

East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group Meeting

West Wittering Football Pavilion
25th February 2015

MINUTES

Present:

David Lowsley (DL)	Chichester District Council (CDC)
Dominic Henly (DH)	Chichester District Council (CDC)
Richard Craven (RC)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Mark Wardle (MW)	National Trust (NT)
Leslie Wilson (LW)	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)
Uwe Dornbusch (UD)	Environment Agency (EA)
Richard Shrubbs (RS)	F.G. Woodger Trust (FGWT)
Stella Hadley (StH)	Cakeham Manor Estate (CME)

Apologies:

Item		Action
1	<p>Review of Previous minutes</p> <p>KM misquoted on page 2 in section “comments on plan”. This is to be corrected to “there is a need to demonstrate a high level of confidence”</p> <p>DL to update references for action plan still outstanding</p> <p>Otherwise minutes agreed as accurate and correct</p>	DL
2	<p>Asset Condition Update</p> <p>Breastworks are in reasonable condition following previous week’s storms/high tides</p> <p>Beach level has dropped to clay level east of groyne C21, situation is to be monitored</p> <p>There has been little change in the condition of the remaining gabions</p> <p>Generally beach levels are fair.</p> <p>At the NE end of the spit, the shingle beach has been replaced by sand</p>	
3	<p>Shingle Embankment Proposal / Visualisation</p> <p>UD presented the proposal to the group and circulated a plan with cross-sections.</p>	

	<p>Summary of Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 3m wide crest with access from both ends • Starting at the existing gate with the extent controlled by existing vegetation and higher ground • Height will be up to approximately 1.5m higher than the existing ground level • Initial slope will be approximately 1 in 2 (26°) and will become more rounded by walking • Material will be sourced to match closely the existing. <p>A rip rap spine was discussed and discounted as it would not support the purpose of the embankment. The embankment is designed to provide a backstop for overtopping and store of additional material.</p> <p>JF- group were made aware of European case law, (copy circulated to group) which may influence the proposal. Because the works are within SAC mitigation may be required which JF confirmed does not include planting.</p> <p>Group agreed in principle with the proposal.</p>	
4	<p>Adaptive Management Plan Actions</p> <p>Questions were raised over what happens if failure happens east of C21, group agreed to extend the scope to C20 to cover all remaining breastworks</p> <p>Quantity for new embankment estimated at 700m³ which equates to approximately 70 truckloads (20 tonne lorries)</p> <p>The option for recovering shingle from the spit and recycling is still possible subject to available material, DL to assess volume changes since the last recycling. UD informed the group that recycling within the cell is exempt from an MMO licence.</p> <p>DH to produce estimated costs for both options</p> <p>DL confirmed that there is still work to be done on the plan; volume changes and estimated costs would be included. The updated draft plan will be circulated at least a week in advance of the next meeting.</p> <p>Trigger points to be reviewed and circulated for comment</p> <p>Target date for the bund works, subject to successful consultation and planning, agreed as September 2015</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DL</p> <p>DL</p>
5	<p>Public Consultation</p> <p>Public engagement agreed to be required before planning application is submitted. Application agreed to be ready to go for the exhibition, subject to responses received from the exhibition.</p> <p>Proposed date for public exhibition Friday 22nd May from 14.00-20.00hrs. KM</p>	KM

	<p>to book suitable room.</p> <p>Public to be informed of event through Parish / Cakeham newsletters</p> <p>MIB to bring land survey which WWE have had undertaken and get a price for producing a model for the proposed bund which could be used at the exhibition</p>	
6	<p>Annual Subscriptions</p> <p>Group agreed to maintain the current annual subscription at £350</p> <p>DH to invoice the group</p>	DH
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>RS- CDC asked to confirm whether any additional funding was available DL confirmed no funding available</p> <p>JF – questioned group on views for possible mitigation Public perception of removal unlikely to be positive</p> <p>StH- question raised re-construction and it's management WWE to lead and project manage, possibly recruiting an independent project manager. Funding to be clarified at next meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Meetings agreed for:</p> <p>25th March 2015 23rd April 2015 14th May 2015 28th May 2015 (consultation wrap up meeting)</p>	