

## Cllr Representation Reporting Form

Councillor: Colin Butler

Body: Joint Coastal Projects Board

Report Date: 29h December 2022

Meetings attended & dates

Joint Coastal Projects Board 15th December 2022

Key issues discussed during the meeting(s)

(relevant to LTC)

Corton & Gunton update – Owners of premises on Corton cliff top contacted regarding drainage issues causing erosion. All options for coast protection will be subject to community and business engagement in Jan/Feb 2023. Funding options and partners subject to a full report by Jacobs for a technical business case. Community Steering Group to be formed to take conclusions forward to engineering teams in 2023. Technical solution for soft cliff erosion north of Corton is the Gorleston – Corton sandscaping scheme (Royal Haskoning & Crown Estates subsidy remains at 50%; Resilient Coasts fund the other 50%). Cost estimated at £25m. Project start due early 2023. Nature-based solution (previously done at Bacton). Sediment will travel southward to enhance all beaches. Corton Woods and Gunton beach levels are healthy 2022-12-08.

Pakefield Update – Erosion tracking north from 2018. No 'hold the line' policy to the south. Benacre Ness moving 80m/year towards Pontins; problems at Pakefield in 15-20 years, although offshore shoals may affect progress. Beach levels have continued to drop, although stable during the summer. High tides on 16th November caused a drop of 0.9m, though most of the loss recovered a week later. The interim 70m rock revetment will slow erosion and help protect critical infrastructure, e.g. the access road to the caravan sites for emergency vehicles. The business case overview for a permanent solution was launched 24/11/2022 for the Environment Agency and Natural England; meeting due in February with Mott MacDonald. Adaptive Measures and Resilient Coasts are the priority; Natural England supports transitional frontages. Also rock is useful – a natural material that retains its value and can be moved from site to site.

Actions by LTC?

See attached Pakefield Highlights report December 2022, including the rock revetment recommended by consultants Mott MacDonald, and delivered by contractors Balfour Beatty as reported in the Lowestoft Journal.

Signed: Colin Butler

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