

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of matters relating to Filey

FILEY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

- A. Reports to the Borough Council state that the flood alleviation part of the scheme will be complete by 31 March this year with the remainder of the environmental work due to be finished by 22 July 2021.



Shows discharge outlet from Scarborough Road Holding Area



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- B. I have received assurances, following completion of Electricity work in the vicinity of the PROW, that my request for additional stoning of the PROW will be undertaken around any Electricity work and the Discharge Outlet from the Scarborough Road Holding Area. A length of the PROW had been disturbed during the installation of pipework and headwall.
- C. Concern has been expressed by residents of Wooldale Drive and Pinewood Avenue about the buildup of water behind the southernmost bund. See images below.



I have contacted SBC and the consulting engineer and been informed that the water will dissipate naturally. I am not satisfied with this response and have taken it further, particularly as I consider there is a simple and relatively simple solution.

EVRON CENTRE

The papers for the January meeting of the Borough Council contained the information that 24 out of the 25 offices available for rent were occupied.

It was also confirmed that the venue has booking for 3 weddings in 2021.

SEAWALL

I am pleased to report that the work to undertake capital maintenance work to our seawall has reached a further important stage.

The Business Case for the funding bid of £1.7 million submitted to the Environment Agency has been reviewed and approved by the National Project Assurance Service.

Once formal written approval is received a report will be submitted to Cabinet.

The proposed works include improving the rock armour revetment in the area of outflanking to the south of New Sea Wall, localised replacement and refurbishment of missing or damaged sections of the toe beam of the seawall exposed by low beach levels together with capital refurbishment of the face of the seawall.

The works will be 100% externally funded.

This will help to address some of the concerns that have been expressed about the deterioration of some of the blocks forming the sea defences that is considered to have been caused by the natural action of the abrasive sand during periods of rough seas.

DOG MESS

At the meeting of the Borough Council I raised the ever ongoing matter of Dog Mess.

I stated that 2 Dog Wardens are totally insufficient to even attempt to redress this problem.

Cllr Randerson, the relevant Cabinet Member, stated that both he and Cllr Siddons were actively considering this matter. Both my fellow Borough Councillors for Filey supported my view.

Additionally I was able to clarify the extent of the area covered by the Year Round Dogs On Leads that was open to interpretation.

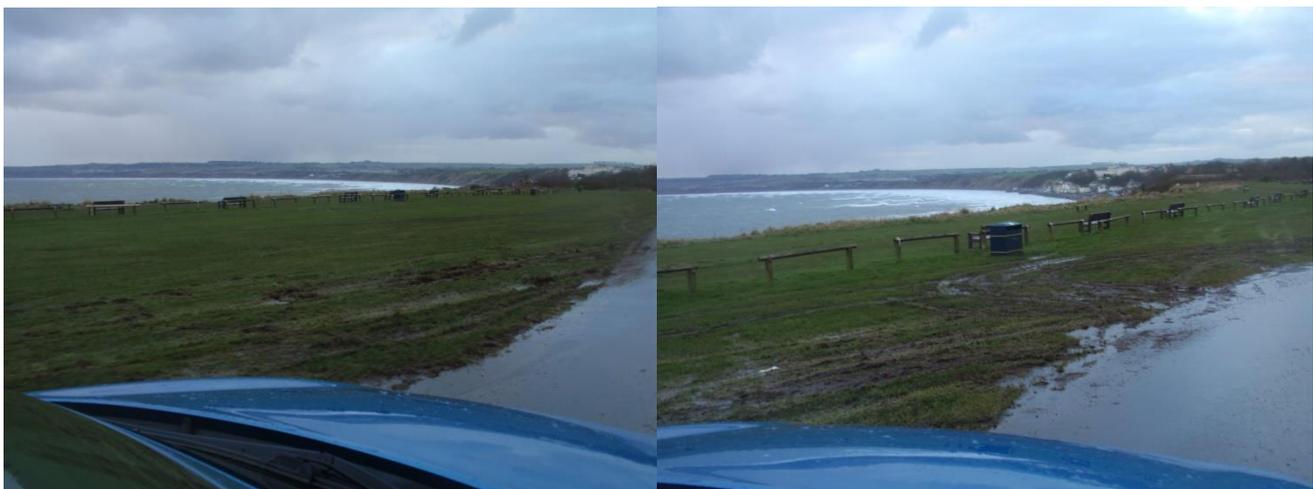
DRIVE IN CINEMA

West Avenue car park was the venue for the return of the Drive In Cinema over the festive season.

COUNTRY PARK

Regrettably Country Park has seen evidence of drivers being unable to keep their vehicles on the tarmac. Some have gone onto the grass to get a better view of the sea but others have just cut corners.

Has anyone any suggestions as to any measure that could be implemented to reduce this happening?



SBC PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

At the meeting of the Borough Council, 4 January, I asked for information in regard to the work to refurbish the toilets.

The Portfolio Holder provided a great deal of information, see below.

***MJC** - When will the work identified as being necessary to bring individual public toilets into a fit condition be implemented ?*

Cllr Randerson - The council backed a £1.8m plan to refurbish the authorities toilets a year ago. This strategy involves refurbishing some 30 toilets owned by SBC, as well as partnering with businesses to offer more places for people to spend a penny. Unfortunately the condition of a large number of council toilets is very poor and many are in need of urgent repair.

The team appointed for the refurbishment of St Nicholas toilets should be completed for the forthcoming summer holidays. The following sites :

Staithes Bank Bottom, Sandsend North and South, Castleton, Whitby Marina and Filey Evron Centre are designated to be upgraded for Easter this year.. There is also the conversion from a septic tank onto mains sewerage at Clayton Bay. Work will start on other sites shortly .

In conclusion Phase 1 of the new plan for our public conveniences has a target completion date of January 2022 the aim is still to have all identified works in Phase 1 completed as the agreed schedule.

***MJC** - Has any consideration been given to further changes that would be necessary to allow a charge to be made for the use of these facilities?*

Cllr. Randerson - As part of the January 2020 plan for our public conveniences we agreed a two year improvement plan which included expansion of our pay on entry principle. Unfortunately we soon needed to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and took the decision to waive the charges to allow people to access cleaning facilities when out and about. The intention is to reintroduce pay on entry as and when this is possible, and it will remain a key part of putting the public convenience service on a sustainable footing.

This administration has put in place plans to reopen some of the most heavily utilised Public Toilets and indeed already the Marine Drive in Scarborough-has a temporary Toilet Block in situ which will be relocated to Cayton Bay when a permanent unit is eventually erected.

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