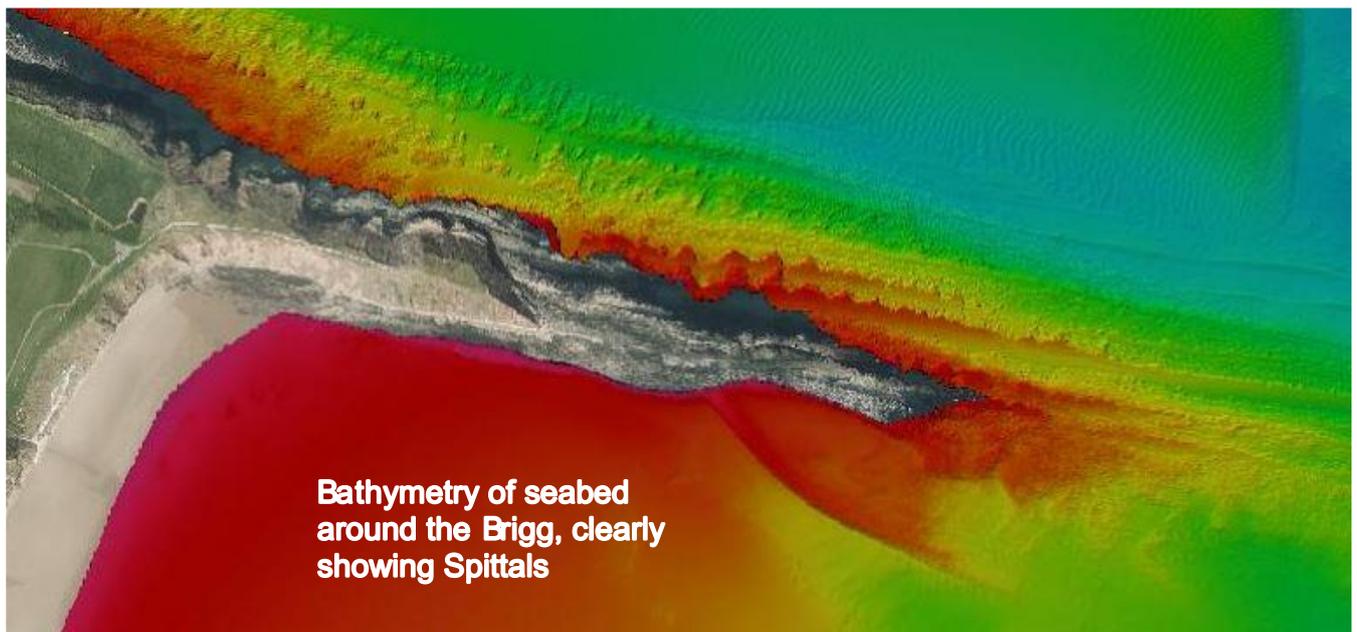
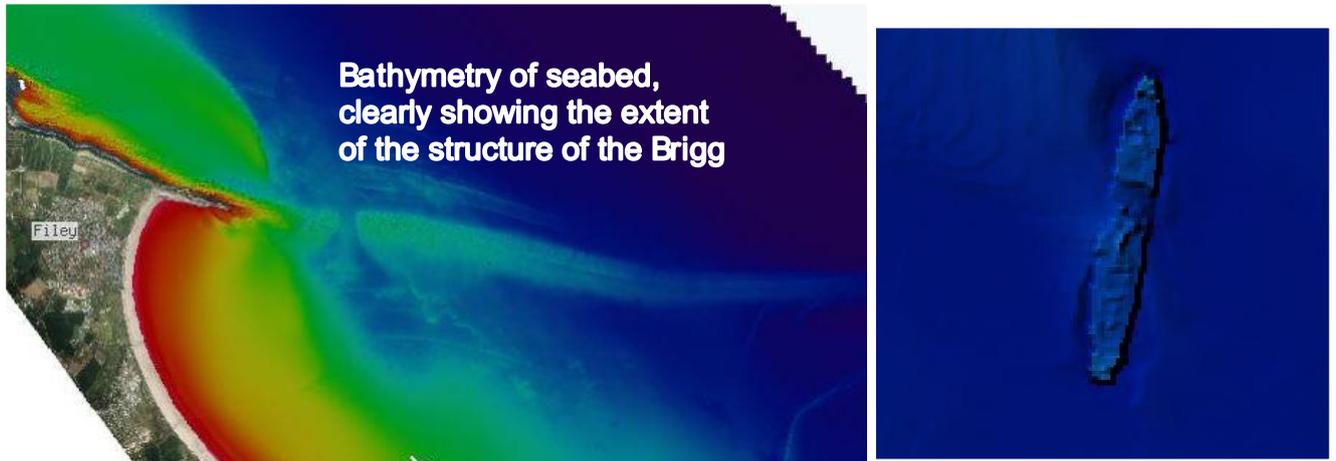
County Councillor S Cross

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC

SEABED SURVEY

The results of the recent survey of the seabed survey are now available, the link has been forwarded to the Clerk.

Some of the features shown by the survey are very interesting.

**ENHANCED ELECTRIC SUPPLY TO COUNTRY PARK**

The work to enhance the electric supply will be completed shortly, delays have been experienced by the energy supplier.

FILEY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Work continues to progress agreements with the landowners. I have forwarded contact details of some appropriate local companies to the main contractor.

TREES

The third and final phase of the pollarding of the trees on Crescent Hill is scheduled to take place shortly.

DEVOLUTION

With the recent talk about the possibility of a whole of Yorkshire devolved region it would be interesting to hear the views of the Town Council.

Do members believe it would be of benefit to Filey or, if not, could they suggest an alternative area?

GULLS

At the meeting of the Executive Board last month I made the point that Filey needed to be included for any actions to reduce the nuisance from gulls in addition to Scarborough and Whitby.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mike Cockerill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill

VERBAL UPDATE from MJC

ENHANCED ELECTRIC SUPPLY TO COUNTRY PARK

The major work to enhance the electric supply has been completed, there remains a small amount of tidying up around the café but that is in hand. The work was completed without disruption to energy users.

The enhanced supply should allow the caravan and tent park to operate at full capacity without the supply tripping out.

There is also spare capacity for any future expansion or development of the Country Park such as that envisaged by Discover Filey.

FLATCLIFFS

I am pleased to report that I shall be presenting a report to Cabinet next week recommending that the Council accepts a grant of £572,000 for a project at Flatcliffs. The purpose of the project being to "buy some time" for the residents.

6 Options were considered ranging from DO NOTHING to BUILD A NEW ACCESS ROAD.

The Option being proposed is supported by the Environment Agency with their grant and by Natural England. It has also been considered against the Shoreline Management Plan.

The Option is intended to have an effectiveness of circa 20 years, this being the time within which some of the properties on Flatcliffs are likely to become more affected by coastal erosion.

The project is 100% funded by the grant aid.

Consultants will be appointed to survey, design and apply for necessary permissions,

Following the tender process for contractors, providing the costs are within the approved budget, a contractor will be engaged.

It is hoped to start the work within the next 12 months following the completion of the detailed design and securing the necessary permissions.

DERELICT PROPERTIES

I have received a reply from an officer but have requested more meat on the bones of the report that basically states that the properties aren't in a bad enough state to warrant action by the Planning Authority.

I have specifically asked how worse they need to get before it is considered action is warranted with specific reference to Section 215 scope and best practice.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill