

FAIRLIGHT PRESERVATION TRUST

(Registered Charity Number 1107169)

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Dear Residents,

We would like to bring you up to date with recent developments in the campaign to implement the Fairlight Cove Coastal Protection Scheme Stage 3.

As you may be aware from previous communications there were two major hurdles standing in the way of the commencement of the planned construction work. The first of these was planning consent from Rother District Council. This has now been granted.

The second significant and, indeed, the only major outstanding hurdle, was obtaining a licence for the construction of the Scheme from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). The application for this licence was made on our behalf as long ago as February 2016. After much delay, we are delighted to report that the MMO has now granted the necessary licence, and that the construction contract has been signed and work will now commence.

It is anticipated that construction will start within the next week, with immediate deliveries of rock to the foreshore. We will be liaising with Rother District Council (the coast protection authority), the Fairlight Parish Council and the contractors with a view to minimising disruption or inconvenience for local residents. It is anticipated that virtually all deliveries of equipment and rock will be made from the sea and will not need to be brought through the village.

It remains for us to thank the very many residents of Fairlight and other individuals, clubs and societies as well as the Fairlight Parish Council for their most generous support of the Scheme, without which the village would never have qualified for grant aid from the Environment Agency to pay for the construction.

Thanks are also due to the excellent team effort provided by the East Kent Engineering Partnership as advisers to the Scheme. We should also thank Rother District Council for their involvement.

A Newsletter from the contractors, J.T.Mackley Ltd, the East Kent Engineering Partnership and Rother District Council will follow.

David Shortman,

Chairman