

PRESS RELEASE

BOROUGH COASTAL GROUP MEETING

Meeting held on Friday 18 October 2013 at 2pm in the Parish Office, Kingsway, Hemsby.

PRESENT

BCllr Weymouth, Mr Taylor Hemsby PC Chairman, Mr Allen VChairman of Winterton PC, Mr Byrne Winterton Coastal Group, Mr Andrews Caister PC, Mr Hardisty Hopton Coastal Group & a Hopton PC, Mrs Thompson-Bevan Lacon Arms - Save Our Beach, Mr Watling & Mr Weston representing Geoffrey Watling - Hemsby beach owner and Mr Harris GYBC Coastal Manager & Mr Buck GYBC Environmental Health..

GYBC Coastal Protection Officer advised the authorities have given permission for a trial run of 200mtr concrete blocks.

John Weston of Brown & Co Geoffrey Watlings Agent have had made in Bungay concrete blocks these will cover around 100ms, breakdown of costs are as follows:

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| 70No blocks at a cost of £130 each inc VAT | £9100 |
| Transport costs to deliver to Hemsby from Bungay around | £2000 |
| Equipment to be hired to get the blocks onto the beach around | <u>£ 500</u> |
| Total paid for by Geoffrey Watling Charity | £11600 |

They have also paid for the consultant and their workman to manage the production and supervising the placing the blocks on the beach.

The 70No blocks are being delivered next week and they will be stored on the Watling Car Park before siting them on the beach. Around 140No blocks are required to cover the 200mtr section.

Until the blocks have proved they have not caused any problems for other beaches and they are doing the job they have been made for no other scheme can be considered.

The Environmental Agency has been out this week taking levels and photographs of the beach and they will be back next year to enable them to give a report on any effects the blocks might have had on the coast.

John Weston of Brown & Co advised the blocks around the Life Boat Shed are being re-organising and the feeling was they had abandoned the shed.

Save our beach has raised £18k, this will not be spent on the concrete block scheme until they have been proved to be beneficial because the public funds cannot be wasted.

Update on coastal erosion at Winterton, Long Beach, Caister & Hopton

Winterton – Mr Byrne reported the beach remains the same that is north of the café and to prior to Long Beach.

Long Beach – Mr Byrne stated there are issues with Long Beach and concerns are that the sea could get in at that point if it does then it will be in ‘the valley’.

Caister – Mr Andrews stated some of the beach has gone, but it comes and goes.

Hopton – Mr Hardisty gave an update.

Details of the SMP adopted for Winterton to Newport is

Managed re-alignment

which means with permission from the authorities a private scheme could go ahead.

The Marrams- residents

There is to be a residents meeting for them on Thursday 24 October at 4pmin the Village Hall on Waters Lane.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council Officers will be there to give guidance and to answer any questions - Mr Harris – Coastal Protection, Mr Buck – Environmental Health, Housing Option Officer Tracey Slater, Director for Customer Service Mrs Beck, and Shirley Weymouth.