

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of matters relating to Filey

Ravine Lights

As promised at the May meeting of the Town Council, I informed the NYCC Electrical Engineer that the Town Council would prefer the Ravine lampposts to be repainted in "Filey Blue".

The Engineer called me and confirmed that this would take place after some work had been carried out along the Ravine.

He explained that following my site meeting with the Engineer earlier this year, the energy supply to the whole length of the Ravine has been investigated and it has been found to be in need of updating.

It is planned that a new cable will be laid along the length of the Ravine, probably later this year, together with any other alterations to the control equipment in individual lampposts. The new cable will have sufficient capacity to allow the installation of floodlighting if considered appropriate.

After completion of the above work the lampposts will be repainted.

The Engineer has suggested that it would be sensible to consult the householders whose properties overlook Ravine to ascertain if there would be any objections to the installation of floodlighting.

This could be done by a mailshot to the relevant properties on the Northern side of Queen Street overlooking the Ravine.

I am currently awaiting further information as to possible costs of installing suitable floodlighting as well as a cost for any trial that could take place.

The work to improve the lighting on the bridge is more involved but investigations are continuing.

Lifebuoys

The matter of the Lifebuoys along the seafront was raised at the last meeting.

I raised the subject with the SBC Water Safety Officer, his response is :

"It's a difficult one as like you say they probably wouldn't be of much use anyway but when we did an audit, it was a long way between lifebuoys.

We started working up a plan to recreate what was done at Scarborough with businesses sponsoring lifebuoys but we haven't got very far yet. We also considered life lines instead of buoys which are sometimes easier for the general public to use but are then subject to theft."

Car parking

Following the mention of the concern at the last meeting, I have contacted relevant people and have been promised that the issue will be raised at the next SBC / NYCC Highways meeting.

I was informed that it had taken 7 years to achieve the implementation of a Resident's Parking Scheme at Whitby and that it had not been uniformly accepted as it did not resolve all problems and created others.

Police 101 system

I have been in contact with the newly appointed Police Commissioner to follow up on the discussions Cllr Casey and I had with him and our MP last year.

He told me that he had already spoken to the Chief Constable.

Clearly he has only just taken over the responsibilities and it will take a little time for him to get to grips with that issue as well as a lot of other pressing matters. However, he did inform me that he has an outline 101 plan already but he needs to visit the York site.

Matters have been further complicated by Julia Muligan, the outgoing Commissioner, who brought in consultants to look at costs and who recommended 12 hour shifts. This means if a member of staff is ill it has serious knock on consequences.

White Lodge Shelter and Steps to Martin's Ravine



Work is well underway on the refurbishment of the shelter.

- The roof and replacement of the rainwater goods are now complete.
- Polycarbonate glazing has been installed in the lower tier of window frames.
- Repairs have been undertaken to rotted woodwork and painting of the woodwork will be carried out shortly.



The work to the steps was completed in mid May with the top 38 steps having been completely reset to provide a far safer route to and from Martin's Ravine

Devolution / LGR

The Chief Exec believes that an announcement could be made within the next few weeks about the decision the Minister is “minded” to make
This would be followed by a number of detailed announcements about how things would progress.

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.

In addition to the 15 objections received, I was pleased to read, in an independent report to the Lives and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee that development of this piece of land was considered to be unviable in isolation.

The report suggested, if it was decided to build on the site as part of the overall policy that it was unlikely to start before July 2032.

I hope Cabinet, when it considers the report, accepts the conclusion in regard to the Filey site.

SBC Assets & Service in Filey

During my regular update from SBC Chief Executive, Mike Green, I asked when the Town Council would receive the list of requested information.

The Chief Exec promised to check the availability of the information.

However, during another meeting, Lisa Dixon said she was unaware the information had been collated.

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

Problems with the drainage from the soccer field continue to be brought to my attention.

Regrettably some promises made by the contractors have not been kept.

I am obliged to Cllr Wilkie for bringing them to my attention.

I have had, what I consider to be, a serious complaint from a resident in regard to an unofficial notice placed on the site fencing. The notice told people to keep out of the work site but used most offensive and totally unacceptable language.

I have raised the issue with senior officers and members a SBC and contact has been made with the contractors.

Locality Budget

Two applications that I submitted have been approved :

- Filey In Bloom
- RNLI

Entrance to Glen Gardens off South Crescent Road

I was pleased to report that 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.

I am presently preparing a sketch for the fabricator.

Murray Street Planters

Following the announcement that the current Lockdown restrictions would be extended, I asked for the planters to be replanted, this work started last week.

Soap Box Challenge

I forwarded the Pres Release announcing the confirmation of the event. I am pleased that the Tripartite Working Group approved the Filey Branch of RNLI as the chosen charity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Cockerill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

**Borough Councillor M J Cockerill
Representing Filey on SBC**

Further Information in regard to Item 15 of the Agenda Filey Fields PROW

Following the concern expressed by many people of the difficulty in walking over the stoned diversion by the side of the Extra Care Facility off Scarborough Rod, I raised the issue with both the County and Borough Councils.

First I received the text below as part of a response from NYCC in regard to my query about the new route of the PROW that will be in existence when the Extra Care facility on Scarborough road is completed.

I had asked **“What treatment, if any, of the new PROW is being considered?”**

I am particularly interested as the PROW will link to the new footpaths constructed as part of the Flood Scheme Environmental Enhancements. It would be beneficial to have a consistent surface for the whole circular walk.”

NYCC response :

“We have no knowledge of what surfacing or construction is planned for the proposed new alignment of the Public Right of Way as Scarborough Borough Council are dealing with the application and our paths team have not received any queries or consultations from them. I have been advised to suggest that you should to contact SBC planning as it is their team who are dealing with the PROW diversion application under the Town and Country Planning Act, and will have the details of any surface requirements, if any, that need to be met for the diversion to be completed.”

Due to the denial of any involvement by NYCC I then contacted SBC Planning and received this response and map.

“Please find attached a copy of the Order Map which is part of the Diversion Order made last year following the grant of planning permission for the Filey Fields Farm extra care building in 2019.

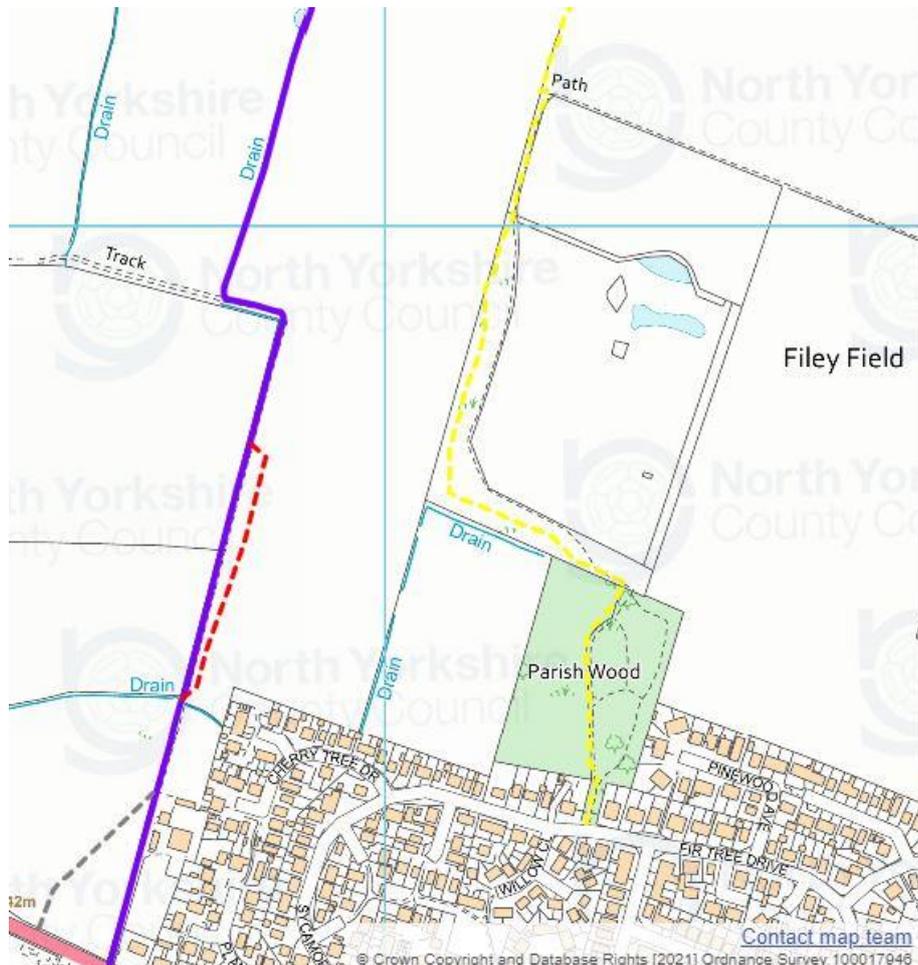
The diverted length of right of way (C-B on the plan) will run along the highway footpath on the eastern side of the new access road to the extra care building. Beyond this the diverted route will be un-made (as it was prior to diversion) until point B, where it joins the retained right of way (which is also un-made). This new permanent route is currently under temporary diversion for the period of construction.

If and/ or when the remainder of allocation HA23 is development it may be that the right of way has to be altered again.

I am surprised that the Rights of Way Team are suggesting that they have no knowledge of what is happening here. They were consulted as part of the planning application process for the extra care building in 2019 (and provided a response) and they have been contacted by our legal services team in respect of the Diversion Order work.”

No doubt you will be as surprised as I was at the response from NYCC.

The map below shows the various current aspects of the current PROW application together with the diverted PROW due to the construction of the Extra Care Facility plus the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme.



The GREY dotted line is the diversion due to the construction of the Extra Care facility on Scarborough Road.

The RED dotted line shows the additional diversion directly due to the construction of the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The YELLOW dotted line shows the proposed PROW route applied for in 2013.



Plan showing the currently approved route of the PROW after completion of the Extra Care Facility.

I am informed that a Planning Application for the residential development of HA23 to the North of Cherry Tree Drive and Sycamore Avenue is expected shortly.