

Bawdsey Coastal Partnership Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 3rd September 2018

The Old Rectory, Alderton,

MINUTES

Present: P N O Crick (Chair)
A L Page (Vice -Chair)
C J M Langley (Treasurer)
C W Vaudrey
A C Rouse
A Block
CM Ray
J Webb (Minutes)

Apologies: B Johnson, RJ Thurkettle

Item	Action
1. Minutes of last meeting on Thursday 5th July. These were approved and duly signed by Chair	
2. Meeting with EA at Shingle Street: NC and BJ met with Gary Watson of the EA north of The Beacons. GW did not think there was any problem at this point. For information: BJ has plans of the coast since 1904 which confirm that the shingle drift is hard to predict! According to ALP the SS settlement is now 175m from the sea.	
3. Coastal condition review: a) Deben Mouth to East Lane: (AB) The Pulhamite cliffs below the Manor are eroding and PGL has plans to re-pile all along their frontage at the estuary mouth. The North end is very bad. The WW2 Blockhouse together with the bank below the SPR Landfall Site has slipped. There is more shingle under the sea at the mouth of the Deben. b) East Lane to Martello Y: (NC, BV) The stretch of coast from East Lane to Martello Y is in good shape. Plenty of shingle has built up over the past few months. From East Lane to Martello W, the shingle has been pushed up the beach to form a slope which appears to be in a stable condition. c) Shingle Street to Martello Y: (ALP) The shingle has built up considerably at Shingle Street with the sea now 175m from the houses and the build-up of a new headland indicating a north-south drift. Hollesley Bay has grown in size whereas Orford Lighthouse is in jeopardy.	
4. Status of SMP review at East Lane: Since this meeting an update from Sharon Bleese of Coastal Partnership East has been received. In essence the preparation and issue of tenders for the Bawdsey SMP review and phase 3 of the Slaughden study have been delayed. This is mainly owing to the longer-than-expected time required to establish the Council's new Direct Procurement System together with staff shortages in the Procurement team. There has also been an issue with the Slaughden Phase 3 brief, concerning the extent of	

SEA required, which is now resolved as screening only. For this reason the Slaughden SMP review Phase 3 will be a fortnight behind that of East Lane.

The revised programme for procurement for **the Bawdsey SMP** review is as follows: Tenders went out the week commencing 10th September. Tenders should be returned by early October. Tender will be awarded by late October with a site meeting mid/late October. BCP will be part of this process. Gary Watson is willing to use contingency funds from his budget to shore up the coast. The solution would be to create a bay between Martello W and Shingle Street. Part of Quilter's promenade is about to go.

5. **Implications of Slaughden Review:** See details above. This is a very thorough undertaking. (**Suffolk Coast Forum** NC and ALP are attending the next Suffolk Coastal Forum meeting on Friday 12th October at Wherstead Park.)

6. **AGM Planning:** At the time of this meeting, NC had not heard back from Andy Smith whom he wants as a speaker. As well as being a senior SCDC Councillor for Felixstowe, AS also attends the LGA National Forum and chairs the Sepcial Interest Group (SIG) on Coastal Matters nationally. Paul Hayden of the East Suffolk Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) would be another possibility. ***Since the meeting Andy Smith has been in touch and can make Saturday 23rd February 2019.***

NC will contact AS again.

7. **AOB: i.** No feedback from PGL has been received regarding the study they commissioned about the coast as it affects them. It has been noted that the slope to the entrance to the Deben is changing with banks of shingle going up and down. The piling is in very poor condition. PGL should be very concerned and should be part of the review of the Deben Estuary Plan

ii. A new lead adviser Giles Merritt replaces Claire Cadman at Natural England. He is responsible for our leg of the National Coastal path. Slight delay in Felixstowe Ferry-Bawdsey link. The use of the foot ferry from FF to Bawdsey would be highly desirable although talks are taking place with landowners along the Deben

iii. Parts of the coastal path from East Lane to SS are very broken up following the "Beast from the East." Bawdsey Parish Clerk reported this to Stephen Quinn of the EA but was told it was not their responsibility. Clerk has since reported it to the footpath officer at SCC.

NC will contact Gary Watson about this in a formal letter.

8. **Date of next meeting: This will take place on Monday 29th October at 6.30**

Suggested date for Christmas Jolly is Tuesday 11th December at Beach House by invitation

NC will provide agenda

Signed

P N O Crick, Chair.

