

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at Frank Hill & Son's offices 18 Market Place, Patrington
On 2nd February 2016 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
H Sadler - Keyingham

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Ralph Ward Clerk, Miss R Speck

1. Apologies for absence

P Stephenson, G Nettleton, Cllr P Turner

2. Declaration of Interest

All declared an interest as ratepayers

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015

Correction – A Annison stated he hadn't felt the autumn was best for the boat to go in. Not T Williams as stated. T Williams would have preferred the boat to go in spring.

Other than this amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.

4. Matters arising therein not included on agenda

None not included on the agenda.

5. a) Rates Collected to 31/12/15

£92,319 had been collected leaving £2,847.77 outstanding. It was noted that the land currently billed to Preston Nurseries is now owned by Rick Hewland. R Ward to re-issue statement.

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 £23.73 in Preston Area. The board agreed for these to be written off

c) Budget 2016/2017

R Ward went through each individual area's budget, then through the one for the whole board. H Sadler asked that another year the expenses for rechargeable are shown as a separate figure for ease. A discussion took place regarding any projects that needed doing in the coming year. T Williams asked if more stump grinding needed doing. J Maston felt that at the moment it does until a more permanent way of dealing with them is found. C Martinson suggested we ask Wilkin Partners to do another £2,000 on stump grinding in this financial year as this is able to be paid via the PCSO. H Sadler asked if Burstwick would be included in the PCSO after the fracas within this year. J Maston suggested that we will ask and they may let us do it but not the stretch through Hedon. H Sadler also felt that the IDB should include a management charge in all future costs under the PCSO.

A discussion took place regarding Stone Creek and Humber Work Boats. R Ward informed the members present that the estimate received in December 2014 still stood. If 17 days was needed it would cost £78,000. Members felt that for the shorter stretch they wanted to do 17 days was quite an overestimate and this much time wouldn't been needed so the cost should be less. H Sadler had been approached by Mick Grant who felt the drain was moving better now than last year. He was also of the opinion the work would be better done in October than spring. A Annison felt there was a pinch point near the last boat up to Stony Creek. Possibly pile this, stone and go in with a digger. R Ward had been speaking to K Pizer who thought the holdup was in the main stream where they have trouble getting out of. H Sadler felt Hedon was working quite well now.

A Annison stated it was all about the capacity the drain would hold. J Maston had discussed with G Nettleton and he had suggested buying a boat and doing the work in autumn. H Sadler said we had spent £2,500 on a survey

and we need to use it and do the points that need doing. T Williams felt we don't need to do Ottringham Outlet. H Sadler suggested starting where the boats are parked.

H Sadler stated under the bridges needs clearing out now. The last time we dredged the debris under the bridges held up the flow (Roos Bridge, Bridge Bungalows Bridge, Cherry Cob Sands, Eastholme and the Railway Bridge). H Sadler had spoken to Wilkin Partners about putting Andrew Smales boat in. H Sadler asked about getting a financial contribution from ERYC Highways for the works under the bridge. R Ward to look into this. J Maston had a clipping from the newspaper stating that silt levels in the River Humber are higher than they have been for 50 years.

H Sadler proposed that the clearing of debris from under the bridges is done soon, Highbridge and working down and dredging is reconsidered for September/October. This was seconded by M Jackson and agreed by all members present. They asked R Ward to speak to ERYC re bridges liability and to speak to A Smales about the works.

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 2017.

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 2017.

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/£	16p/£	21p/£	8p/£	1.4p/£
Special Levy	£7602.05	£4569.66	£2975.20	£4037.25	£1938.37	£33258.95
Expenses of Administration under this Act.	0.024	0.041	0.040	0.080	0.031	0.009
Works of maintenance under the said Act.	0.021	0.040	0.060	0.090	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	0.170	0.220	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	0.160	0.210	0.080	0.014

6. Maintenance

J Maston informed the members that maintenance works had been completed in the agreed timescales. BP is still to do and permissions are needed. The EA jettied the doors at Old Fleet and Hedon Haven and Keyingham. G Lount stated the EA had also cleaned out Easington Clough on the river side.

The Chairman felt the Kingswood Pumps visit has been very interesting.

R Stephenson had been to see Outstrays new pump. There are 2 low level pumps running most of the time. G Nettleton was happy with this arrangement. H Sadler asked if we could put something like that on Keyingham. R Ward read out, and the group discussed, the email from JBA regarding the study being carried out on Keyingham Drain regarding the possibility of using pumps, which will now be completed late February or early March of this year.

J Maston informed the board that a letter had been received from Hedon Town Council regarding Flood Protection Matters they had and R Ward had replied allaying their fears.

J Maston asked if anything further was known about Sand-Le-Mere. R Ward felt it was going nowhere. ERYC may compulsory purchase. The stone placed by this board had done a lot of good.

R Ward had been contacted by ERYC with a bit of extra money to spend on drainage. He put forward 3 suggestions but believes work may be proposed at Easington/Kilnsea with it. R Ward will contact G Frisby to see if it could be used for the bridge works.

R Stephenson asked about the stretch Weeton Beck to Brook Farm (Buckles) - R Ward stated it was last done 2 years ago but it didn't need doing as was fine at the moment.

J Maston, C Martinson and R Speck had attended a meeting about the Wind Farm Funding. Members asked that an application be submitted for costs towards the dredging at Stone Creek.

7. a) (i) Health & Safety

Nothing to report

R Ward stated it was 3 years since the Health and Safety Policy was last reviewed. A quotation of £505 had been received from R Shepherd. All members agreed to go ahead with this work.

(ii) Insurance

A note had been received from our Insurance Broker reminding us of our cover figures. This was discussed at the meeting and found to be adequate.

7. b) Correspondence

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

A letter received from Barclays Bank was discussed. The Patrington Branch was closing on 17th February. It is hoped we will be able to pay into the Barclays account using Ottringham Post Office. R Ward explained that one issue could be we wouldn't be able to view the account – except for monthly statements, which may prove to be not often enough. There was a facility at the bank where R Speck would be able to look at the account on the internet. H Sadler suggested we start using the proper internet banking for payments as well, which are much cheaper than sending cheques. It was proposed by H Sadler and Seconded by M Jackson that R Speck and R Ward apply to be able to use internet banking.

7. c) Planning Application

A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed.

An application at Middle Lane, Preston was discussed in length. R Ward was asked to reply that in the boards opinion the proposal would not work.

7. d) Land Drainage Act Consents

No Land Drainage Consents had been requested.

7. e) Bank Accounts

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

7. f) Accounts for confirmation

Accounts totalling £123,906.78 (including vat of £12,443.71) were approved at the meeting

8. Update on revising new board area

R Ward informed those present that he had been in contact with Tim Ayre from the Legal Department of the EA. He had been attending a meeting regarding Board changing their area so would be back in touch within a few days. When nothing had been heard R Ward rang him again and was told he had passed it on to a man more local to the area (Paul Stockhil). He had not been in his office when R Ward had tried to contact him. R Ward would continue to follow this up. ERYC are still eager for this to progress, as is Innes Thompson at ADA. ADA may chair a

meeting between our board, ERYC and EA. One issue is that rating information cannot be there for modern houses because there was no rateable value after 1992.

R Ward informed the members that the DRO would need applying for again this year if this was the way they wanted to go. M Cook asked that this be an agenda item for the next meeting and some figures be prepared for discussion to be taken forward then.

9. 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.

The Clerk to ensure any change in Banking Facilities be covered at the next meeting

10. ADA Northern Meeting Report

J Maston reported that C Martinson, R Ward, M Cook and himself had attended the Meeting. Innes Thompson spoke at length about PCSO's. He also touched on moving the boundaries. Ian Russell had also spoken about PCSO's. John Trail from YWT spoke about the River Head at Driffield. A lady spoke at length about eels. J Maston felt it had been an interesting meeting. R Ward felt Innes Thompson is very approachable and C Martinson felt it was a good thing that he knew us. R Ward had spoken to him about the proposed ADA name change. Innes said it wouldn't change just for the sake of it.

R ward had been approached to be Vice Chair of the Northern group but had declined the position, feeling it would be better to be an elected member rather than a paid clerk. He had suggested J Maston or C Martinson for the role.

11. Information to send to Ratepayers

R Ward read through the proposed newsletter.

The pumps section was discussed and the charges were agreed and proposed by C Martinson and seconded by T Williams.

12. Future Meetings

Tuesday 7th June at 9.30am at 18 Market Place, Patrington

13. Any Other Business

- a) R Ward had been contacted by Bill Stothard to say M Cook had been stopped by Harry Burstall and John Fisher. R Ward will give them notice for next year. Either they do it or we do it and charge them for it.
- b) M Jackson requested the meetings be started 30 minutes earlier at 9.30am. All agreed.
- c) H Sadler asked if ERYC had made any further contact about having extra councillors on the Board. R ward stated no further contact has been made.
- d) R Ward mentioned a complaint in Roos. James Cook had contacted R Ward but it isn't in our area and wouldn't be in our area once the boundaries have been changed.
- e) J Maston discussed that since the flooding there had been a lot in the news about paying farmers to flood their fields.
- f) J Maston asked about the Welwick Bank. R Ward had heard they were still trying to buy land and doing archaeological surveys and are still proceeding with building a new bank.
- g) R Ward and H Sadler had met with Yorkshire Water Engineers. They are renewing the main water pipe at Burstwick/Halsham that bursts regularly. They want to lay it as close to the road as they can.
- h) R Ward noted that the Sewerage works at Hollym shouldn't involve consents from the drainage board. He had made it clear that the IDB wouldn't let them discharge water into Winestead catchment.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 12.45

Chairman's Signature..........Date.....7-6-16.....
Mr J Maston