

Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at Frank Hill & Son's offices 18 Market Place, Patrington
On 3rd February 2015 at 10.00am

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Ralph Ward Clerk, Miss R Speck

1. Apologies for absence

H Sadler, M Jackson

2. Declaration of Interest

All declared an interest as ratepayers

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2014

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

4. Matters arising therein not included on agenda

AT Annison asked about what was decided at the last meeting regarding the use of pumps within the catchment area of the board. R Ward informed member that last years newsletter did have the byelaws written into it. R Ward felt the last meeting had agreed that consent was needed if they wanted to pump into ditches/drains within the boards area. G Nettleton stated he was more worried about additional pumps being added – especially on Keyingham drain. AT Annison felt this was a bit wishy washy. C Martinson suggested having a register of all pumps and making it clear we can restrict the flow rates. The group discussed the fact this would all be difficult to police. R Ward stated the 6 original boards should have insisted on consents being requested but we can ask for them now to formalise it.

J Maston asked if any drains other than Keyingham had pumps on. R Stephenson stated they had one on Winestead which was before the main pumps (1970). Winestead was flowing very well at the moment.

C Martinson suggested and the group agreed for the Clerk to ask people with pumps to register and make it clear to them that the IDB can request that they reduce the flow.

6. a) Rates Collected

R Ward informed the meeting that there had been £89,756.13 rates to collect. £85,761.19 had been collected leaving £3,994.94 outstanding. R Ward asked for authorisation to take legal proceedings if these amounts aren't cleared within two weeks. This was agreed by the board

b) Drainage Rates to write off

It was agreed by the Board that all outstanding rates under £4 would be written off. The total amount being £23.52 in Preston Area.

c) Budget 2014/2015

A discussion took place regarding the budgets which had been proposed. J Maston asked if there had been any additional funding received towards the cost of the Humber Work Boat at Stone Creek. R Ward explained that nothing definite. He was in discussions with Crown Estates and Wind Farm Funds. P Turner would ask at ERYC if they could contribute. M Cook suggested Yorkshire Water as they have sewerage outfalls into Keyingham Drain. R Ward would take these forward.

G Nettleton was concerned that Winestead area were paying the most for their drainage rates and had a small surplus but no move had been made for the rates to all become closer to the same amount. The Differential Rating Order only lasted until next year. P Turner felt ERYC would not look favourably at us applying for another

DRO because they want the area to be the full area. T Williams reported that the expansion of the Board Area could take a number of years to get sorted. R Ward explained that putting up Prestons area rate would include putting up the Special Levy. We needed to control the amount the Special Levy went up to no more than 2%. J Maston agreed rather than raising the rates in the Preston area the amount underspent would be left in the main budget, rather than transferred to the deposit account. This would pay towards Keyingham's overspend.

d) Laying of the Rate and Special Levy 2014/2015

After much discussion it was proposed and seconded that the Drainage Board do hereby make a Drainage Rate for the purposes chargeable thereon assessed on the Annual Value Of agricultural land and buildings subject to the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991 as here under set out that is to say :-

An Occupiers' rate assessed at (as listed) in the £ for the period ending on the 31st Day of March 2016.

That the Drainage Board do hereby make a Special Levy assessed as hereunder, that is to say:-

A Special Levy chargeable to East Riding Yorkshire Council in the sum of (as listed) for the period ending on the 31st Day of March 2016.

THAT the purposes for which the said Rate AND Special Levies are made and the amount in the £. For each of the purposes are as hereunder set out. AND that the said Rate shall be payable on Demand. AND that the seal of the Board be affixed on the said Rate and Special Levies accordingly. AND that the Clerk be and is hereby authorised to take all necessary steps to demand and collect the said Rate.

PURPOSES under the Land Drainage Act 1991 for which the Rate mentioned is made	AMOUNT of the Rate in the £. for the Occupiers Rate					
	Thorngumbald	Winestead	Skeffling	Keyingham	Ottringham	Preston
£p in the pound	5p/£	17p/£	15p/£	17p/£	8p/£	1.4p/£
Special Levy	£7602.05	£4569.66	£2789.25	£3268.25	£1938.37	£33258.95
Expenses of Administration under this Act.	0.024	0.041	0.040	0.060	0.031	0.009
Works of maintenance under the said Act.	0.021	0.040	0.050	0.070	0.048	0.005
Improvement of existing works under the said Act	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
New works under the said Act	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Precept of the Environment Agency under the said Act	0.007	0.090	0.070	0.050	0.002	0.001
Total Expenses	0.052	0.171	0.160	0.180	0.081	0.015
Less Government Grants	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Contributions from EA	0.002	0.001	0.010	0.010	0.001	0.001
Other Income	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Income	0.002	0.001	0.010	0.010	0.001	0.001
£p in the pound	0.050	0.170	0.150	0.170	0.080	0.014

7. a) Maintenance

THORNGUMBALD – AT Anison informed the meeting that this should be complete shortly.

PRESTON – A Styche stated there is still some dredging and desilting to do. And works at BP are still to do. The rest is completed.

b) Stone Creek Works – MMO Consent

To be discussed later

c) Bushing/Stump Grinding Keyingham Drain

J Maston reminded members that it was agreed at the last meeting to bush the bank on Keyingham Drain at Stone Creek. Vicary has done this work. The grinding has been budgeted for. It was agreed that the bank along the southside needed pulling off and levelling.

d) Humber Bank Welwick

The repair is not very good. EA are standing firm regarding no more work. Welwick Parish Council are also involved. This will also be discussed later.

e) Possible Spraying Main Drains

R Ward has contacted Alan Mullinger who is an independent consultant. If members let R Ward know which lengths he would get quotations for the work. P Stephenson requested a quotation be asked for Barr House to Winestead Bridge. These works would need doing in May, June or July.

f) Future Tenders

R Ward will update the existing tenders. Members were asked to contact him if alterations were needed to the existing tenders. The group requested it be sent to a minimum of 3 contactors. T Williams made the point that the big machine used this year on Ottringham undermined the Drain Bank. P Stephenson noted reeds can blow back into the drain and want placing further away.

8 a) Health & Safety

The Clerk had nothing to report.

b) Correspondence

A list of correspondence was handed out to members.

c) Planning Applications

Date	Details	Application No	Dealt with
29/10/2014	Erection of single storey extension to rear of 315 Ganstead Lane, Ganstead, HU11 4BJ for Mr Graham Walker - Full Planning Permission	14/0313/PLF	Not in our area
07/11/2014	Proposed change of use from Office (B1) to Non-Residential Care (D1) with associated car parking at Richardson Electrical, Tower House Lane, Hedon, HU12 8EE for Ms Rebecca Nichols - Full Planning Permission.	14/03410/PLF	No objection
17/11/2014	Construction of a replacement 3.4m flood defence wall incorporating vehicular and pedestrian access points and security fence on top at Saltend Substation 7859 Saltend Lane, Preston, for National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd - Full Planning Permission	14/03467/PLF	No objection
25/11/2014	Erection of single storey extension to rear and conversion of part garage to additional living accommodation at 2 Winston Close, Burstwick, HU12 9HW for Mrs Barbara Osbourne - Full Planning Permission	14/03650/PLF	No objection
12/12/2014	Erection of workers amenity building in connection with an existing intensive livestock unit at West Farm, Stone Creek Road, Sunk Island, HU12 0AP for RC & VE Buckle and Son - Full Planning Permission	14/03886/PLF	Not in our area
21/01/2015	Outline - erection of building for storage of fairground vehicles and equipment (all matters reserved) at Land West of Fairways, Neat Marsh Road, Preston, for M and R Amusements - Outline Planning Permission	14/03192/OUT	To deal with

d) Land Drainage Consents

None.

The Clerk reported to the meeting that he had sent an application for consent to a property in Kilnsea where the new owner had potted a dyke. A completed application form had not yet been received back.

e) Bank Accounts

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

f) Accounts for confirmation to 31st January 2014

Accounts totalling £82,617.21 (including £10,030.87 VAT) were approved at the meeting

9. Pumps – Keyingham Drain and JBA Quote

R Ward had been asked to obtain a quote for a feasibility study. This had been received (£6040) and was discussed at the meeting. The members questioned the life of this study. R Ward would ask for the costs for the engineering side of the study to be done but not the environmental and other sections that might go out of date.

8 and 14 and 7b. MMO Licensing and Update on revising New Board Area

J Maston passed the meeting over to T Williams after thanking him for travelling to London to the meeting with Elizabeth Truss MP the Secretary of State on 2nd February 2015.

MMO and Stone Creek

T Williams reported that he discussed with Graham Stuart MP the need for this subject to be heard at the meeting, reminding him that the MMO are still holding back on our application. The last communication was dated 6th January and said they would be in touch with their decision shortly. Graham Stuart MP wanted to concentrate on the boundary alterations so the MMO problem didn't get much time. It was mentioned in the last 60 seconds and Graham Stuart MP asked that SHIDB write to him with an update. R Ward reminded members that the initial survey work had been completed and the MMO application covered 10 years. It was proposed that the works be carried out by Humber Work Boats once MMO consent had been given. The Board unanimously agreed to this work being carried out.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

T Williams informed the meeting that he had been at the meeting with Elizabeth Truss MP, Graham Stuart MP, Jean Venables (ADA), John Duggleby & Bill Symonds (Beverley and North Holderness IDB), Andrew MacLauchlan (ERYC) and 3 civil servants. He had explained that effects of flooding across the whole of our area. A MacLauchlan had said he would like to take the lead and asked for funding of £20k from Defra to do our boundary change as a pilot scheme. E Truss asked if there would be a Differential Rating Order for the higher areas. T Williams informed her that the whole area is relatively low lying, with nothing above 20m. She requested a letter explaining the cost implications. A MacLauchlan to reply. R Ward felt the main problem was no one had done this before. A MacLauchlan previously advised employing a solicitor but we were not able to get a quotation for one. He hoped this meeting has been the kickstart this needs.

J Maston also reminded the members we now have the signed Public Sector Agreement signed. There are no prices in it. Not only for Winestead and Keyingham drains which were done this year but the work to be done needs to be agreed each year. However it is very flexible

10. Internal Control Arrangements and verification of existing policies

Members had been asked to read and digest the Risk Management Policy, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. These were discussed and their effectiveness was discussed. The Internal Control Arrangements throughout the year were discussed and found to have been followed and had been effective. Amendments were discussed and found not to be necessary.

11. ADA Northern Conference Report

J Maston said South Holderness internal Drainage Board had been well represented at the meeting. ADA has changed their constitution and is now a Limited Company. Innes Thompson (currently EA) had been there, as had Jean Venables who was retiring. The board had been asked to make a contribution to her retirement present and asked R Ward to see what other boards were doing about this.

12. a) Information to send to ratepayers

This was discussed and the members requested that the information includes not only the byelaws but the upcoming election and the problems with pumps.

b) Stewardship schemes and the right of the IDB to object and issues of access and maintenance were discussed.

13. Report on meeting with Philip Winn (Environment Agency)

R Ward had met with Philip Winn and the EA project manager regarding potential flooding between Welwick and Skeffling. They still intend to carry out managed retreat and the line is as it was 10 years ago. The problems are the same as 10 years ago at Weeton & Welwick. The upshot of the meeting was we informed Philip Winn we would relish the opportunity to have input into it and will be involved in the design and hope that this will be acceptable. J Maston, R Ward and M Wilkin would be on the committee and requested one other member from the drainage board. R Stephenson agreed to be on the committee. The EA said they will discuss but have no plans as yet.

M Cook stated they haven't achieved what they set off to achieve on the work they have done already at Paull. R Ward stated they are repairing the bank at a weak point at the back of South Pastures Farm and they have done a lot of work on that. G Nettleton was concerned we were just accepting what they said. R Ward stated one farmer had spent money taking Counsels opinion and got no-where.

14. Report on meeting with Elizabeth Truss

Discussed previously

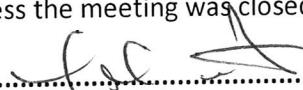

15. Future Meetings

Tuesday 9th June 2015 10am at 18 Market Place, Patrington. – Please note this was changed to 2nd June 2015 due to account return due dates.

16. Any Other Business

- a) R Ward informed the group there was a DRS users meeting on 26th February. R Speck would attend.
- b) R Ward showed the group photos of Winestead drain being cleaned out.
- c) The Kingswood Pumping Station Tour was being programmed for later in the year.
- d) The next Yorkshire Waterways Partnership Conference is 25th February 2015 at Sewerby Hall.
- e) ADA has published a Best Practice Guide of accessing Environmental and other specialist expertise.
- f) Barclays Bank has updated its customer agreement. R Speck to be able to request printouts of the account.
- g) ADA article call for Spring 2015 Gazette. Deadline is 9th February – R Ward would send in the photos of Winestead Drain being cleaned.
- h) ADA Northern Branch President is now Andrew Percy.
- i) J Maston reminded the members that the damage to the ramp on Keyingham drain still needs looking at.
- j) J Maston reported that the bridge at the back of sewerage works at Keyingham is dangerous.
- k) T Williams stated Braemar Bridge is now a public footpath. R Ward did contact ERYC to ask for proof of ownership for it but got no response.
- l) Stuart Saunt had asked if a flap could be fitted at the back of Burstwick. The water comes back and floods low lying land. R Ward to send a consent form.
- m) J Maston stated R Smith and S Moore are concerned about the state of the doors at Hedon Haven and are threatening to publicise it. The pumps at Burstwick Village have never had to be used.
- n) R Ward had a meeting with ERYC who are looking at the whole area of flood plain areas West of Burstwick.
- o) C Martinson asked if the election would go ahead this year. R Ward said yes it would as per the previous timescale.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 12.45pm

Chairman's Signature..........Date..........
Mr J Maston