

Jaywick Community Forum



OPEN MEETING Resource Centre
22nd February 2017 10.00am

ATTENDEES:

Ray Hanson, Brenda Oliver, Gill Elkins, Sylvia Hobbs, David Booth, Paul Honeywood (Tendring District Council Responsible for Jaywick), Paul Price (Tendring District Council), Teresa Watson (Wardens), Alison Gibbs (Essex County Council), Sharon Alexander (CVST) Lisa Mitson (Essex Fire) Danny Sloggitt (Jaywick Sands Happy Club) Rhona Gilder (Essex County Council) + 28 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Les Nichol (Essex Fire), Mick Page (Essex County Council Councillor), Tim Clarke (Tendring District Council) Dan Casey, Jenny Endicott, Sarah Hannes.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Agreed (BO & SH) and signed

MATTERS ARISING:

Nothing to report

UP DATE FROM CHAIR:

DC has raised a petition for keeping the Minor Injuries Unit open. There was a meeting at St Christopher's as part of the Jaywick Sands Happy Club, hosted by Danny Sloggitt, which was fiery – we must keep it open. The hospital hopper will continue to be run by Tendring Community Transport for 2017/18.

Other good news is that we have finally received the Rank Foundation, Community Chest funding, this was explained as to how it works (for groups and individuals).

There is lots of private development going on as well as Tendring District Council's regeneration plans.

The sea wall has been cleaned and looks better.

The Sea Way roads are being done – Sea Pink Way will be completed after the redevelopment of the property at the beach end.

Some of the Grasslands roads are being done, PH said there should be funding available for the rest – he and MP were congratulated on getting the funding.

Everywhere in Jaywick Sands is looking better; let's hope the good work carries on.

TRESURERS REPORT

GENERAL	£3,576.43
PROJECTS	£13,386.95

The figure in projects include

£2000 + for Junior Wardens, the Rank community chest and the big lottery funding.

VISION FOR JAYWICK

Jaywick Sands Happy Club – going well and getting new members every month – the group are going to agree an constitution and then set up a committee at the March meeting. DS will then apply to join the Jaywick Sands Community Forum.

Rebranding – Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association have agreed to have “Sands” added to the village sign. The total cost is just over £238. Should Jaywick Sands Community Forum pay half – all agreed.

Café – at present nothing to report as the landlord did not start work on the roof so we withdrew from the agreement in January as agreed at the AGM.

Community Safety – GE read out sections of the report as attached from Carol Maysden. This and flooding issues were discussed and it was agreed a public meeting was a good idea.

UP DATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATION:

S.H. – Golf Green Hall going well, Tendring District Council are coming to inspect the roof and guttering after trying to do so last year and couldn't because of the sea gulls nesting (and attacking people).

B.O. – the flood service at the end of January went well. Thanks must go to Alison who organised the Payback team to come in and clear the garden and paint the outside of St Christopher's. We are getting more of the Catholic Church members attending. Thanks to Jaywick Sands Community Forum / Rank Foundation for our grant towards the painting costs.

D.C. - Nothing to report

G.E. – The "It Happens in Jaywick" day will not be happening in 2017.

R.H. –Tendring Community Transport going ok at present but awaiting funding news from Essex County Council.

J.E. – update by TW. The Dig 4 Jaywick is worth a visit and we are getting lot of donations.. We were donated a shed, which a few days later disappeared but we have since been donated another one, which was soon erected. We are always on the lookout for volunteers. Our open day this year is on the 26th July. We also won a Pride of Tendring award.

D.B. – everything ticking along nicely, we have repainted the library and are expecting a new carpet next week.

REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Alison Gibbs –there is a Multi-agency drop is organised and all residents are welcome. We need the foot fall or won't keep coming.

Martello Tower – leaflets about events given out.

Paul Price – the Coastal Communities Team is going from strength to strength and recognition of Jaywick Sands is doing the same, we have had requests from the Coastal minister and the Housing minister to arrange a visit to the area.

We are well on the way with the 10 starter home programme, 5 will be owner/occupier and 5 council rentals, the only hold up at the moment is the ecological survey, which will have to be redone in April/May time. There will be no ground floor living accommodation with the bedrooms on the 1st floor and the general living on the second. This was discussed and it was asked if anyone in Tendring District Council area could apply. PP confirmed Jaywick Sands residents will get first refusal.

We may have funding for the infrastructure, which we should know soon for sure but there are a lot of expensive issues to deal with.

We also have possible funding to purchase the Mermaid site.

The private developer which has had three sites agreed for planning is looking to put in a further 6-8 planning applications in.

Les Nichol – report by Lisa Mitson - the fire service gave out 1700 items for winter warmers including blankets. Duvets and various pieces of apparel. This was in both Jaywick Sands and Harwich.

Wardens – there is a beach clean this weekend (5th March) at 10.30 followed by a litter pick in Brooklands from 11.30/12.00 as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring clean.

TW was asked about dog poo bags and could people be fined for not carrying poo bags when walking a dog. It is not illegal not to carry bags so it can be suggested but cannot be enforced.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beach ownership – may belong to St Osyth priory – Essex County Council and Tendring District Council have looked into and cannot find definitive proof.

A local GP has recently highlighted the issue of late patient presenting of Lung cancer. Rhona Gilder from Essex County Council spoke about this and the survey she has recently completed. There is training day on 21st March 2017 in regard to this for local people to enable them to signpost people with concerns or who they feel need help to the right people.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 31st May 2017

Golf Green Hall - 11.30am.

What about flooding in Jaywick?

Proposal to Jaywick Forum meeting 22nd February 2017 to undertake one or two day/s of local engagement in the community to discuss the tidal surge in January 2017, as well as to listen to people's concerns and how we can work better together.



Aim of the day: Revisit the Jaywick Vision to help understand the needs of the community when flooding is expected. Look at what people need locally, what additional help is required and meet the people who are best placed to offer this help.



Actions taken from the Jaywick Vision 2015

Objective

A better more efficient plan for evacuation during emergencies

Action

Community Action Group to focus on emergency planning. Liaison with Tendring DC and Environment Agency

Objective

To show Jaywick as Jaywick is, no lies, real

Action

Danny Sloggett film Jaywick as Jaywick really is, people would like truth and together unite Jaywick
Danny Sloggett vision. All films made here are at DannySloggett@youtube

Objective

Our own You Tube Channel

Action

Show positives moments in the life of Jaywick. Filming, camera, action

Background

When tidal flooding was predicted on 13th January 2017 the Multi Agency response to protect the community moved into action. Flood Warning messages were sent via the Environment Agency Flood Warning Service. Fire, Police and the Army were deployed to evacuate the area. Rest Centre was set up.

- Approximately 2500 are at risk of flooding in Jaywick. Around 700 in the Brooklands estate that would be cut off
- Approximately 1600 people in Jaywick have signed up to receive flood warning messages

~~±~~ Only around 30 people evacuated to the local rest centre (set up at Tendring Education Centre at Jaywick Lane in Clacton, which can accommodate up to 1,600 people.) Others went to family and friends in "safe" areas.

This suggests that people don't understand the risk of flooding, or are willing to take their chances and stay in their homes.

With storm surges there is a certain set of natural processes that come into play, and as with any natural process these are out of anyone's control. We do however have the luxury of time to prepare and if that is all people want to do and not leave their homes they need to understand the risk they are accepting. When that threat is in the early hours of the morning and in darkness, that risk increases, if at short notice, they decide to leave when the water is already lapping at the door. They are putting themselves at danger and the lives of their family's too, especially young children. The same goes for the elderly, who do not want to leave their home where they feel safe. Or are fearful for their pets safety.

It also however increases the risk for the emergency services that then have to put themselves at risk to rescue those still in their homes. So it is a fine balance and some understanding is needed from both sides on what will happen next time we expect flooding to happen.

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By providing the opportunity to come and talk through what flooding in Jaywick means, would help to understand what extra is needed to make sure the community are ready to take action against flooding.

How can we achieve this together?

Each year the Jaywick Forum ([Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association](#)) arranges an event called 'It Happens in Jaywick'. This is something the Environment Agency have happily supported in the past. The day includes all groups and services that work in and around Jaywick. The Red Cross, Princes Trust, health and social care, local school children, local groups such as the Happy Club and many more. It has become a day when the community gets together. This is the best way in my view to talk to people in Jaywick about local issues. I am keen to arrange a similar event so:

- the community could come and share their views on flooding
- they can come and talk about their experiences on the 13 January
- we can help them make more informed decisions about actions they can take in the future

Jaywick now has a [draft](#) Community Emergency Plan but unless the community take some ownership of this it can be seen as making decisions for them and not with them. I am looking for something that will help the community to understand better what they need to do if it floods, to help each other and to promote the local services available to them before, during and after a flood.

To make this happen I would like to provide a day or two over the next few months. I would be grateful for some help and advice from the Jaywick Forum on the content of the days and who to invite. It is important to get to the heart of the local community where we can talk to the people in an informal way. I would like to include the local groups that took part in the evacuation on the day and were involved with helping people prepare; especially those from the charitable organisations such as St John Ambulance, Red Cross and other services where local volunteers came out to help.

I have been working in Cumbria for the last 12 months, with communities that have faced flooding first hand. People that have not previously flooded and who live out of the flood warning area have also been affected for the first time ever. Their experiences have shown that by having some background to why we issue our flood warning messages, why the emergency services make the call to evacuate and what the flood risk maps suggest as 'worst case' helps them to get a better understanding of what their actions should be when we make that call.

In Cumbria we have used a wide range of media to get out our messages to people and YouTube videos are a great way, especially if filmed locally in the community. They tend to be a trusted, better understood approach to delivering important messages. Video blogging is a great way too to engage with the community and you have this available in Jaywick, so it would be great to use it. Facebook is another place that people receive positive images of Jaywick. We already know that Facebook is used to communicate locally in a flooding or emergency event.

Work has already taken place with the school around grab bags by Tendring District Council and it would be good to follow up with this work.

Please can you consider this proposal on what we could deliver together? This is an opportunity, I feel to make progress towards the objectives in the vision document. I am keen we involve the community in this once again as their views really count towards making progress.

History has shown us that the threat to Jaywick from coastal flooding is a real problem. By working collaboratively we can help each other understand better what flood warnings mean for Jaywick and the actions people should take.

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