

# East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group Meeting

West Wittering Football Pavilion  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2014

## MINUTES

**Present:**

Stella Hadley (StelH)	Cakeham Manor Estate (CME)
David Lowsley (DL)	Chichester District Council (CDC)
Dominic Henly (DH)	Chichester District Council (CDC)
Siun Cranny (SC)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Richard Craven (RC)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Richard Shrubb (RS)	F.G. Woodger Trust (FGWT)
Mark Wardle (MW)	National Trust (NT)
Lisa Trownson (LT)	National Trust (NT)
Jayne Field (JF)	Natural England (NE)
Marcus Irwin-Brown (MIB)	West Wittering Estates (WWE)
Stephen Hammett (SH)	West Wittering Estates (WWE)
Keith Martin (KM)	West Wittering Parish Council (WWPC)

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Site Visit (09.30)</b></p> <p>All members of the group met on site and walked the area around the hinge</p>	
2	<p><b>Review of Previous minutes</b></p> <p>5 – still waiting for information from Gavin 6 – Gabions have been removed, C22 lowered and C24 raised.</p> <p>Previous minutes approved</p>	
3	<p><b>Asset Condition Update</b></p> <p>CDC beach management undertaken at Bracklesham, less material recycled than planned all now completed. Future recycling or recharge likely to be required at the eastern end of the frontage.</p> <p>Some bays at Cakeham now full while others are empty</p> <p>Car park frontage – relentless storms since 6<sup>th</sup> December means defences not good but not significantly worse.</p> <p>C20-C21 ok</p> <p>C21 – C22 Failed and repaired by WWE (DL action considered contrary to</p>	

	<p>the group and wrong decision)</p> <p>RS supports action and highlights strong public support for action.</p> <p>SH – WW flood defence scheme considered a success &amp; the repairs carried out by WWE are temporary and undertaken because of perceived imminent risk of overtopping a published plan is required with supporting data.</p> <p>SC – group only informed after action had been taken outside of the group.</p>	
4	<p><b>Post Storm Repairs</b></p> <p>MIB works carried out because a series of triggers under the group’s terms of reference were met.</p> <p>MW – Stated that the scaffold board repairs will be temporary as they are unlikely to last long</p> <p>JF – Removing remaining gabions could be an option to offset the works undertaken, suggest this is looked at in 6 months.</p> <p>Process agreed by group for when further repairs are needed are to be, WWE consult CDC &amp; NE if consensus exists works to be undertaken, if not group decision to be taken to group for a vote and decision to be made by majority.</p> <p>Group to be made aware of action before it is undertaken</p>	
5	<p><b>Adaptive Action Plan</b></p> <p>The group confirmed unanimous support for an adaptive management policy with the following points raised:</p> <p>Group agreed wrong alignment at present, not accepted by public due to lack of information.</p> <p>DL – adaptive management cannot be planned long term  KM – level of uncertainty exists with the policy  SC – the group is under pressure to circulate a proposal  KM – adaptive management term, the village do not want a re-alignment  RS – There is a need for the plan to be as specific as we can</p> <p>MIB Initial outline plan for shingle recharge area needs to be increased to provide improved flexibility. WWE plan provided to CDC to consider.</p> <p>RS – Asked for confirmation that groyne extension landward was an option,</p>	

	<p>confirmed by group</p> <p>DL - C24 raised and could be raised further</p> <p>Trigger points to be in the plan, Copy of existing trigger points to be circulated</p> <p>KM – Detail is vital for the plan. Draft plan to be circulated to the group</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DL</p>
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Group agreed that a public display and question and answer session is required, suggested dates include 7<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, availability to be confirmed.</p> <p>SC confirmed that the presentation by Dr Bray at the Harbour Conservancies AGM had a positive effect on public perception.</p> <p>Set-up agreed to be a drop in evening with members present and identifiable with badges and with Q &amp; A sessions independently chaired.</p> <p>Ideas considered include:</p> <p>StelH – A presentation with 6 minute slide shows, what we do must be technical but understandable</p> <p>SH – Cross sections of what a breach looks like &amp; the process of roll back</p> <p>Actions for group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WW feature to appear in March Newsletter</li> <li>• Technical info with group feed-in</li> <li>• Invites and hall booking</li> <li>• Equipment for presentation</li> <li>• Poster</li> </ul> <p>Site visit option to be available which would have to be signed up to.</p>	<p>MIB/S</p> <p>H</p> <p>DL</p> <p>KM</p> <p>LT</p> <p>SC</p>
7	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	