

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of matters relating to Filey

Filey Investment Plan

During my regular meeting with Mike Green I asked about the Filey Investment Plan and said that I looked forward to seeing some action rather than just talking, I considered it was important to having funds allocated and spent.

I also asked for information in regards to the refurbishment of public conveniences. MG said he would ask an officer to provide information.

I mentioned 2 adjacent empty shops in Filey that spoiled the townscape and created the wrong impression. MG agreed to look into what, if anything, might be done to improve the aesthetics of the empty properties, e.g. vinyl on the windows.

Dog Dirt

Again to MG, I stated that the situation was getting worse and that I had been in contact with the relevant Portfolio Holder and was informed that work was ongoing. MG stated that it wasn't only specific Dog Wardens that could be employed to fight the problem. Provided they had received appropriate training, other people could act in that capacity. MG would look into the specific requirements and let me know.

I raised the issue at the February meeting of the Borough Council and was informed that there will be briefings for Members during the year.

Housing

A report is in preparation for submitting to Cabinet in May.

National Armed Forces Day (NAFD)

In a letter to SBC Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace confirmed that the NAFD, due to take place in June 2021, will now move to 25 June 2022.

Ward Members Locality Budget

At the February meeting of the Council a freeze on Council Tax was approved.

The report contained a recommendation to provide £2,000 to each Ward Member with a general minimum of £500.

I proposed an amendment that the minimum be reduced to £250 per grant. Having been seconded and supported by many of the speakers this was included in the vote and supported unanimously.

There are criteria to be abided by when considering any grant application. I have already intimated that I would like to support Keep Filey Tidy if their project fits the necessary criteria.

Filey Kite Festival

This is scheduled to take place on Country Park, 18th & 19th September. The Northern Kite Group has promised to bring Oscar, the world's tallest Teddy Bear kite, 64ft tall.

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme (FFAS)

Fellow Ward Members and I attended the virtual meeting mentioned at your February meeting.

We were updated on the project to date together with the expected completion dates in regards to the areas of work, much as contained in the presentation to the Town Council.

It was agreed that the project, even in its uncompleted condition, had been of significant benefit to the town and residents during the bad weather over recent months. It is likely that, without that progress, some flooding of properties would have occurred.

A number of issues were raised by myself including:

- A. The Wooldale Lake
- B. The standing water near Long Planting
- C. The condition of part of the Public Right of Way (PROW) to the North of the Extra Care facility
- D. The filling in of part of the ditch alongside the diverted Public Right of Way

Outcomes:

- A. It was confirmed that the bund holding back the water has been engineered and constructed so that there is no danger from it collapsing. This will be monitored and, if the water level does not recede sufficiently consideration will be given to relocating the fence that currently runs through the middle of the water.
- B. It was confirmed that this would be improved by localised scraping of the ground after the removal of the site fencing.
- C. Originally SBC Officers informed me that this was outside the work site and that the 70 metre length would cost £4,000 to have stone laid and that this could not be funded from the project budget.
It has since been agreed that part of the area does lie within the actual Work Site. The actual Work Site has a smaller footprint than that expected and shown on the Planning Application.
The length of the PROW within the work site will, at some stage, have stone laid to improve the very muddy surface.
The length of the footpath between the work site and the diverted footpath has been measured at 30 metres with a cost of £2,090 to lay the stone.
- D. This work had been carried out by Tolent, the contractors for the Housing 21 Extra Care development, who were to be contacted about remedial work.
Tolent has now installed a pipe under the diverted PROW to reinstate the drainage system although I am not impressed.

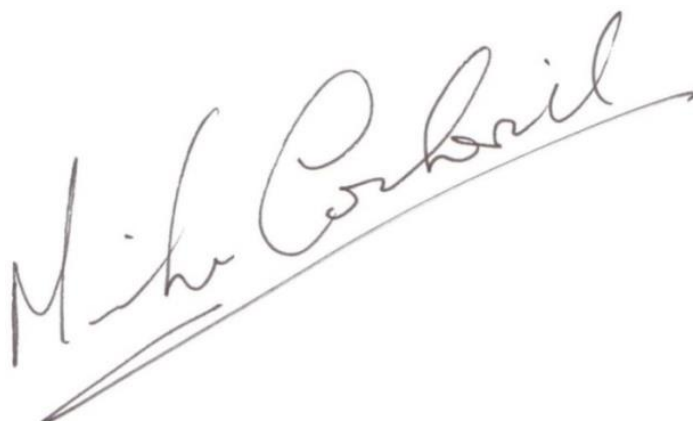
Cllr Cross raised the issue of the flooding of the football field. However, it was confirmed that this had been dealt with some months ago.

This is the issue Cllr Wilkie raised with me last year.

Similarly Cllr Casey raised the matter of the footpath leading from the northern boundary of Parish Wood.

It was stated that part of the project included new footpaths to the areas to both the East and West of Parish Wood. This is clearly shown on the Planning Application.

The footpath that is the subject of an application to NYCC to designate the North / South path up to the cliff top does not fall within the scope of the FFAS.



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