

Report from the meeting of the Othona Trustees on Saturday 20 September 08

This was a brief and rather small meeting held before the AGM. Three trustees had sent their apologies, and two were greatly delayed in traffic.

East Hall Farm

The Trustees had a report on the marketing of the farm from Stanfords and Savills. The farm had been widely publicised and there had been numbers of enquiries but no offers. The Trustees agreed to keep to the current reserve price of £1,100,000 and be patient.

In response to concerns expressed about the threat to the Centre from rising sea levels over the next 50 years, it was agreed to accept the advice of our land agent, Stephen Knight, and insert a covenant into the conditions of sale. The covenant would state that if it seemed that rising sea levels were likely to threaten the Bradwell Centre the Community would have the right to erect a sea wall along the edge of the field lying to the west of the Centre without having to compensate the owner of the field.

2 East Hall cottages

It was agreed to lower the reserve price for the cottage given the state of the market and the needs of the Community.

The allotment next to East Hall House

It was decided not, at present, to sell this piece of land but to put in writing a formal agreement with Mr Joslin who has, for years, worked it as an allotment.

Financial position

The treasurer presented the monthly accounts which continued to give concern. Both Centres reported good, busy summer seasons but they had, unfortunately, not been as good as projected in the budget.

AGM arrangements.

The Trustees were informed that the AGM would be broadcast through the web site. They did not object but, in fact, it did not prove possible to do so.

It was agreed that the 2009 AGM would take place on 26 September.

Burton Bradstock

Planning permission having now been received, ground works for the replacement of "Littleness" (the Warden's cottage) would begin in October.

The web-site had been redesigned and BBezee is now available via the web-site.

Bradwell

David was held up in traffic and so missed the meeting. Trustees agreed that Matthew Dell should convene the new Buildings Sub-Committee but names and CVs for the other members of the committee would have to be brought to the November Trustees' Meeting for consideration.

New trustees

Two possible trustees, both with valuable expertise, one of whom knew Bradwell well and the other BB, had been contacted and would probably be invited to the November meeting to meet the whole board.

Sheila Maxey, Chair of Trustees
29 September 08