

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of matters relating to Filey

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme (FFAS)

Together with fellow Ward Member, Cllr Casey, I attended a site visit to the 2 areas of work to the North of the town.

A number of issues were raised including :

1. Footpath link to the track adjacent to Country Park
2. Filey Fields PROW
3. The bund behind McCarthy & Stone
4. PROW ditch drainage
5. PROW from Parish Wood and up to the cliff
6. The footpaths created as part of the FFAS Environmental Enhancement Project

I requested and was promised a similar visit to the Southern area of the works.

I have since has a number of meetings with representatives from McCarthy & Stone, a landowner and SBC Project Team members to attempt to resolve some outstanding matters..

Ravine Bridge Lights

As the 2 lights on the bridge are the responsibility of SBC but NYCC look after them, I met an electrical engineer from NYCC. He is to liaise with SBC about improving the lighting and replacing missing items.

I took the opportunity to discuss my idea for mounting floodlights on the lampposts down Church Ravine to highlight the trees as a possible part of the suggested Light Trail.

At the same time I raised the possibility of floodlighting the bridge.

Neither suggestion was rejected out of hand but both require some further investigation that is to be undertaken by NYCC.

I am awaiting information and will report to Events & Lighting Committee.

In regard to the existing lampposts along Ravine the engineer considered that they required to be repainted. At the moment the colour is a light grey but I was asked if the Town Council would prefer them to be in the "Filey Blue".

I said I would ask the Town Council for its view. **What is the Town Council's preference?**

Local Government Ethical Standards

The LGA have confirmed that they are in the process of preparing guidance based upon key areas suggested during the consultation process. Once this guidance is available, it is proposed that a working group of Members of the SBC Standards Committee be established to consider the Council's current Code of Conduct and make recommendations thereon, taking into account the new LGA Model Code of Conduct and recommendations from the review of Local Government Ethical Standards by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

It is also proposed that discussions take place with Parish and Town Councils across the Borough as to the benefits of taking a consistent approach and operating to a common code of conduct.

Evron Centre

I have been informed that work is planned on the building to address some of the outstanding maintenance concerns.

Parking Suspension

I had been invited to join a meeting to discuss potential COVID measures that might be implemented in the town centre. Other invitees included NYCC, SBC and local businesses, on noticing that FTC was not on the list of attendees I requested that the Town Mayor be added to the invitation list.

The meeting discussed various scenarios including total banning of vehicles from entering Murray Street. The outcome of the meeting being that the preferred option was for planters to block off the parking areas on the Coopland's side of Murray Street with No Parking cones on the Memorial Gardens side, these cones could be temporarily moved by businesses to allow for deliveries. A Temporary Suspension of Parking from March until the expected end of the current measures in June was also discussed.

NYCC, as the responsible authority, approved the Suspension of Parking, the cones and the planters. SBC provided the necessary resources to implement all of these measures. Some local businesses have pledged money towards the cost of providing the planters. These measures were implemented in time for the Easter weekend with the planters being considered a vast improvement to the lightweight plastic barriers used last year.

Potential Skateboard

Together with Cllr Wilkie I attended a site meeting adjacent to the MUGA, I will leave Cllr Wilke to provide an update.

Travellers on West Avenue car park

Many will be aware that caravans were illegally parked on West Avenue car park at the end of March. Some will know that there was a similar occurrence a few years ago that was dealt with very quickly by SBC.

Regrettably this was not the case in this instance, the travellers remained on the car park for a number of days.

I reported the matter to SBC on the Sunday evening expecting that the travellers would be moved the following day. This did not happen.

I made further enquires and received the following response.

“We are aware of these caravans and are liaising with Police. They were at Whitby Marina last week and have moved down the coast. Apparently on their way to S York's.

In line with the legal process we are required to follow we are undertaking a further welfare assessment tomorrow and will again encourage them to move on.

Unfortunately this is a bit of a game. The Council must follow due legal process (e.g. possession via the courts). This process in normal circumstances is lengthy....service of notice, court listing, court order. Generally this means that by the time a notice has been served they just move on. As things currently stand due to the pandemic the courts are log jammed

There are alternative powers that the Police can use, however these are linked to ASB / Crime / 6 or more caravans. These powers do not apply in this instance.

I know this is probably not the message you want to hear however I'd rather not raise expectations.”

The travellers left the car park on the Wednesday and early on Thursday morning I saw SBC staff collecting the rubbish that had been left.

Refurbishment of SBC toilets

I have requested information in regard to the refurbishment programme. I have asked for further information to be supplied as it becomes available.

Indicative Timescales

Filey Evron Centre – End of May '21

Filey Foreshore – Commencing work Oct '21

Filey Royal Parade – Commencing work Oct '21

Ongoing SBC Maintenance Work

1. Steps below White Lodge – waiting for a programme of work from the contractor.
2. White Lodge Shelter – waiting for a quotation from the roofing contractor. Pricing the other elements, lower level of frames and painting is progressing.
3. Memorial Stone on Royal Parade – permission has been approved to repaint the wording. This does not cover the Coat of Arms which is very complex.

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

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