

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of matters relating to Filey

PROW – Parish Wood and northwards

Following the discussion at the June meeting I understand Cllr Swiers managed to make contact with the relevant Officer at NYCC.

The Officer contacted me and apologised for the delay in responding.

We arranged a site meeting and I invited Cllr Haxby to attend.

The meeting was eventually attended by the NYCC Footpath Officer, FBOG representatives Chris Hansell and Ian Robinson, plus Cllr Haxby with Mrs Haxby, as the original applicant, together with myself.

Mrs Haxby explained the reason for the application and referred to various items of evidence in support of the application, confirming that the route of the path had been used for many years.

FBOG expressed their concern about dogs being allowed to enter their land, even to owners lifting their pets over fences to allow them to run around.

FBOG are also planning to seed the strip of land immediately above Parish Wood with Meadow grass and do not wish to have it continuing to be used as a path.

The Footpath Officer agreed that he would raise the matter with colleagues.

When I had the Footpath Officer alone I urged him to seek to get the current application a higher priority on the current list of applications.

On my understanding the evidence already produced to County has confirmed that the footpath is an established right of way.

As such there is nothing to legally prevent members of the public walking it.

Taken from the gov.uk website : “ you may still be able to access private land if:

1. the land was used as a public right of way in the past - check old maps and documents
2. the land was accessed by the public for at least 20 years and nobody has asked them to stop
3. the landowner has given permission ('permissive access')

I believe there is clear evidence that public access has been proved as per 1 & 2 above and also probably 3.

This would be contrary to the wishes of FBOG and it is possible that steps might be taken in attempting to prevent this access to their land.

Due to this I again urged the Footpath Officer to seek a higher priority for the existing application.

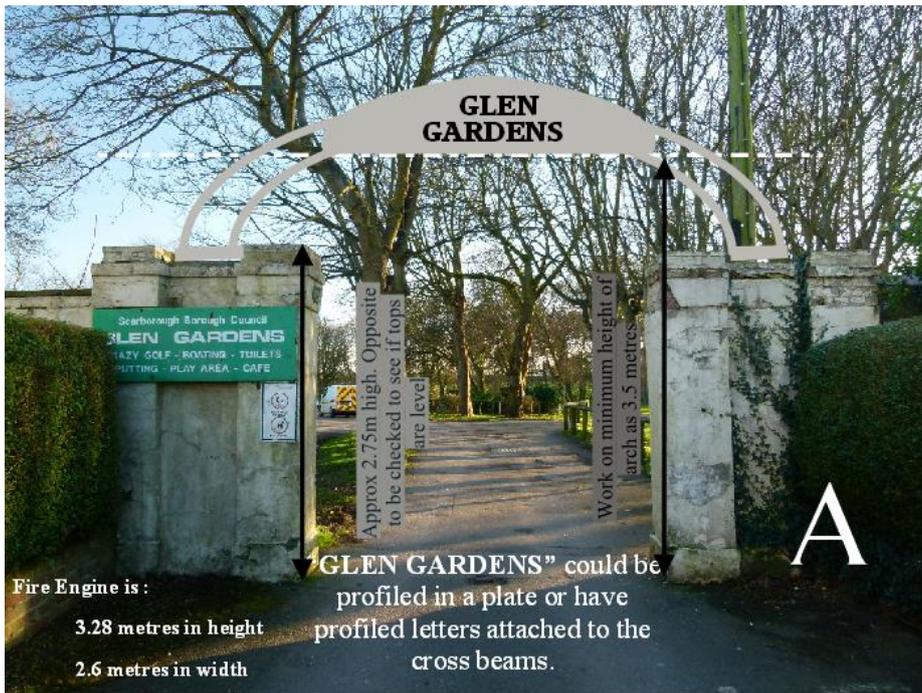
Affordable Housing

Members will recall that the Cabinet decided to include the land between Clarence Drive and Hallam Close in the area initially being considered for marketing for residential development as part of the Better Homes policy.

This was an agenda item for the Borough Council meeting, 5 July.

I spoke against the inclusion of the Filey site but regrettably Cabinet had decided not to remove any sites as a final report has to go to Cabinet before the disposal of any of the sites.

Entrance to Glen Gardens off South Crescent Road



As I have mentioned previously, my request for improvements to the entrance brickwork and rendering has been approved. Loose rendering and brickwork will be removed and replaced.

Additionally, I have received confirmation that my suggestion for an arch has been accepted with the cost being covered by SBC from the revenue maintenance budget.

This was confirmed at a joint, SBC/FTC, meeting about projects for Filey. The Town Councillors are invited to express a preference as to which of the Options below they prefer.



Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme Environmental Enhancements

I am pleased to be able to report that the agreement achieved during my discussions with the landowner in regard to a footpath link across the farm track to the track that runs alongside Country Park has been accepted by SBC.

Part of the work also includes the construction of a North to South footpath linking the 2 footpaths running East to West. The footpath is on a new alignment agreed during on site discussions.

The necessary work is underway, it started 5 July.



The start of the construction of the North/South footpath. This clearly shows the new alignment agreed during the site meeting

The Eastern end of the lower East/West footpath with the route of the link across the farm track to that running alongside Country Park shown under construction.

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