

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**COUNCILLOR A FITCH-TILLET - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST**

For the period December June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 to July 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

**1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

**Recruitment**

Head of Coastal Partnership East, Karen Thomas, has joined the team following a 4 week handover with Bill Parker who retired on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She joins the team with over 20 years of experience in flood and coastal management. Karen has been visiting the patch and working closely with team members, directors and Board members to understand the CPE vision and direction of travel. Locally, she has been supporting staff on the Bacton project and strategically she will be working with the team on a CPE Business Plan refresh in the autumn.

Adaptation officer **Anne Casey** has been co-funded by GYBC and NNDC to work on adaptation with communities at coastal risk. Her work will be split initially between Hemsby and North Norfolk communities and she will work with Suffolk engagement officers and Great Yarmouth engineers to share her skill across CPE.

Technical Officer **Sonja Seaton** is based in the NNDC office and she will be supporting on planning and licensing issues as well as developing her environmental skills to support CPE in Habitats Regs assessments- an increasing area of need as we work on local erosion approaches with communities.

**Project Updates**

Bacton to Walcott- permissions and consents are in place. TVO and Royal Haskoning have been on site since May undertaking preparatory works. Various permissions and consents are in place for sand re-nourishment to commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> July - weather permitting. A press launch is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

In April there was challenging social media attention regarding the sand martins and the netting we needed to use to minimise impact nesting in the vicinity of the sand nourishment. NNDC have followed the agreed monitoring and mitigation package agreed with NE and RSPB. Social media interest remains challenging however CPE and NNDC Communications and PR colleagues are working together to minimise negative media interest and

maximise the positive messages arising from this hugely important project for the local communities and economy.

Walcott NFRM project - this project has received funding from the RFCC to explore a 'set-back' solution for land affected by surface water flooding caused by wave over-topping at a coastal erosion frontage. CPE officers have worked closely with the local landowner to create a solution that will partially protect agricultural land and reduce the level of flooding to local residents properties. The work will be done in partnership with the Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board who will carry out the work on our behalf- a great example of risk management authorities collaborating to deliver greater value for the taxpayer.

Phase 2 of the Cromer Coastal protection scheme and the Mundesley defence refresh are just being reviewed together to establish if we can undertake any joint procurement efficiencies. Tendering for these works is planned for September.

### **Ongoing Maintenance and Repairs Update**

Happisburgh rock relocation and ramp re-cut- completed April 2019. Minor works ongoing including beach debris clean up.



Ostend revetment repairs completed June 2019

The Mundesley OBC- tender document for designers is currently being written, hoping to go to tender in September

East Runton ramp improvement all works completed March 2019, all payments to Godfreys is completed.

Works on Cromer groyne.

### **Inspections and Maintenance update**

Safety Inspections- Asset inspections were completed along all beaches (Weybourne - Cart Gap) and MTC orders raised.

- Order in place for Promenade in Mundesley, trip hazards present on the east side.
- Order in place to cut back rebar along seawall in Walcott.
- Inspection of all beacons along the coast have been inspected, deciding what is the best way to get them all repaired.

- Ongoing monitoring and discussions with the Lifeguards in Sheringham in regards to the 'Quick Sand' on the West end of the beach (Next to groyne A7).

New signage Happisburgh to Walcott this is still ongoing, working with the safety team.

Sidestrand Cliff Slip- 25<sup>th</sup> June we had a significant cliff slip at Sidestrand which attracted national media interest. CPE used this event as a H&S opportunity with staff and public. Temporary signs are in place advising people of risk, these signs will be removed shortly.

We are benefitting from a Defra-funded Icarus project which is looking at the engagement and communication needs of communities at flood and coastal risk. They are working with CPE at Hemsby- and there will be shared learning opportunity through our coastal communities.

CPE are working with Assets team to obtain a MMO licence for works on Cromer Pier Legs. This is now in consultation and we are hoping to have a licence end of July/beginning of August.

A host of minor works throughout the system covered under MTC is ongoing.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

Coastal Special Interest Group Field trip (SIG) 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September  
 ICE Conference (CPE Officers) 24-26<sup>th</sup> September  
 Visit from the East Solent Coastal partnership October (TBC)  
 NNCF 15<sup>th</sup> July  
 Deep History Coast launch 16<sup>th</sup> July  
 Wells Advisory Group of Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership 16<sup>th</sup> July  
 Bacton Media Launch 18<sup>th</sup> July  
 Bacton Sandscaping local liaison group meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## **3 Meetings attended**

Halvergate Water Level Management Scheme June 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Conference June 18-20<sup>th</sup>  
 CPE Board meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June  
 Water Resources East Event 1<sup>st</sup> July  
 Joint Norfolk Coast partnership and Broads Authority Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July