

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board  
Held at Frank Hill & Son's offices 18 Market Place, Patrington  
On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 9.30am**

**PRESENT** J Maston – Chairman - Preston  
R. T Williams – Ottringham  
G Lount – Skeffling  
R Stephenson – Skeffling  
M Cook – Thorngumbald  
AT Annison - Thorngumbald  
H Sadler – Keyingham  
P Stephenson – Winestead  
G Nettleton - Winestead

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr Ralph Ward Clerk, Miss R Speck

The meeting was opened by J Maston with the sad news of the death of Mr Chris Martinson. John gave a brief history of Chris's role within the drainage boards, going back to his time on the Keyingham Level Drainage Board and his time as Vice Chair of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board. A minute's silence was held to give members time to reflect on their memories of Chris.

**1. Apologies for absence**

M Jackson, A Styche, Cllr P Turner

**2. Declaration of Interest**

All declared an interest as ratepayers

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

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

**4. Matters arising therein not included on agenda**

- R Ward informed the members that there was no further information regarding Sand-Le-Mere. They may

compulsory purchase but no decisions had been made as yet.

**4b Election of New Vice Chairman**

Nominations were asked for. H Sadler proposed G Nettleton. This was seconded by T Williams and unanimously agreed. G Nettleton accepted the position.

**4c Insurance**

R Ward explained to the members additional insurance recommendations that the brokers had suggested. This was for 4 policies of Loss Recovery, Professional Indemnity, Board Members Liability and Excess of Public Liability. After much discussion the members requested that three of the policies be taken out and the Loss Recovery Policy be not taken out. H Sadler requested that the policies be taken out now and quotations to be requested in February next year so that time is available for these to be discussed before renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Due to R Ward having to leave items were discussed in an order different to on the agenda.**

**6 Update on Revising New Board Area**

R Ward informed members that he and J Maston had met Victoria Townend from the Environment Agency who is assisting with this. A bit more PR work is needed. There are 2 other boards wanting to expand their area. R Ward has spoken to the Clerk of these boards Phil Camomile who is looking into the legislation. There is an issue with the legislation and how the rates will be calculated. Phil Camomile hoped these issues with the legislation should be sorted within 12 months which would help in calculating the justification.

Further consultation is required and R Ward suggested consulting with TFA, CLA and NFU.

R Ward also discussed with Phil Camomile the excluding of the villages. Other Clerks had felt this should not happen because you loose rates but Phil didn't see it as being an issue with ADA.

M Cook asked if the Crown were involved. R Ward stated that discussions had been held and some areas would be left out of the area. G Nettleton didn't think areas should be left out. J Maston agreed and felt if Winestead Drain was de-mained then the area should come back in to the board but at the moment we get paid to clean it out so it doesn't cost us anything. R Ward to reopen discussions on this with the Crown Estates.

## **7.**

The Clerk presented the Board with: -

Final figures of the Annual report for the year ended 31st March 2016 and these were approved by the Board.

### **a. Approval of the Annual Returns year-end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board.**

It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chair sign the form on the board's behalf.

### **b. Approval of the Annual Governance Statements year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board.**

It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chair sign the form on the board's behalf.

## **8. Approval of amendments of Financial Regulations**

R Ward informed members that the Financial Regulations had needed to be updated due to the bank in Patrington closing. It had also been updated to enable the board to use internet banking, which was almost available to the board now, with R Speck and R Ward as signatories. Members present approved the amendments and J Maston and R Ward signed the new policy.

G Nettleton would be added as a signatory and the late C Martinson would be removed.

## **5. b) (i) Health & Safety**

R Ward had received a note of 3 issues from Wilkin Partners.

- (i) Engine Corner/Halsham Drain Junction – Short stretch of ramp is too narrow, if half a dozen bushes are removed at the other side there would be no need to go on the ramp – R Ward to ask M Wilkin to do this after discussion with H Sadler.
- (ii) Halfway down Ottringham Drain from Engine Corner – Short Stretch of ramp is too narrow – R Ward to ask M Wilkin to do this after discussion with H Sadler.
- (iii) Rimswell Carrs – All grass fields have no proper gated access, there is only electric fences that have to be switched off, taken apart, then re-joined and switched back on, all sometimes with cattle in the fields – R Ward asked G Nettleton to contact M Wilkin about this.

## **5. c) Correspondence**

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

R Ward informed members that Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June was the Northern Area Branch Meeting of ADA. He and J Maston would be attending but if any others wanted to attend they should let him know.

## **5. d) Planning Application**

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

R Ward discussed Hedon Airfield queries we had received with the members present.

R Ward then left the meeting

## **5. e) Land Drainage Act Consents**

One had been approved

## **5. f) Bank Accounts**

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

## **5. g) Accounts for confirmation**

Accounts totalling £47,799.30 (including vat of £6,901.17) were approved at the meeting

**5. a) Maintenance**

J Maston informed members that new doors had been installed at Hedon Haven (the previous ones lasted 35 years). He also stated

There is spraying to do at old fleet drain

Thorn outlet – John spoke to Neil Botham at EA

Easington – could be done on PSCA

Keith Crawford is retiring in August

Reedsmere – Water Vole survey – the consultant had suffered a loss in the family. J Maston would follow up.

Keyingham Drain Bridges – J Maston had spoken to Andrew Smales and Mick Wilkin. H Sadler will speak to Andrew Smales. G Nettleton felt Roos needed doing as well.

- (i) Decision on Humber Work Boats cleaning of Stone Creek – T Annison felt that near the doors needed to be done. A discussion took place which resulted in the members feeling that round the corner needed to be done first. It was agreed that HWB would be asked to go in October.
- (ii) Public Sector Cooperation Agreement works – a hand out was given on the works that had been agreed so far. T Annison asked if Roundup would be put in the stumps to get rid of them for good. J Maston stated this had not been discussed so far. G Nettleton stated that there is stump grinding to do at Booster and Outstray.

J Maston brought up the subject of the Bridge at Braemar. ERYC insist it was a right of way and should be reinstated. J Maston asked if pipes and a couple of handrails would be the best option? G Nettleton felt 20ft girders would be better as they wouldn't restrict the flow. H Sadler suggested sending a letter to ERYC stating that if the landowners reinstate the footpath we have no objection to ERYC replacing the bridge.

**9. Proposed Tour of Inspection**

R Stephenson suggested asking if they could go and see the Archimedes Screws at Kingswood now they are up and running. Possibly in the winter. Members agreed this would be a good visit.


**1. Future Meetings**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am at 18 Market Place, Patrington

**13. Any Other Business**

- A new board member would be needed. M Saunt and M Grant were proposed. J Maston would contact both, check they would be happy to accept the position and a vote would be held at the next meeting.
- T Williams stated that a culvert is falling in on a branch of Ottringham Drain.
- J Maston asked about the JBA report. This had not been received yet. R Speck to chase up.
- Max Cook asked if any further details was know about Able UK. He had heard a rumour that they would be using pumps and wanting fresh water. He felt we should contact them and suggest they take it from Keyingham Drain. J Maston would investigate.
- H Sadler asked if any more funding was available for Sand-Le-Mere which could do with more stone. Because nothing else had happened. R Speck thought that the funding we had used for this was only available because of the 2013 surge.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 11.30

Chairman's Signature..........Date.....8-11-16.....  
 Mr J Maston