

## **MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of SBC matters relating to Filey**

### **LOCALITY BUDGET**

I am pleased to have been able to work closely with the Filey Brigg Angling Society (FBAS) to celebrate its Centenary.

I have sponsored a trophy to commemorate this milestone that will be awarded, on an annual basis, for a fishing match.

Together with the Town Mayor, I was privileged to have been invited to attend the recent Centenary Dinner at Filey Golf Club.

I have also worked with FBAS to facilitate the installation of a stone bench on Carr Naze to celebrate its Centenary. This, I believe, will be a welcome item towards the end of Carr Naze looking straight towards Brigg End.

### **LAND OFF SEADALE TERRACE**

As I have previously reported, a contact of mine has informed me that the site at Seadale that was planned for 42 new dwellings has been acquired by McCarthy and Stone (M&S).

If this is proved to be the case, I consider this to be, potentially, a very worrying development for Filey. I specifically mention the Health Services serving us all.

As with some other developments, my initial thought was 'does Filey need more retirement housing rather than family housing'?

My information is that Filey Brigg Court and the bungalows are, in the main, occupied by people retiring into the area rather than meeting the existing local need and will just increase the age profile of the town. This is totally contrary to the reply from M&S when I raised the matter when its development off Church Cliff Drive raised its head. I was told that the vast majority of new owners were already living in Filey.

It has been confirmed to me that this is definitely not the case.

Information from SBC Planning :

*"However, if M&S meet relevant policies, there is little to nothing we can do....retirement housing is housing and the Borough's housing allocations don't distinguish.*

*We would expect any provider to include affordable housing, etc in line with local plan policies and, as we know, retirement providers are not keen on on-site provision, so I don't know whether that would put them off; they do tend to be very skilled at justifying avoiding such provision.*

*If SBC got a pre-app in, the planners would not be able to divulge that information, they would recommend that any developer did pre-application community engagement given the size of the site but that would be a decision for them."*

### **COMBINED MAYOR FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE & CITY OF YORK**

It was interesting to hear, at a briefing for SBC Ward Members, that it is most likely the election of a Mayor for the combined area of North Yorkshire and the City of York will take place in May 2024.

It has also been confirmed to me that NYCC will write to all Town and Parish Councils in September with a template asking them to make formal expressions of interest by the end of December. NYCC hasn't developed the template yet.

NYCC won't be seeking full business cases at this stage; it will work with the up to six Councils selected to then develop full business cases during 2023.

### **BRIDGE HOLE TOILETS**

Following the delays to the completion of the refurbishment of the toilets at Bridge Hole, I was particularly concerned when I recently saw no evidence of the necessary work to accommodate either the promised foot showers or the refilling facility for water bottles.

I raise my concern with relevant officers and the Portfolio Holder. The officer reply was that "owing to the delays on site we have focussed on delivering the main scheme to get the site operational for the summer holiday. Once this is complete we will move on to delivering the additional items, it is not ideal I accept but my aim is to get the site open ASAP."

I spoke to the Portfolio Holder and received his assurance that both the items would be installed. At the moment this work is scheduled for September.

### **SECTION 106 FUND BID**

In addition to the suggestions from the Town Council in regard to the use of s106 fund for the provision of a play area at the Sportsfield, I have submitted 2 bids for other s106 funding.

Having been approached by Cllr Casey to jointly contribute to netting behind one of the goals on the Sportsfield to protect adjacent dwellings and gardens I was, In Principle, content to contribute from my Locality Budget. I arranged a site meeting with a representative of Filey Town AFC.

At the recent meeting of F&GP, I was informed that Filey Cricket Club was looking to install an electronic scoreboard to allow the club promotion to a higher league. Again I was content to fund the suggested cost from my Locality Budget.

On searching for information about Electronic Scoreboards I found that my Locality Budget was unlikely to cover the whole cost. I arranged a site meeting with a representative of the Cricket Club to ascertain full information.

After discussions with the representatives of the clubs I looked at the outstanding s106 funds available for Filey.

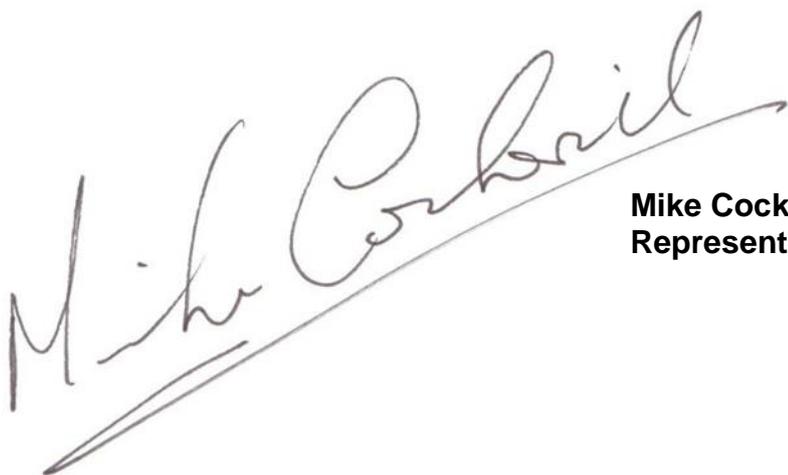
The McCarty & Stone development approval was for the s106 funding to be used for Sport in Filey. The current value of the respective fund stands at £17,424.01.

I have therefore submitted 2 bids for the items for the benefit of the Cricket and Football Clubs. My fellow Ward Councillors and the Town Council are consulted for their views.

The bid for the Cricket Club totals £4,710.40 inc VAT, the one for the Football Club totals £1,260.75. Total of bids £5,971.15 inc VAT

It maybe that SBC procure the items as this will allow the VAT to be reclaimed, this would reduce the nett amount required to £4,975.96.

I am formally requesting that Filey Town Council support both of my bids.



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