WITHERNSEA PIER & PROMENADE ASSOCIATION

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Rebuilding the Withernsea Pier

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The Original Pier

The original Withernsea Pier was first proposed in 1870 by Anthony Bannister and work began in 1875.
It cost £12,000 (£600,000 in today's money) to build the 1,200 foot long pier, which was completed in 1878.

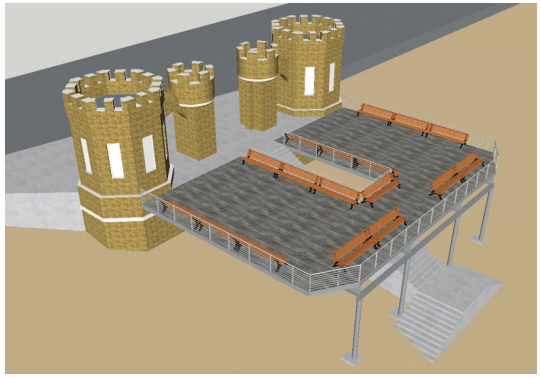
The great storm of 1880 saw many ships founder on the Holderness coastline and two struck the pier. One hit the very end, the other took out 200' in the middle of the pier. In 1890 the pier was hit by the fishing boat "Genesta" destroying more than half the pier. In 1893 it was struck by the Grimsby bound Henry Parr. The piles of the pier were knocked down span after span until there was only 50ft remaining of the once grand pier.

The Association

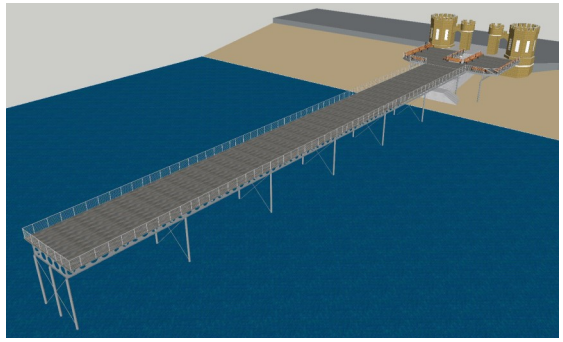
Rebuilding the Pier has been suggested many times over the years, but despite being one of the top ten priorities for Withernsea, it has never happened.
A meeting was arranged on the 22nd March 2016 to discuss the possibility of rebuilding the Pier. The meeting was a great success and led to the formation of The Withernsea Pier and Promenade Association who's main aim is to rebuild the Pier.

A new plan

The Pier will be constructed in stages, with each stage being taken into use as it's completed.

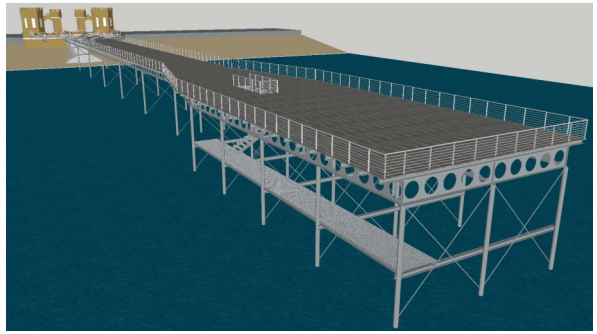


Stage one will consist of only the first span of the pier. It will once again give a purpose to the Pier Towers, and create a focal point for the local residents and visitors. It will also provide a platform for promoting and raising the funds to complete the rest of the Pier.

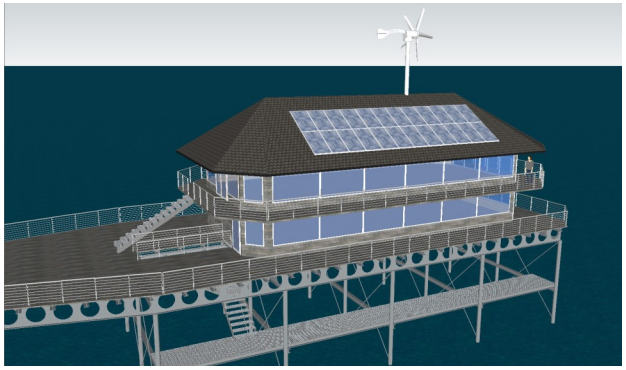


The second stage will consist of 10 identical 40 foot sections. It will ensure that the end of the pier will be in the sea even at low tide.

Stage 3 will be the pier head, extending the pier a further 120 feet, and bringing the total length of the pier to 560 feet.



The pier will have a fishing /boat platform under the main deck.



The plan is to build a Renewable Energy Centre at the end of the pier to demonstrate all the forms of renewable energy. There will be a wind turbine and solar panels on the roof, a small Hydro Electric generator, and a wave and tidal generation system installed under the pier. Diagrams and monitors inside the building will explain how it works and show the amount of electricity generated.