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Meeting of Council held on **21 April 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), S Mills, H Parkin, L Randall, J Robinson and K Wilkie.

Scarborough Borough Councillor – John Casey

North Yorkshire County Councillor – Helen Swiers

Also Present: Three members 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
146/20/21	Apologies Apologies had been received from Scarborough Borough Councillor Sam Cross.
147/20/21	Declarations of interest No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.
148/20/21	Public participation time A member of the public asked a question relating to item 10(C) on the agenda Strategic Planning Minutes. She wished to know if there had been any update on the signage (Way finder) project. The Town Clerk advised that there had been no progress to date.

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Reports to Council	
149/20/21	<p>North Yorkshire Police Report</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 March 2021.</p> <p>As there wasn't a representative from North Yorkshire Police available to attend the meeting, Members were advised to forward any queries they may have on the report to the Town Clerk.</p>
150/20/21	<p>Bonhomme Richard Group</p> <p>Mr James Hodgson from the group attended the meeting to give Council an update on the project.</p> <p>Mr Hodgson provided some historical background, gave an update on the Filey Bay 1779 Research Group and its objectives, and gave details of some the events planned in 2021.</p> <p>Mr Hodgson was keen for the Town Council to become involved with the project moving forward and particularly some of the events planned for the coming year. The Battle of Flamborough Head was a very interesting part of Filey's history, and the group felt that the planned celebrations would bring benefits to the Town in terms of tourism.</p> <p>Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions and the Mayor thanked Mr Hodgson for the update he had provided.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Haxby and seconded by Cllr Mills that the Council hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss what assistance the Town Council could provide, as soon as the group were able to provide the detailed financial information that would be required in order for the Town Council to make decisions.</p>
150/20/20.1	<p>RESOLVED: That an Extraordinary meeting of Council be called to discuss the request for assistance received from the Bonhomme Richard Group as soon as was practicable after the receipt of the information required from the group to enable the Town Council to make decisions.</p>
151/20/21	<p>Mayoral Report</p> <p>The Mayor was pleased to advise that the Project Manager from Scarborough Borough Council had visited recently, and a walk round had taken place to plan for works required around the Town, a report including financial information was to follow. The Mayor continued to have regular dialogue with Scarborough Borough Council which was beneficial.</p>
152/20/21	<p>Borough and County Councillor Reports Scarborough Borough Councillor's Report</p>



Scarborough Boro. Cllr Cockerill's report had been previously circulated and gave updates on the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme, Ravine Bridge Lights, Local Government Ethical Standards, Evron Centre, Parking Suspension, Potential Skateboard, Travellers on West Avenue Car Park, Refurbishment of SBC toilets and Ongoing SBC Maintenance Work.

Cllr Cockerill also provided some verbal updates and reported that in addition to the seventeen million pounds granted by the Environment Agency to refurbish the sea defences in Filey, the Cabinet at Scarborough Borough Council had approved the allocation of one million pounds to public realm and improvements works to be spent across Filey, Scarborough and Whitby seafronts.

Cllr Cockerill had also been in communication with traders on Murray Street regarding the planters (part of the parking suspension scheme) and some minor amendments to the placement of the planters had followed. Cllr Cockerill was working with landowners and Borough Council officers regarding the flood alleviation scheme footpath and following communication with the Chief Executive of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Mark Downie, he provided an update on the future of Filey's lifeboat the RNLI Keep Fit Association.

Scarborough Boro. Cllr Casey's report had been previously circulated and gave updates on Yorkshire Water updates on Cargate Hill, Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme, Locality Budget for Ward Councillors, Parking Suspension on Murray Street, Travellers on West Avenue and Filey Kite Festival.

In addition, Cllr Casey reported that he and Boro. Cllr's Cross and Cockerill each had a locality budget of £2000 which could be granted to small projects in the Town, if any group had a project that could benefit from a grant, there was a criteria to be met and he was happy to provide further details.

North Yorkshire County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Swiers report had been previously circulated and provided updates on Covid 19 and Silver Birches.

County Cllr Swiers was asked to report that the patching repairs which had been made to the pavement on Clarence Drive, were of a very poor quality and needed to be redone. There were also concerns about the quality of road surface on Scarborough Road by the roundabout at the seaward end, which was becoming dangerous. Finally, there was an area of pavement on the seafront which had been closed with barriers for several months and needed repairing. Cllr Swiers kindly agreed to speak to Highways about these concerns.



153/20/21	<p>Town Clerk and RFO Report</p> <p>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, the Town Plan, the Assets & Services Working Party and Christmas lights.</p> <p>Upcoming Council Meetings and Mayoral Engagements were also included within the report.</p> <p>Cllr Cockerill asked if there was an update from Yorkshire Water regarding Queen Street Gardens and the Clerk advised that legal information was awaited from Scarborough Borough Council and would be taken to the next Property Committee meeting.</p>
Council business items – Procedural Items	
154/20/21	<p>Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2021.</p> <p>Cllr Randall proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson, that Council resolve to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
154/20/21.1	<p>RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
155/20/21	<p>Minutes of Committee Meetings</p> <p>Minutes of meetings:</p> <p>Planning Committee – 8th March 2021 Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall that the minutes be noted by Council</p>
155/20/21.1	<p>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</p>
155/20/21.2	<p>Events & Lighting Committee – 12th March 2021 Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall that the minutes be noted by Council</p>
155/20/21.3	<p>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</p>
155/20/21.4	<p>Events & Lighting Committee – 26th March 2021 Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall that the minutes be noted by Council</p>
155/20/21.5	<p>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</p>
155/20/21.6	<p>Strategic Planning Committee – 19th March 2021 Cllr Parkin reported that the date had been recorded incorrectly on the minutes for this meeting. The Clerk advised that he would amend the minutes and submit them to the next meeting of Strategic Planning Committee for approval.</p>



<p>155/20/21.4</p>	<p>Finance & General-Purpose Committee – 22nd March 2021 Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall that the minutes be noted by Council</p> <p>RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</p> <p>Sports Funding Working Party – 25th March 2021 Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Randall that the minutes be noted by Council</p> <p>155/20/21.5 RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the minutes</p> <p>In addition, a report was received from Cllr Wilkie, Chair of the Ravine Skate Park Group giving an update on progress to date.</p>
<p>156/20/21</p> <p>156/20/21.1</p>	<p>Schedule of Payments Cllr Haxby proposed, seconded by Cllr Cronk that the Council approve the schedule of payments from the general fund for the period 8th March 2021 to 1st April 2021, a total of £25,588.19 of expenditure.</p> <p>Cllr Haxby noted that payment had been made for ‘Bonzo the Seal’ and it was disappointing to see that large cracks were already appearing in the wood. There were sharp edges where cracks had formed which could prove dangerous. The Clerk was asked to investigate; and see what could be done about these cracks.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Council supported the proposal and the schedule of payments from the general fund for the period 8th March 2021 to 1st April 2021, a total of £25,588.19 of expenditure was approved.</p>
<p>157/20/21</p> <p>157/20/21.1</p>	<p>Fair on Country Park Members were asked to further consider the proposal to support an application as outlined at the previous meeting to site a fairground on the Country Park for a period during the summer months.</p> <p>A discussion followed and Members had a variety of views. Following a proposal from Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Haxby a resolution was passed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Filey Town Council could not support the proposal to site a fairground on the Country Park for several weeks during the summer.</p>
<p>158/20/21</p>	<p>Parking</p>



	<p>Cllr Haxby wished to bring to the attention of Council several issues regarding parking throughout the Town and consider any actions appropriate.</p> <p>Areas of concern were people parking on West Avenue, Arndale Way and Church Cliff Drive to avoid paying car parking fees, and this was denying residents a place to park. It was envisaged that this would only get worse during the summer when visitor numbers increased significantly.</p> <p>The topic was discussed at length, with ideas including a residents parking scheme and a “drop off bay” on the seafront for use by disabled visitors. County Councillor Swiers kindly volunteered to refer the residents parking scheme idea to County Council for initial consideration, following which residents could be asked to consider the introduction of scheme via the Town Council’s newsletter.</p>
159/20/21	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Council was asked to consider the dates, times and format of future meetings including the Annual Parish Meeting, May Council Meeting, the Annual Meeting, and the June Council Meeting.</p> <p>The temporary covid legislation allowing the Council to hold their meetings remotely was to come to an end at midnight on the 6th of May 2021 and so consideration was needed on how to hold the next four meetings in a covid safe way which complied with the legal obligations.</p> <p>Following a discussion, a proposal by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr Robinson and a unanimous vote, the following resolution was made.</p>
159/20/21.1	<p>RESOLVED: That the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th April, the May Council Meeting on Wednesday 5th May and the Annual Meeting of Council will take place on Thursday 6th May. All these meeting will be held by video conferencing prior to the change in legislation. Arrangements for future meetings will be finalised upon receipt of further information from HM Government.</p>
	<p>Next Meeting</p>
160/20/21	<p>Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting to be 7pm on Wednesday 5th May 2021 to be held by video conferencing.</p>

Meeting started 7.00pm and closed at 9.00pm

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