



# Filey Town Council

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Meeting of Council held on **10 February 2021** held remotely by video conferencing.

**Members Present:** Councillors J Houlden-Banks (Chairman), M Cockerill, V Crawford-Gage, N Cronk, J Haxby, G Howgate (Vice Chairman), H Parkin, L Randall, J Robinson and K Wilkie.

Scarborough Borough Councillor – John Casey

Scarborough Borough Councillor – Michelle Donohue Moncrieff

Lisa Dixon (Director) & Chris Bourne (Project Manager) from Scarborough Borough Council

North Yorkshire County Councillor – Helen Swiers

**Also Present:** One member of the public attended the meeting.

**Meeting Clerks:** Town Clerk David Liddle and Deputy Town Clerk Audrey Adnitt.

## Minutes

The Mayor welcomed all Members to the meeting.

Minute	Item
109/20/21	<b>Apologies</b> There were no apologies for this meeting.
110/20/21	<b>Declarations of interest</b> No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.
111/20/21	<b>Public participation time</b> There were no public questions at this meeting.

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<b>Reports to Council</b>	
<b>112/20/21</b>	<p><b>North Yorkshire Police Report</b></p> <p>A copy of the report had been circulated with the agenda papers. The report gave details of crimes, road related incidents and anti-social behaviour between April 2020 and January 2021.</p> <p>As no representative from North Yorkshire Police available to attend the meeting, Members were advised to submit their questions via the clerk.</p>
<b>113/20/21</b>	<p><b>Filey Flood Alleviation and Seawall Projects</b></p> <p>Scarborough Borough Councillor Michelle Donohue Moncrieff (Portfolio Holder for Environment &amp; Sustainability) and Chris Bourne (Project Manager for Scarborough Borough Council) attended the meeting and gave an update on the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme and the Seawall Project.</p> <p>The Flood Alleviation Scheme was due to be completed by Spring 2021, during the recent very wet weather the completed bund had already been put to good use protecting properties from flooding. Councillor Donohue Moncrieff advised that Flood Alleviation Scheme was a fantastic achievement for Filey Town Council and a great example of working together to achieve for the community.</p> <p>Mr Bourne advised that grant funding had been sought from the Environment Agency to refurbish the sea wall, if the grant application was successful the project would be scheduled to be completed by June 2023.</p> <p>Cllr Haxby advised that he had received complaints about the continued closure of a popular footpath whilst the flood alleviation works were ongoing. Mrs Dixon and Mr Bourne kindly agreed to discuss this with the Works Manager at their next meeting.</p>
<b>114/20/21</b>	<p><b>Mayoral Report</b></p> <p>The Mayor reported on the recent Special Meeting of Scarborough Borough Council where a vote of no confidence in the Leader of the Council had taken place.</p> <p>Cllr Houlden-Banks referred to the Mayor of Scarborough Borough Cllr Hazel Lynskey's closing comments at the meeting and concurred with them. It was disappointing that during the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council's energies were being diverted to the vote of no confidence when they could be better employed responding to the needs of the pandemic and building a better borough.</p> <p>The Mayor went on to say that she had corresponded with Cllr Siddons (Leader of Scarborough Borough Council) and had assured him that the Filey Town Council had not be informed of the potential vote of no confidence and did not support it.</p>



<p>115/20/21</p>	<p><b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b> <b>Scarborough Borough Councillor's Report</b> Scarborough Borough Cllr Cockerill's report had been previously circulated and gave updates on Beyond Housing/Mill Meadows, Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme and the Former Conference Hall &amp; Adjacent Building.</p> <p>In addition, Cllr Cockerill reported on an Additional Housing Briefing he had attended, where he had expressed concerns about the importance of access to primary healthcare for residents.</p> <p>Scarborough Borough Cllr Casey's report had been previously circulated and gave updates on the Former Conference Hall and the recent Vote of No Confidence in the Leader of Scarborough Borough Council.</p> <p>In addition, Cllr Casey advised that a local business had expressed an interest in purchasing the Former Conference Hall and he had been referred to Estates Department at Scarborough Borough Council.</p> <p><b>North Yorkshire County Councillor's Report</b> County Cllr Swiers report had been previously circulated and gave updates on Covid-19, NYCC Budgets, Councillors Allowances, Financial help for families over holidays, Reboot North Yorkshire, Libraries and Highways.</p> <p>In addition, Cllr Swiers answered questions on home schooling, footpaths and Covid vaccinations.</p>
<p>116/20/21</p>	<p><b>Town Clerk and RFO Report</b> Members had been circulated with a copy of the report which contained an update on the dog warden project, Queen Street Gardens, Freeman and Freewomen applications, new telephone system, the Town Plan and the Assets &amp; Services Working Party.</p> <p>Upcoming Council Meetings and Mayoral Engagements were also included within the report.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported on a Town Plan meeting which had taken place earlier in the day. The meeting had been very positive, and a skeleton of a plan had been put together and would be brought to a future meeting for discussion. The Mayor thanked Mrs Dixon and the team from Scarborough Borough Council for their support with the Town Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Randall asked if anything could be done to improve the situation with dog fouling which had become much worse around the town in recent months. A discussion followed and it was suggested that maybe Filey Town Council could employ a dog warden directly. Mrs</p>



	Dixon kindly agreed to follow that suggestion up with the dog warden service at Scarborough Borough Council and report back.
	<b>Council business items – Procedural Items</b>
<b>117/20/21</b>	<b>Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 January 2021.</b>  Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall, that Council resolve to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
<b>117/20/21.1</b>	<b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</b>
	<b>Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 20 January 2021.</b>  Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall, that Council resolve to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
<b>117/20.21.2</b>	<b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</b>
<b>118/20/21</b>	<b>Minutes of Committee Meetings</b> Minutes of meetings:  Planning Committee – 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council
<b>118/20/21.1</b>	<b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b>
	Assets and Services Working Parties – 8 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council
<b>118/20/21.2</b>	<b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b>
	Staffing Committee – 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council
<b>118/20/21.3</b>	<b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b>
	Finance & General-Purpose Committee – 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council.
<b>118/20/21.4</b>	<b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b>
	Events & Lighting Committee – 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021



<p>118/20/21.5</p> <p>118/20/21.6</p> <p>118/20/21.7</p>	<p>Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b></p> <p>Map &amp; Guide Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b></p> <p><b>Filey Coble Landing User Group</b></p> <p>Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that the minutes be noted by Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</b></p>
<p>119/20/21</p> <p>119/20/21.1</p>	<p><b>Schedule of Payments</b> Cllr Howgate proposed, seconded by Cllr Cronk that the Council approve the schedule of payments from the general fund for the period 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, a total of £18,306.09 of expenditure.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: Council supported the proposal and the schedule of payments from the general fund for the period 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, a total of £18,306.09 of expenditure was approved.</b></p> <p>Cllr Wilkie asked for further information on the mayoral mileage claim reported in the schedule of payments and also mileage claims from previous months. The Mayor provided clarification on the expenditure and the Clerk confirmed that all policies and procedure were correctly being followed.</p> <p>Cllr Randall asked for further details on a payment for Christmas Tree removal, and the Clerk provided more information.</p>
<p>120/20/21</p> <p>120/20/21.1</p>	<p><b>Power of General Competence</b> Members were asked to consider adopting the General Power of Competence as detailed in Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The Council met the requirement of this power and the clerk recommended the adoption as had been done in previous years.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the General Power of Power be adopted.</b></p>
<p>121/20/21</p>	<p><b>The Vote of No Confidence in the Leader of Scarborough Council.</b> Councillor Howgate introduced this item by expressing his disappointment that the Scarborough Borough Councillors</p>



	<p>representing Filey had not advised Filey Town Council about their intension to support a motion to have a further a Vote of No Confidence in the Leader of Scarborough Council. The improved constructive relationship that existed with Scarborough Borough Council was important to the Members of Filey Town Council and they did not wish to jeopardise that relationship. Many other Councillors were of the same opinion.</p> <p>Scarborough Borough Councillor Casey responded and advised he had considered the views of Filey Town Council and that he had not voted to remove the Leader on this occasion.</p> <p>Scarborough Borough Councillor Cockerill advised that he had voted to remove Cllr Siddons and he had fully explained his reasons for this during the Special Scarborough Council Meeting. He did regret that he had not informed Filey Town Council prior to Special Meeting, but timescales/meeting schedules had not allowed it on this occasion.</p>
122/20/21	<p><b>Quotes for the Printing of the Town Guide 2022/23</b></p> <p>The Town Guide and Map Committee had recently sought quotes for the cost of printing the 2022/23 Filey Town Guide. Three quotes had been received (copies included with the agenda pack) and the Committees recommendation was to award the contract to Briggs Brother Ltd to print 10,000 copies of the guide.</p> <p>Council were asked to consider approving this recommendation.</p>
122/20/21.1	<p><b>RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved, and the contract be awarded to Briggs Brothers Ltd.</b></p>
123/20/21	<p><b>Council Tablets</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that following the decision made at the last meeting he had contacted Filey Infants to enquire if they would be able to put the old council tablets to use. The Infant School had responded and said that they would be delighted to receive them.</p> <p>The tablets needed to be cleansed before being passed on to the Infant School and the Clerk was tasked with arranging this. Members were keen to get this work done as soon as possible and so following a proposal from Cllr Cockerill and seconded by Cllr Robinson it was</p>
123/20/21.1	<p><b>RESOLVED: That the clerk arrange for the tablets to be cleansed and donated to Filey Infants Schools as soon as possible. If the cleansing could be done for a total cost of less than £500 then the Clerk had the authority to proceed.</b></p>
124/20/21	<p><b>Election of Freeman and Freewomen</b></p> <p>Council were asked to consider how to progress the election of Freeman and Freewomen. As discussion followed and the</p>



124/20/21.1	<p>consensus was that election of Freeman and Freewomen should be postponed until such time as physical meetings were possible.</p> <p>Following a proposal by Cllr Cronk, seconded by Cllr Robinson it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the election of Freeman and Freewomen be postponed until it became possible for the Council to hold physical meetings.</b></p>
125/20/21	<p><b>Co-option of Councillors</b></p> <p>Council were asked to consider how to progress the co-option of Councillors</p> <p>Members were mainly of the opinion was that the Co-option of Councillors should be postponed until such time as physical meetings were possible.</p> <p>Following a proposal by Cllr Cronk, seconded by Cllr Robinson it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the Co-option of Councillors be postponed until it became possible for the Council to hold physical meetings.</b></p>
126/20/21	<p><b>Use of Remote Meetings</b></p> <p>The National Association of Local Council's had written to all Town/Parish Councils asking for their views on the continued use of remote meetings for some or all of the Council's business as the current law allowing these meetings was to expire in May 2021.</p> <p>Members discussed this subject at length and felt that they would be happy to continue holding remote meetings until such time as the Government allowed face to face meetings to resume safely. The Council would however wish to retain the ability to hold remote meetings in the future as and when it was appropriate.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	
127/20/21	<p>Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting to be <b>7pm</b> on <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b> to be held by video conferencing.</p>

**Meeting started 7.00pm and closed at 9.00pm**

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