

## **MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of SBC matters relating to Filey**

### **Bridge Hole Toilet Refurbishment**

Following the receipt of an expression of concern in regard to the progress of work on the toilet refurbishment, I contacted SBC officers for an update on progress. I visited the site and also became concerned that the work would not be completed on time, the original completion date was 6 May.

### **Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme (FFAS)**

A review of the whole project was an Agenda Item on the recent meeting of the Places and Futures Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee received written report together with a presentation.

I made the point that some stages in the overall project could have been actioned concurrently rather than consecutively. The discussions with landowners and later with their Land Agents but particularly their Solicitors had significantly contributed to the extended timescale. The Senior Officer presenting the report was asked if Compulsory Purchase of the required land would have reduced the timescale. He replied that it would have extended it as exactly the same process would have been necessary.

### **Pollution**

I met Yorkshire Water (YW) earlier this month in regard to its efforts to identify the source(s) of the unacceptable level of pollution entering Filey Bay. The continuing pollution is preventing Filey gaining the prestigious Blue Flag.

In March a low flying light aircraft took high resolution images of the whole town. YW personnel will now study those images in an effort to identify any incorrect connections to their drainage system.

Those properties identified for further investigation will be visited by YW staff who will encourage the householder to rectify the situation. If any serious misconnections are identified, or there is a reluctance to rectify the error, Environmental Health will be informed.

I also took the opportunity of showing the YW Partnership Manager the completed Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme. He had worked closely with me on the Filey Flood Working Group and had been instrumental in securing YW funding to install the increased capacity in Wharfedale and Cawthorne Crescent and construct the underground tank in the Playing Field.

### **Grass cutting**

Concern has been expressed at the continuation of last year's policy in regard to the cutting of the grass adjacent to Country Park car park.

As I reported previously, I raised this matter at an Overview and Scrutiny meeting earlier this year.

I arranged a site meeting with the relevant SBC Manager. Whilst accepting the concern I raised as to the untidiness in a prime location of allowing the grass to grow unhindered together with the use of the area as a dog's toilet, the officer stated that he had received compliments about the being left as an ecological area.

We discussed the pros and cons and eventually the officer agreed with me that the area should be cut in the same manner as the rest of Country Park, i.e. not just left to grow wild. The Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme is, in my opinion, a far more appropriate area to be treated as an ecological area, the officer agreed to this suggestion. However, we agreed that it was important to ensure the new footpaths did not become overgrown.

### **Litter bins & seagull droppings**

Having been contacted by Cllr Randall, I raised the issue of the state of some litter bins in Filey plus the seagull droppings on footpaths at SBC.

I received an immediate response from the Portfolio Holder and later raised the matter at my site meeting with SBC officer mentioned above.

The officer agreed to investigate and the very next day agreed that improvements were required and promised to take action.

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**Mike Cockerill**  
**Representing Filey on SBC**