

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at Frank Hill & Son's offices 18 Market Place, Patrington
On 10th November 2015 at 10.00am**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Ralph Ward Clerk, Miss R Speck

1. Apologies for absence

P Stephenson, H Sadler, G Nettleton

2. Declaration of Interest

All declared an interest as ratepayers

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015

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

4. Election of Chair

J Maston was nominated by A Styche and seconded by R Stephenson. The board unanimously agreed.

5. Election of Vice Chair

C Martinson was nominated by T Williams and seconded by M Cook. The board unanimously agreed.

6. Matters arising therein not included on agenda

None not included on the agenda.

7. a Maintenance Works

J Maston stated works had started on the tendered work on 14th September. All works will be completed within the 10 week period with the exception of BP which is always done in January.

J Maston also informed members that the Environment Agency had not done any works so far. There had been an accident with a man going in a drain and due to the Health and Safety issues they had stopped all works. R Ward explained he had contacted Keith Crawford who asked him for a quote for Preston and Skeffling. They have asked us to do certain works, including Old Fleet but they are going to be doing Burstwick Drain themselves with a boat. This doesn't touch the sides – just does the centre of the channel. They may get a 360 excavator later. He had asked about Burstwick but been told the Environment Agency would do it themselves. R Stephenson said this work was not yet done and it had usually been completed before now. A Styche said when this is cleaned out with the boat the weeds go floating down to the doors.

J Maston was pleased we had been asked to do the work as we are in control and not getting a lot of interference from EA. R Stephenson stated that since the IDB had cleaned out Winestead Drain it had made a big difference (over 4 foot).

AT Annison asked about Thorngumbald Drain near the Pumps. The EA said they were going to clean out. The EA were going to repair the river bank because it had slumped when it was built. They couldn't get in and National Grid are also now in the same compound. – R Ward to chase up

SPRAYING – J Maston informed those present that spraying had been carried out at Preston and Ottringham. T Williams was disappointed there was only 2 nozzles and didn't think that was enough but we would be able to tell next year.

J Maston informed members that the Bridge on Keyingham sewerage works had been removed and the ramp had been reinstated. The letter sent to Mr Kirkwood and his reply received were read out.

J Maston stated there had been a bit of an issue with one land owner who is not a drainage rate payer so needs a separate letter to let him know when weeding will be taking place, as does L A Clappison. Wilkin Partners are now working on the Able side of Keyingham Drain and there are quite a lot of weeds and silt. Need to decide if we dredge it. Members agreed while we have the chance to do it. It was suggested a long reach was put in and the sides trimmed back. J Maston also stated stump grinding should still be done.

C Martinson asked if there was any more bushing to do on Keyingham main drain. J Maston said yes. Also bushing. On Winestead Drain dredging booster to Barr House Bridge on Winestead Drain should be looked at.

A Styche worried that the stumps would grow back every year and we should possibly drill and put chemicals in. If we can't get in for some reason it will soon grow back and we will be back at the beginning.

J Maston said G Nettleton had asked about providing men for Mark Bailey from EA. The members decided Guy should keep a track of the hours spent and invoice the Internal Drainage Board.

J Maston felt the maintenance had gone well this year.

7. b Health & Safety

Nothing to report

Disused Brick bridge near Kingston Hotel is unsafe but it is against a public access and houses. A survey will be carried out for bats. J Maston suggested setting in process the bat survey in April/May next year. If the bridge falls it will block the drain.

7. c Correspondence

A list of correspondence received and sent was handed out to members.

Ralph discussed Braemar Bridge. C Martinson was under the impression that when the bridge came out the bridleway wasn't established. R Stephenson felt the council is responsible for Public Rights of Way. R Ward stated it had been an immediate drainage issue. ERYC want it reinstating but R Ward would follow this up.

7. d Planning Application

A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed. C Martinson asked about a planning application that had been submitted but the IDB hadn't been consulted because it was outside our area. R Ward stated this would be better when all the area was rated and therefore all in our area.

7. e Land Drainage Act Consents

No Land Drainage Consents had been requested.

7. f Bank Accounts

A summary of bank account activity was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was accepted.

7. g Accounts for confirmation

Accounts totalling £30,328.51 (including vat of £1,614.75) were approved at the meeting

7. h Frank Hill & Son Account

R Ward produced a detailed invoice totalling £19,693.01 plus VAT. Members agreed this figure to be paid.

7. i Chairman Expenses

J Maston produced a detailed invoice totalling £502.60 plus VAT. Members agreed this figure to be paid.

7. j Other Expenses

No other expenses were tabled.

8. Stone Creek Dredging Works Update

R Ward informed those present that the licence amendment had been received on 18th October. As our licence limits us to doing the work between 1st April and 31st October, and notice is required to be given to several groups before work can commence work could not get done. J Maston thanked Ralph and Rachel for their work on this.

J Maston felt the group needed to decide when to do it. T Williams felt the back end of the year was best when there was water in the drain. R Ward to contact Humber Work Boats to discuss when they would be available with a possible start date of 1st April 2016. Final decision to be made at the February 2016 meeting.

J Maston also needed confirmation of where the members felt the starting point should be. Possibly past Cherry Cob drain and do the section which wasn't done last time as we ran out of time. He also asked R Ward to check the quote still stands.

T Williams asked about putting a couple of extra cogs on the doors. C Martinson had discussed this previously but had been told it was not as simple as it sounds as if the doors are lifted any more the weed would get underneath and block up the section between the doors.

9. Stone Creek Pump Feasibility Study

J Maston and R Ward met with Andrew Thomas (JBA). He had sent an email which the members studied. This was discussed. R Ward will go back to Andrew Thomas and ask him to discuss this with Able.

10. Applications for Wind Farm Grants

R Speck informed the group that applications had been submitted to 3 funds.

Roos had held their meeting and refused to fund it.

Burton Pidsea and Tedder Hill (both managed by ERYC) had lost the application and not submitted it to the funding meeting. The people dealing with both funds had been contacted and had assured us that they will send us the correct form early next year when the funds re-open.

11. Update on revising New Board Area

R Ward stated that A McLachlan was still trying to get funding. There was nothing positive to report. R Ward felt that we should just go ahead. He hopes to put a lot of work into it over this coming winter. He stated another IDB had just added some areas of land.

J Maston asked for figures after the increase in area and how much additional maintenance would there be. R Ward would get more information for the February meeting.

12. Meeting re Humber Managed Retreat

A meeting had been held with the EA's Project Manager. The area under consideration was South of Weeton which floods from Skeffling to Welwick Humberside. Over 400 acres. The plans are still very open with no detail. Levels are not done. R Stephenson stated the EA want it tidal. C Martinson asked how they will keep it clear as it will silt up. R Ward felt it was all very political and will go ahead. J Maston felt it was good we were being kept informed.

13. Meeting 2015 Capital Grant Road Show

R Ward attended this meeting in Leeds. It was useful and interesting in that EA will only get involved if it is a joint scheme. It was also interesting that other IDB's are also using JBA to look at the feasibility of pumps. The EA have one member of staff whose job it is to look for other funding grants and he will be a good contact.

14. Future Meetings

Tuesday 2nd February 2016 10am at 18 Market Place, Patrington to fix the 2016/17 rates.

15. Any Other Business

- C Martinson asked about Sand-le-Mere. He felt this had been put on the back burner by ERYC. He had been told the land owner had been offered £1. R ward confirmed he had heard the same. R Ward and P Turner would speak to A McLachlan and the Estates Team.
- R Ward had received an email stating ADA were altering their subscriptions – it may cost £80 extra per annum. They are also looking at a name change and rebranding
- Humber Nature Partnership have a meeting at the Guildhall on 25th November.
- An email had been received from EA regarding a 2 week period to raise awareness of flooding.
- J Maston reported that a door at Stone Creek was leaking salt water. He had reported it to the EA Forman.
- The Kingswood Pumping Station visit had been postponed to 11th December. R Ward would be in touch with members with more details nearer the time.
- J Maston attended a meeting at Willerby Lagoons. They have done 4 lagoons and spent 5.5 million. J Maston had found this very interesting. R Ward had heard they were also doing some more at Cottingham.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 12.00

Chairman's Signature..........Date.....2-2-16.....
Mr J Maston