

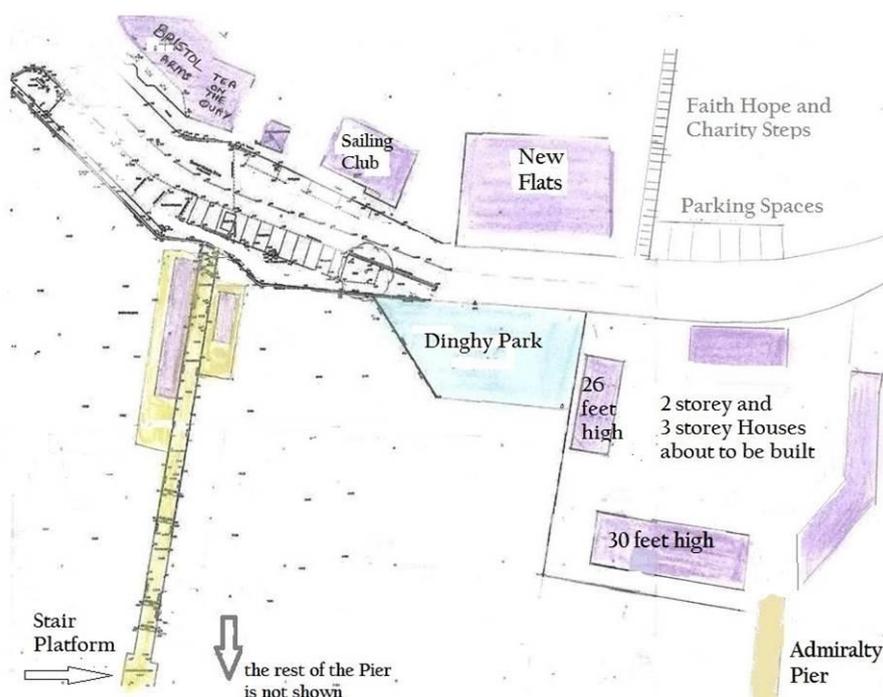
The investor meeting on Friday 4th May was well attended, with more than 75 people present. Apologies to all who were busy, as it was a bank holiday weekend there was a risk there would be too many other things happening. Sure enough, many people had plans and we had a record number of apologies emailed in. We have been asked to hold at least one future meeting during the day on a Saturday so we hope to arrange that on a future occasion.

We went through our planning application at the meeting. We showed the main ideas given by members over the last year at more than 30 consultation events:

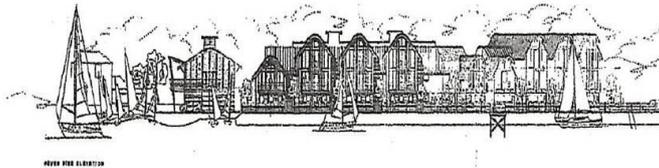
What to do on the Pier

1. Strolling on the pier
2. Be able to shelter in bad weather and winter
3. Celebrate Victorian history / heritage of the pier
4. Reinstate the lamp posts
5. Reinstate boat use
6. Reinstate fishing from pier or pontoons
7. View shipping movements from pier
8. Watch sailing events from the pier
9. Volunteer and member events on the pier
10. Sell tourist items and memorabilia

We showed the general context for the scale of the proposed buildings as there is a misconception that they are large and out of proportion to the locale. The new buildings that are in the process of being built nearby are going to change the character of this section of shore in the very near future. The Board had the option of designing a two storey building, but wanted to build something that would blend into the pier and river area. It was thought that as the previous planning permission was for two 15 feet tall retail units, choosing a single storey building at the same height would not be controversial. So it did surprise the Board to read many objections. The buildings are very slim so that they are not on the pier, they will be on a side extension on the land owned by the pier. They both have decking all around them, so that people can walk down the river side as well.



Admiralty Pier Development



30 feet tall and 26 feet tall terraced houses, here viewed from the River Stour, Admiralty Pier shown near the right hand side
Sailing Club and Shotley Pier to the left of this image

We understand that the plans for building houses on the shore by the Admiralty Pier were drawn up more than 5 years ago, and the two and three storey housing that is being built on the shore edge is 26 – 30 feet tall. It extends on reclaimed land much further into the river than our Visitor Centre building.

If you wish to make a comment about the planning application, this is the link to the planning portal page. There have been 40 objections so any support to balance that would be very welcome.

<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=P6CXRJSHIQU00>

Alternatively, you can email the Case Officer: lynda.bacon@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk Ref: DC/17/05073

One message sent in by email summed up the general opinion:

“The plans outlined look very exciting and the phasing of the works very practical. I would like to see the focus of the public building to be on the cafe and seating, so visitors can enjoy the beautiful views.”

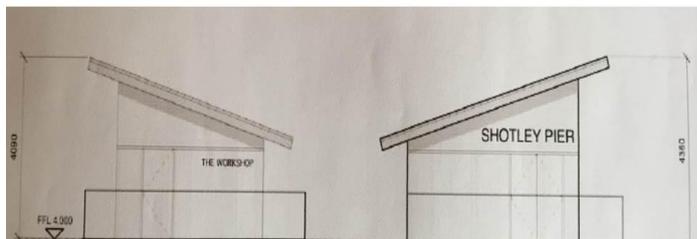
One person said, “let’s make this happen so the next generation can start making their own wonderful memories of the pier.”

Barbara Polden and her daughter Sharon attended the investor meeting, to the delight of many people, it was like a pier reunion! Sharon said they are both delighted with the plans for the pier, and can’t wait to see it all happen.



COMPETITION !

We intend to launch a design competition to choose the appearance of the entrance to the pier. We will give full details soon after the result of the planning application. The competition will be open to members and non-members, with viewings for the general public in Shotley. We will be taking their comments in to produce a shortlist.



The image above shows the structural view at ground level from the pavement.

The finish, signage and entrance have not been finalised.

Voting on the shortlist will be restricted to members. As this will be a very important decision, we will arrange an online vote for as many members as possible to take part, and by post for those few members who do not have online access. The current design is “neutral”, showing the engineering dimensions without any finishes or details. We will submit a minor amendment to the planning consent, this is something that developers do all the time.

Community Business Weekend 2018 was celebrated by our volunteers with volunteers from two other local community businesses: Stutton Community Shop, which also received the Booster Fund, and The Brook Inn, Washbrook, who hosted a delicious lunch on the hottest day this year, drinks were very welcome in the beer garden.



It was fascinating to all three groups just how much we have in common, with our shared stories about acquiring our respective properties, recruiting volunteers, coping with local objections, and developing ideas into workable trading income to protect a loved local place. It proved to be a very interesting day for all of us. The event was filmed by Power to Change.

We recently held a corporate lunch where local businesses heard about our project. The tax benefits of becoming a sponsor or donor were explained by Keith Senior from Jacobs Allen, who donated his time to help us. We were kindly hosted free of charge by Suffolk Foodhall.



Many thanks to our Patron James Cartlidge MP for opening the event with his enjoyable speech. He always manages some new witty wordplay about the pier which we all enjoyed. His obvious passion for our area and in depth knowledge were great to hear.



The Celebratory Plaques are now in production, and the messages on the first orders are very varied! We will be putting the first 100 plaques on a temporary display at the entrance to the pier until the railings are ready.



The etching quality is very good so that the detail on photos and images will be very good.

Prices are:

£150 - 5 lines of 15 characters if text only (75mm x 50mm)

£250 - 5 lines of 40 characters if text only (175mm x 50mm)

£300 - 5 lines of 15 characters with an image (175mm x 50mm)

£330 - 5 lines of 25 characters with an image (175mm x 50mm)

£450 - 5 lines of 40 characters with an image (300mm x 50mm)

Our monthly coffee mornings at the Michelin-listed Red Lion, Chelmondiston are very enjoyable. You no longer need to book ahead so you can come along on impulse if you like. We provide more than enough cake, and take donations at the end of the morning if anyone would like to take cake away with them. It helps us raise money as the Red Lion donate all the refreshments each month and you get to hear the latest chat about the pier. The Artist of the Month is displayed and we also have the permanent display of the magnificent engineering drawing of the pier dated 1886.

Shotley Pier Fund Raising Art Wall and Coffee Mornings The Red Lion, Chelmondiston



Weds 6th Jun
Weds 4th Jul
Weds 1st Aug
Weds 5th Sep
Weds 3rd Oct
Thurs 1st Nov
Saturday 1st Dec



Monthly coffee
morning 10.30am - 12

Tickets: £5 to include
coffee and cake
Tickets available from
Red Lion or pay on the
day



Different Local Artist each month

Postcards and Prints 100% in aid of the Pier

One Original Piece of Art 25% in aid of the Pier