

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at Frank Hill & Son's offices 18 Market Place, Patrington
On 11th November 2014 at 10.00am**

PRESENT

J Maston – Chairman - Preston
C Martinson – Vice Chair
H Sadler – Keyingham
A Styche – Preston
G Nettleton - Winestead
R. T Williams – Ottringham
A. T Annison - Thorngumbald
G Lount – Skeffling
R Stephenson - Skeffling
P Stephenson – Winestead
M Jackson – Ottringham
M Cook – Thorngumbald
Cllr P Turner

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Ralph Ward Clerk, Miss R Speck

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declaration of Interest

To be disclosed later in the meeting

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.

4. Matters arising therein not included on agenda

R Ward stated we had received a letter from Defra stating the board do not need elections until 2015. This has therefore been put on hold until next year.

J Maston informed the members that this being Armistice Day the board would show their respects at 11am with 1 minutes silence.

6. a) Maintenance

- i. J Maston asked that the areas be discussed individually.
- PRESTON – A Styche stated all weeding is done. A section is desilted each year, on a 7 year rota. This year it is Old Fleet which is to be done. A Styche informed the members that EA have mown Old Fleet Elizabeth Dock to Bilton stretch and have done this good and early. J Maston has asked for more to be done beyond the doors. G Nettleton asked if the outfall through Elizabeth Dock had been done well enough. J Maston stated some has been done but not enough.
- THORNGUMBALD – M Cook informed the members Thorngumbald weeding is all done. Sludging is to be done before Christmas.
- KEYINGHAM – C Martinson stated the area is all weeded except West Drain and Braemar Drain at Burton Pidsea. The Humber Work Boats dredger is needed in at Stone Creek. H Sadler was unhappy about the weeds left on the side of the drain between Eastholme Bridge and Burton Pidsea. They are blowing back into the drain and really want putting up on the top of the bank, rather than half way up the bank. J Maston stated the tenders are up for renewal and re-writing early next year. This should be noted and included in this. H Sadler stated the channel was very narrow and with the high level of rain in August this had caused a problem. J Maston had discovered that the tender works had been started early this year (8th September) against 17th, 21st, 15th and 24th September in the previous years. If we want it started earlier this also needs

writing into the contracts. C Martinson felt if it started too early it might have to be done again. J Maston asked members to please make alterations required to tenders clear for the next meeting.

OTTRINGHAM – T Williams said all the work was done. The bridge has not got any worse so it has just been left.

WINESTEAD – G Nettleton stated this area is complete except for Pant Drain which he will point out to Keith Adds still needs reaping. There is a pinch point at Barr House Bridge. It was dredged to that point. Stones from a gas pipe have slid into a drain. R Ward will contact Gary Baldwin at National Grid about this.

SKEFFLING – G Lount stated they have just started on this area but is now underway.

R Ward noted an issue on Welwick Drain – a problem with a access due to a fence in the way. J Maston will go and look with him.

ii. EA CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

This is now signed for 5 years and a meeting is being arranged with Keith Crawford to discuss details.

Keyingham Main River stump grinding is now partly done. Before Able UK start at Cherry Cob Sands the area should be bushed so we can maintain full width and it would also let Able UK know we have access. Not sure if EA permission would be needed. R Ward felt we would possibly have under the agreement we have but Crown Permission might be needed – this shouldn't be an issue. M Cook felt Vicary might do the work for the wood chip. R Ward will check if he can do it.

C Martinson discussed the ramp for the machine to work off at Ryehill. This has been damaged because someone has been up and down it on a forklift and the machine could not use it this year. C Martinson felt maybe the people that had damaged it should pay the bill for remedial works. All agreed it needs re-doing. J Maston felt maybe we should make it clear it isn't a right of way.

R Ward still has one item of compensation to pay because of 9m rule. He will sort this.

Winestead – G Nettleton stated they were happy with the work on the main river. R Ward had looked into Westlands Bridge ownership but had not yet got anyone to admit ownership. G Nettleton asked if the remaining budget could be spent on bushing and grinding stumps from Outstrays to Pumping Station.

J Maston stated the agreement with EA is until 2020 – to do work for them. The rates given cover until May 2015 when the figures will alter due to a new 3 year tender.

Burstwick Drain – After the floods the IDB offered to consider taking over maintenance of this drain but not until Hedon access had been sorted. R Ward read out a letter from the EA saying the accesses could take 'a number of seasons'. R Ward will reply. G Nettleton felt taking a few seasons is ridiculous.

Cllr Turner asked that a copy of the letter and the reply be sent to him to follow up.

The doors at Hedon – EA reported that stop logs have been made to drop in to allow inspection of doors. The budget for new doors is next year. – this year is a temporary repair.

Stephenson's had sent an invoice for cleaning out grids at Winestead in order to inspect the doors and felt this should be sent to EA.

iii. STONE CREEK WORK – MMO Consent

MMO had received a concern from Natural England about disturbing birds. R Ward will continue to try and resolve. J Maston felt Richard Benyon (Environment Secretary) had got things moving last time. A meeting had been organised in London with the new Environment Secretary Elizabeth Truss but this was cancelled with 2 days notice. This had not been rearranged yet. The closing date for concerns being raised is 18th November. The costs of undertaking the Stone Creek cleaning operation were discussed. We may not have to pay the application fee this time because we are doing it for EA. Other funding streams were also discussed. A Styche asked if this was the right way to go or if we were throwing good money after bad. J Maston felt the group needed to carry on with the Workboat in the short term but needed clarification as to where to start. The members felt it needed to start at the doors. H Sadler reminded members we had also got a quotation from Land and Water and there quote was considerably more expensive. This lead on to the next agenda item.

iv. N SADLER UPDATE ON PUMPS – KEYINGHAM DRAIN

H Sadler had a meeting with Baz at Aquatic Control. This was a none starter as would cost in excess of £2 million to do just a basic system. He felt it was the funding side of it that needed investigating further. Maybe land owners would all contribute?

R Ward agreed to contact an engineer to look at this further. He will also have a meeting with Able UK to discuss funding and other issues and Humber Workboats to get times/levels (and EA if they have them. A benchmark before Able UK go in would be an advantage. R Ward asked that if land owners rang about pumps should he still pass them on to H Sadler for now. This was agreed.

Members discussed the issue of farmers pumping water from their land. J Maston stated that under the Byelaws any farmer wishing to do this should apply for consent from the IDB. This had previously not been policed but possibly should be from now on. G Nettleton stated he had 20 acres he couldn't use and asked if it would be cheaper to flood the land which was low lying and pay the farmers for this. H Sadler felt it was cheaper to pay £60,000 for the boat than to flood the low lying land. G Nettleton agreed that the low lying land had previously been a place for the water to sit when it became too much for Keyingham Drain. Now farmers are pumping this out there is nowhere for the water to wait until Keyingham Drain can take it. R Stephenson felt that the problem was that Keyingham Drain Outlet is in need of repair. G Nettleton felt they couldn't sit in this meeting complaining the EA don't do what they are supposed to if IDB doesn't either. He suggested saying from now on any additional works must ask for permission. H Sadler asked if it was only if it went into a main drain but R Ward explained it is any drain in the IDB area. G Nettleton said farmers are doing it because the drain isn't working well enough and doing a good enough job. The farmers who have land straddling Keyingham Drain are high rate payers. R Ward felt the problem was that ratepayers pay rates on the land that floods and they need to stop this flooding so they can make money on it to pay the rates. The members asked R Ward to discuss costs with engineers/consultants the pumping of Keyingham Drain and Funding options available. G Nettleton asked that a letter be sent out with next year's rates bill saying any new works require consent and enclosing a copy of the byelaws.

v. **BUSHING/STUMP GRINDING KEYINGHAM DRAIN**

Discussed in previous point 6(ii)

vi. **HUMBER BANK**

R Ward stated he had written to Philip Winn regarding Welwick and the slumping and settlement in the bank and the lack of work to the bank West of Humberside Lane, Easington. He had not yet received a reply.

vii. **POSSIBLE SPRAYING MAIN DRAINS**

P Stephenson stated he could see reeds coming back. R Ward had been in contact with an Alan Mullinger who does this on a sub-contractor basis. T Williams said he had done Ottringham 7 or 8 years ago and it was surprising what a difference it made. The members asked R Ward to take this forward.

vii. **FUTURE TENDERS**

J Maston informed members these are due for renewal from May 2015. Preston needs updating from chains to metres. This will be discussed in detail at the meeting in February. R Ward stated there are currently 2 sections of Keyingham Drain that are done by IDB contractors and then charged to the owners by the contractor. This is not working well as the contractor had some issues. R Ward will follow this up and discuss at next meeting.

b) Health & Safety

The Clerk had nothing to report. J Maston is meeting with insurers at Pollards Clough to look at the structure.

c) Correspondence

A list of correspondence was handed out to members.

d) Planning Applications

Date	Details	Application No	Dealt with
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14/05/2014	Redevelopment and extension to holiday caravan park to provide 170 holiday static caravans at Withernsea Sands, Waxholme Road, Withernsea, HU19 2BS for Park Resorts - Full Planning Permission	14/01290	Requested further details
15/05/2014	Erection of 1No substation 1.65m high and 2No transformer kiosks on raised banks 1.7m high in connection with planning permission 11/01980, land to the west of The Limes, Staithes Road, Preston for Robert Beck - Full Planning Permission	14/01352	No objection
22/05/2014	Erection of a general purpose agricultural building for housing of livestock over winter to replace existing building at Elm Tree Farm, Hilston, Hu12 0JB for K Crouch & Son - Full planning permission	14/00884	No objection
8/05/2014	Erection of 2No factory Units for B1 and B2 use following partial demolition of existing factory unit for Kingston Welding Services, Airport Garage, Hedon, HU12 8DN - Full Planning Permission	14/01302	Site not suitable for soakaways - should have SuDs system
01/07/2014	Construction of Flood Defence Embankments - (Amended Description/Plan), Southfield Lane, Tunstall, HU12 0JN - Full Planning Permission	14/00298	No objection
31/07/2014	Change of use of redundant milking parlour and part general purpose agricultural building to 2No accommodation rooms ancillary to an existing bed and breakfast business, including internal and external alterations at Westmere Farm, Kilnsea, HU12 0UB for Mr & Mrs Andrew Wells - Full Planning Permission	14/02317	No objection
20/07/2014	Retention of agricultural storage building at Ryecroft Farm, Marsh Lane, Ryehill, HU12 9NJ for Mr N Frankland - Full Planning Permission	14/02090	No objections
25/07/2014	Erection of 9No dwellings, Land South West and East of Austrothy House, Ottringham Road, Keyingham, HU12 9RX for Mr M Jackson - Outline Planning Permission	14/01635	No objection
27/08/2014	Erection of porch to front, first floor extensions to sides, two storey extension to rear with balcony, single storey extension and link extension to existing pool building to side/rear and removal of 2No chimneys, Danthorpe House, Southfield Lane, Elstronwick, HU12 9AA, for Mr Adrian Taylor - Full Planning Permission	14/01992	Requested further information

07/10/2014	Change of use from Car Body Repair Shop to Industrial Workshop (engineering) including demolition of existing buildings and the erection of an extension to existing workshop. Alterations to existing car port to form additional office space at Ellifoot Lane, Burstwick HU12 9EF for Riley Engineering Ltd - Full Planning Permission	14/02815	No objections
29/10/2014	Erection of single storey extension to rear of 315 Ganstead Lane, Ganstead, HU11 4BJ for Mr Graham Walker - Full Planning Permission	14/03131	

e) Land Drainage Consents

Date	Details	Reply
17/09/2014	Balfour Beatty	Approved

f) Bank Accounts

A breakdown of bank account activity was given out at the meeting.

g) Accounts for confirmation to 31st January 2014

Accounts totalling £56,881.48 (including £6,382.41 VAT) were approved at the meeting

h) Frank Hill & Son Account

Frank Hill & Sons account for Clerk and admin duties was agreed for payment

i) Chairman's Expenses

The Chairman's Expenses were agreed for payment

j) Other Expenses

Expenses from A J Stephenson were agreed for payment

7. Update on revising New Board Area

Maston had been invited to a meeting in London with Elizabeth Truss MP (Secretary of State) and Graham Stewart MP on 27th October. A lot of hard work had been put into getting ready for that meeting but it had been cancelled at very short notice. It did however mean ERYC had got the plans sorted, taking out the areas not to be charged. R Ward stated he had been trying to get a solicitor on board (as asked by ERYC) but had been unable to get a quotation. After discussions with a solicitor who is also an IDB Clerk and other clerks R Ward felt the best way to progress is to get a petition of 40 people and send it in. Then the Government department have to deal with it. R Ward asked the members opinion about going forward without a solicitor and explained that no other boards had yet done a boundary change (one had but there was no-one left at the board that had been there when the change went through). Members asked R Ward to continue without a solicitor and take this forward using the petition method.

8. Audit Update

The audit had been completed and no further action was required. There had been a comment that the board had not provided documentary evidence to demonstrate it had reviewed the effectiveness of internal control arrangement during the year. R Speck discussed this with the auditors who said in future the board needed to minute that "The board discussed the effectiveness of the internal control arrangements for throughout the year and found they had (or had not) been followed and had (or had not) been effective. Amendments were

discussed and were found not to be (or to be) necessary.” The members asked that copies of the risk management policy, financial regulations, standing orders and other necessary policies should be sent out with the minutes and agenda for the February meeting so they can be discussed at that meeting.


9. Future Meetings

Tuesday 3rd February 2015 10am at 18 Market Place, Patrington.

10. Any Other Business

- a. H Sadler asked if there was any news on extending the cogs on the freshwater doors at Stone Creek. He asked that R Ward follow this up.
- b. R Ward informed members that he had attended some meetings regarding CaBA (Catchment Based Approach).
- c. R Ward showed documentation that had been received regarding the Suds (Sustainable Drainage Systems) Consultation.
- d. Another consultation we had been consulted on was RBMP (River Basement Management Plan) and FRMP (Flood Risk Management Plan)
- e. R Speck had attended a DRS computer software users meeting which had proved very useful.
- f. ADA Northern Branch Meeting is on 15th January 2015 at Howden.
- g. NELMS Targeting Statement were discussed.
- h. AMEP - Able UK have requested a meeting re Paull. R Ward, J Maston and any other interested parties to attend.
- i. A meeting is being held 13th November 10am with Laura Morrish ABP at Riverside Hotel.
- j. Humber Nature Partnership have a meeting on 3rd December at the Guildhall, Hull
- k. Guidance had been received from Defra regarding Main River Guidance
- l. ADA Newstream had been received. All members who are interested already receive this.
- m. There is a flooding conference on 27th January 2015 at The Mermaid in London.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 12.30pm

Chairman's Signature.....  Date..... 3/2/15

Mr J Maston