

ITEM 8

Town Clerk and RFO Report

Committee: Council
Report Author: Jason Spencer, Town Clerk
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1. Correspondence and Actions

a) Filey Town Council Vacancy

As mentioned in last month's report a new notice seeking expressions of interest from individuals interested was published and expired on 28 April 2025. No expressions of interest were received.

b) North Yorkshire Council – Town Investment Plans.

On 6 May the Executive at North Yorkshire Council considered a report providing an overview of the Town Investment Plan programme and seeking delegation to accept funding if a grant application for £1.2 million from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) to support the development of investment plans for towns and key service centres across North Yorkshire is approved.

Filey may be one of the up to 32 possible towns and service centres referred to in the bid which aims to provide a place based strategic, co-ordinated approach to regeneration and investment. A copy of the report can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council website using the following link:

[Issue details - Town Investment Plans – Accept Funding | North Yorkshire Council](#)

c) Revenues and Benefits System Upgrade

North Yorkshire Council have advised us that they will be upgrading their Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits systems between 2 May and the end of June 2025. This involves merging seven legacy systems into one consistent system for everyone in North Yorkshire. To do this, they will need to turn off their systems, staggering the closings over seven weeks.

Whilst the systems are down, customers will still be able to submit requests, however, they will be unable to action any changes. Requests will be processed as quickly as possible from end of June 2025 when the new system launches. Most people will be unaffected, and customers do not need to do anything while they make these changes.

d) Road Closures

Muston Road - Restrictions will be in place for a period of 5 nights between 13th June 2025 and 17th June 2025 for the Annual level crossing test. Works are expected to finish 14th June 2025. Working hours will be 23:00 - 05:00.

e) Overnight Motorhome Parking

We have received the following two pieces of correspondence regarding overnight camping on the highway.

"I am a resident on West Ave, Filey, across from Glen Gardens Park. Recently, I and other neighbours have noticed a gradual increase in overnight parking by people sleeping in their camper and transit style vans across from our homes.

It started a few months ago when one blue van was a regular and has now increased.

Some nights we have up to five vans there and the situation will no doubt deteriorate as word gets around about the free parking.

This is no doubt a result of the 'experiment' to ban them from overnight parking in certain areas of Scarborough, Whitby and Cayton.

So now instead of them parking in areas away from neighbourhoods they are choosing to sleep 'on the streets' to escape paying overnight fees.

Which bright spark within Scarborough council decided to make this stupid and unnecessary ban?

Now I see people pouring liquids down the street drains on a morning before they drive off for the day and return later to park across from mine and other neighbours' homes.

This leaves me with no alternative other than to close my curtains for privacy as I do not know who is in the van and as their windows are blacked out I don't know if they are staring through my window. It is an intrusion on my privacy.

That particular area where they park has been a bone of contention for years with West Ave residents.

In the summer we are not permitted to park outside our own homes due to council restrictions. Yet even though there is a big car park at the bottom of the street non-residents and campers take up the free parking that residents should reasonably have first access to, leaving them often to scour the streets looking for a parking place.

This nonsense needs dealing with.

Surely at the least a few notices could be placed banning overnight stays for these types of vehicles, as on Crescent Hill etc?

It's quite amazing to me how they can place signs on Crescent Hill banning overnight parking when it is in an isolated spot but in a residential street it is deemed unnecessary!"

I am part of a growing section of the UK who are motorhome/campervan owners/users who wish to raise concerns about increasing restrictions placed on motorhome and campervan owners when accessing public parking spaces. In particular, the use of unenforceable signage such as "No Overnight Parking" with no legal order behind it, or the disproportionate targeting of higher vehicles with height barriers.

Motorhome and campervan users pay the same road tax and insurance as any other road user. We should not be penalised for choosing a self-contained, mobile lifestyle -whether full-time or holidaying - especially when these restrictions are not supported by legal mechanisms such as a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) or Parking Places Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

*Under Section 122 of the same Act, Local Authorities have a statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic, and to provide suitable parking facilities - they are not to deter responsible users or create rules for revenue or social exclusion. This was supported by the High Court in *Attfield v Barnet LBC* [2013], where it was ruled unlawful to use parking powers primarily to raise income.*

I respectfully ask that you:

- *review any current or proposed bans or restrictions targeting campervans/motorhomes;*
- *ensure all such restrictions are backed by lawful orders and public consultation;*
- *refrain from discriminatory use of height barriers or signage without proper legal justification.*

A growing number of citizens live in or travel by motorhome, especially in the current cost-of-living crisis. We contribute to local economies and communities. We ask only for fair access and for the law to be applied consistently.

Thank you for your time and attention.

f) North Yorkshire Council & Combined Authority Consultation

We have been advised of the following consultations by North Yorkshire Council and the Combined Authority:

Subject	More information	Deadline
Application for a pavement licence at 11 Murray Street, Filey, YO14 9DA known as Fido and Tide.	<p>The application is for outdoor seating to the front of the premises for serving of food and drink</p> <p>Licences, registrations and applications for the Scarborough area North Yorkshire Council</p>	9/5/25
<p>Changes to motorhome parking (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) consultation</p> <p>A trial restriction, known as an experimental traffic regulation order, will take place for up to 18 months and prohibit motorhomes and campervans from parking overnight between 11pm and 7am on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the A171 at Sandsend • Scarborough North Bay (Royal Albert Drive) • Cayton Bay (Osgodby Road southern end and Filey Road) • <p>During the first six months of the trial, we are asking people to share their views regardless of whether they are a motorhome user or not.</p>	<p>Changes to motorhome parking (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) consultation North Yorkshire Council</p>	14/5/25

g) Other consultation

Subject	More information	Deadline
Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE) consultation on draft recommendations for North Yorkshire Council.	North Yorkshire LGBCE	9/6/25

h) Freedom of Information Requests

The council has not recently received/responded to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act:

i) Complaints

The council has not received any formal complaints recently

j) Correspondence

There is no recent correspondence to report

2. Referrals from Committees

There are no referrals from Committees this month.

3. Upcoming Council Meetings

Below is a list of upcoming Council meetings:

Council – Annual Meeting – 28 May 2025 at 7pm

Events and Lighting Committee – 3 June 2025 at 2pm

Planning Committee – 9 June 2025 at 6.30pm

Property Committee – 10 June 2025 at 2pm

Council – 11 June 2025 at 7pm

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 7 July 2025 at 10am

4. Local meetings and events

Filey Over 60's Club Monday – Saturday 10:00am to 12 noon – Providence Place.

Filey Scribes- St. John's Parish Centre 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

Filey Friendship Group- Filey Fields Court first Tuesday of the month 10am-11:30am.

Unity Lunches- St. Mary's Church hall, 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month. 12noon to 4:00pm.

Open Church- first Saturday every month St. John's Church, West Avenue 10:00am to 11:30am.

Churches Together in Filey Chatterbox first Thursday of every month.

Filey Library see Notice Boards for all events.

Filey Flower Club- Evron Centre 7:30 pm Meetings monthly October to July.

Puppies & Dogs Training Out & about in Filey Sat & Sun mornings if interested contact Jeannie on 01723 512712.

5. Mayoral engagements

Below is a list of Mayoral engagements in 2024-25:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
06.06.2024	D Day event – Memorial Gardens	11.00 am
20.06.2024	Filey Sea Cadets Presentation Evening	6.30pm
13.07.2024	Royal British Legion – Raising of New Standard, St Oswald's Church	10.30am
14.07.2024	Filey Sailing Club Regatta – trophies presentation	2.00pm
15.07.2024	Meeting with MP	
18.07.2024	Presentation of Green Flag Award	10.00 am
29.07.2024	Funeral – Representing FTC	12 noon
01.08.2024	Yorkshire Day – City of York	All day
12.08.2024	Friends of Filey Museum Tabletop Event	10 am
14.08.2024	Meeting with MP	11.30 am
23.08.2024	Filey Art Society Summer Exhibition Preview Evening, Evron Centre	6.30pm

28.08.2024	NCI Coastwatch 30 th Anniversary Flag event	11.45am
08.09.2024	Welcome Service for Rev. Rossall, Filey Methodist Church	10.30am
24.09.2024	Filey in Bloom 'Best Kept Gardens' Awards at Evron Centre	6.30pm
01.10.2024	International day of Older Persons Event, Evron Centre	11.45am
03.10.2024	Mayor meeting with MP (Visit to Ryedale Community Transport)	10 am
12.10.2024	North Yorkshire Council Civic Dinner at Sneaton Castle, Whitby	7 pm
01.11.2024	Opening of 'Warm Room' at Age UK	11am
08.11.2024	RBL Festival of Remembrance at Filey Methodist Church	7 pm
09.11.2024	Inspection of Sea Cadets outside Memorial Gardens	11.30 am
10.11.2024	Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am
11.11.2024	Armistice Day Service in the Memorial Gardens	11 am
30.11.2024	Filey Sailing Club Annual Presentation Dinner, Glass House Filey	7.00 pm
07.12.2024	Filey in Bloom Christmas Fayre at Evron Centre	10 am
14.12.2024	Fishtive Tree Switch on event	5 pm
15.12.2024	Christmas Tree Festival at St. Oswald's Church	4pm
24.01.2025	Filey Show Group Pantomime	7pm
14.02.2025	Mayor and Clerk Meeting with MP Kevin Hollinrake	1pm
08.05.2025	Mayor attending VE Day Celebration	10.45 am
11.05.2025	Chair of North Yorkshire Council's Civic Service, St Oswald's Church	12.30 pm
18.05.2025	Filey Sailing Club Regatta prize giving	3.00 pm

6. Deputy Mayoral engagements

Below is a list of Deputy Mayoral engagements in 2024-25

DATE	EVENT	TIME
01/08/2024	Yorkshire Day Memorial Gardens - Filey	11:00am
27/09/2024	Trackrod Rally Event	7.00 pm
05/12/2024	Filey School Certificates Presentation Evening	6.00 pm
14.03.2024	The Star Inn – reopening night	6.00 pm

7. Other meetings and events

We have been advised of the following meetings and events.

Date	Subject	Organiser	Location	Time
15/5/25	Thirsk & Malton Area Planning Committee	NYC	Malton	10am
13/6/25	Thirsk & Malton Area Committee	NYC	Malton	10am
26/9/25	Thirsk & Malton Area Committee	NYC	Malton	2pm