

SOUTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Press Release

South Ferriby Flood – 5th December 2013

South Ferriby Flood Relief Fund

The first meeting to address the distribution of the South Ferriby Flood Relief Fund took place on 17th March 2014. Parish Councillors were joined by Co-opted Community Representatives:

Mr Nigel Appleyard (Rugby Group Benevolent Fund)

Mr Michael Barwick (South Ferriby Methodist Church)

Cllr Ken Bates (Chair - Saxby All Saints Parish Council)

Mr P Baynes-Clarke (CEMEX (UK) Ltd)

Cllr Sarah Harriman (Chair – Bonby Parish Council)

Rev David Rowett (St Nicholas's Church, South Ferriby)

The fund totalled £66,594 when the meeting took place. It was decided at the meeting that all flood affected residents who required financial assistance would receive £650 (82 in total) to be paid by 31st March 2014. A small number of non-residential claims were also addressed.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Sara Haddon, co-ordinator of the South Ferriby Flood Appeal Fund. Those Parish Councillors whose homes had flooded and who had claimed financial assistance did not vote at the meeting.

The need for financial assistance becomes ever more apparent as people try to get back into their homes. The appeal fund is still open and donations from all sources are most welcome. The Parish Council are approaching businesses in the area to seek their assistance. It is hoped that the fund will top £100,000 in the near future.

The Flood Appeal fund will meet regularly. South Ferriby residents will be invited to apply for further funding at a future date.

Notes for Editors

The low-lying areas of South Ferriby (about 120 homes) were severely flooded by the tidal surge on the 5th December 2013. It is reported that more than 900mm of water came over the top of the sea defences.

South Ferriby Parish Council immediately launched a Flood Appeal Fund to provide financial assistance for those affected by the flooding. It has also received substantial donations of clothes and furniture. No more of these are required at the moment. It is still looking for donations of building materials and labour. Plumbers, plasters, electricians etc are being asked to donate one day of their time to help people return to their homes.

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