

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of SBC matters relating to Filey

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme & Environmental Enhancements

I have previously reported that the construction of FFAS has achieved what is classed "Practical Completion". This means that the only remaining work is snagging and tidying up.

I am informed that a legal agreement was entered into between SBC & FBOG in regard to vehicular access across the Flood Alleviation land.

The agreement shows 3 alternative routes with the arrangement that when access is required FBOG will contact SBC for permission and instruction as to which route to use.

I am also informed that it was originally intended that the contractors would lay down a track for their own use by heavy plant and that this would be left insitu to provide a suitable track. In the event, this track was found not to be necessary for the construction of the FFAS and was never laid.

Consequently there is no track suitable for vehicles other than on the soil. Clearly this may cause damage if used during times when the ground is other than firm.

Since making it public that the FFAS site was now, officially, open I have received comments that it is difficult for disabled and wheelchairs to access the new footpaths.

The access at Filey Fields is a problem as, although it is a PROW, part is not in public ownership and it is likely that a Planning Application for residential use will be submitted with part of the access along the line of the PROW.

The access to the Eastern end of the FFAS footpaths is far easier as the track is in the ownership of SBC.

At the Borough Council meeting on Monday I raised this issue and was promised that my request for improvements to allow full wheelchair access to the new FFAS footpaths will be considered. Since then I have had further discussions with SBC Officers.

Former Scout Hut, Conference Hall

The marketing process has been completed with offers being received from a multitude of bidders.

The Leader of SBC took an Urgent Decision to allow detailed discussions to take place with the Preferred Bidder.

Currently, the identity of the Preferred Bidder is Confidential, even Elected Members are not aware.

The value of the offer is also contained in a Confidential Appendix to the main report to the Leader.

At the Borough Council meeting I welcome the progress, albeit slow, on the Filey Plan and looked forward to at least some of the capital receipt from the sale of the site being spent in Filey.

Community Locality Budget

I have allocated all of my funds supporting 4 local organisations, Filey RNLI, Filey Golf Club, Filey Sailing Club and Filey in Bloom.

National Coastwatch Institution (NCI)

The site meeting I initiated during discussions with Mike Johnson, the local representative, took place late last month and was also attended by Cllr Casey, we both believe this can only be for the greater good.

I forwarded my report and preliminary request, copied to FTC, to Cllrs Siddons, Colling and Randerson and discussed the matter with them before the November meeting of the Borough Council.

Cllr Siddons was ill but both Cllrs Colling and Randerson were, In Principle, supportive. I have since emailed relevant SBC officers with specific requests.

Potential Scarborough Town Council(s)

I attended an SBC Governance Group meeting to discuss the possible creation of Parish or Town Councils in the unparished areas of Scarborough Borough.

Officers put forward information about the process and probable timescales with the inference that the process was unlikely to be concluded before the demise of SBC. It was recommended that the whole matter should be left to the new Unitary Authority.

My intention had been to press for SBC to start the work and probably hand over the new Unitary Authority. New information altered my stance although 2 other members also preferred the work to commence at once.

This led to a compromise being suggested by an officer that some initial work could be undertaken by a Working Party.

I was pleased that Cllr Cross suggested the idea could go to the SBC meeting, 1st November but officers said that the agenda was to be published the day after our Governance Group meeting and there was not sufficient time to include a report.

I stated that we often have the agenda published with "report to follow" so, in my opinion, the matter could be discussed at the November meeting of SBC.

I also stated that, in my opinion, it was vital that the initial work, at least, was undertaken locally and not just left to Northallerton.

This view was supported by others and ratified at the meeting of the Borough Council.

Lawns Cemetery Extension

Although the area of land behind the existing cemetery was designated for the extension quite a few years ago, SBC are employing consultants to look at the land.

A site meeting is to be held next week.

SBC Public Conveniences

Following my latest approach to the Portfolio Holder, a meeting took place early this month to allow Ward Members to be informed of the planned work in Phase 1 to the toilets in Filey.

All Ward Members attended the meeting that concentrated on the plans for Phase 1 of the refurbishment programme.

We were informed that the facility at Bridge Hole would be treated as the first priority, I attach the proposed plan. We have arranged for further information to be sent directly to the Town Council for discussion.

The toilets on New Sea Wall were originally included in Phase 1 but there are problems with the structure of the building itself.

Officers will be recommending to Cabinet that a thorough structural investigation of the building, including the adjoining café and kiosks are undertaken before further planning work is undertaken.

Some minor cosmetic work could be carried out to improve some of the facility in the short term.

The remaining toilets in Filey are scheduled to be in subsequent phases of the overall project.

All Ward Councillors were in support of the proposals.

BRIDGE HOLE TOILET PLANS



PROPOSED LAYOUT

The proposals include the removal of the existing redundant shower facility, updating of all internal fittings and surfaces. All of the internals will be brought up to a modern specification and quality.

A proper ventilation system has been promised and officers are to look at the water supply and drainage systems to identify the best location for an external shower and foot shower. The potential for efficiently handling the sand that has been washed off people's feet so that it does not block and drainage will be investigated.

A funding bid has been submitted to install a Changing Places amenity in the ancillary night facility at Bridge Hole. It is hoped to hear about this funding in the near future.

As it is anticipated that the work to the Bridge Hole facility will take at least 18 weeks, it is possible that the work will not be completed in time for Easter 2022.

SBC Assets & Services

I am informed that the financial information in regard to the provision of SBC Assets and Services to Filey has now been collated forwarding to the Town Council.

I am sure this will lead to some interesting discussion.

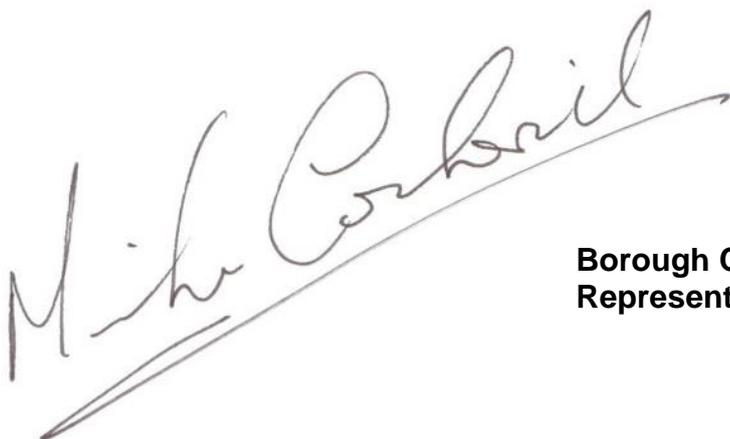
Railings

I requested and have received an update about the work on the seafront railings.

The work is in 3 Phases –

1. The rails on New Sea Wall will all be replaced in the same manner that those from Crescent Hill to Coble Landing have been in recent years.
2. The Victorian columns that have over 100 years of paint will have all the paint removed by Needle Gun back to the raw cast iron before being repainted.
3. The rails on the section from Crescent Hill to just in front of the Lifeguard Station, where the paint appears to have reacted with the salt air will be treated and repainted.

As you will appreciate the work to remove all the paint off the columns is very labour intensive and, consequently, very expensive but I am pleased that it is to be done properly.

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