

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at The Station Hotel, Patrington, Hull
On Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 9.30am**

PRESENT

J Maston – Chairman – Preston
G Nettleton – Vice Chairman – Winestead
R Stephenson - Winestead
R T Williams – Ottringham
P Lount – Skeffling
C Leckonby – Skeffling
M Cook - Thorngumbald
A T Annison – Thorngumbald
M Grant – Keyingham
H Sadler - Keyingham
A Styche – Preston
Cllr M Bryan
Cllr B Skow
Cllr J Dennis

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), D Moss.

John Maston spoke of the sad death of Mick Wilkin – he was as well respected member of the local community and a friend to all and his local knowledge of the Skeffling area was invaluable to the Board and carried out work over the past 35 years, since 1983 in the Skeffling District. A minute's silence was observed by the Board.

1. **Apologies for absence** – M Jackson, Cllr D Tucker, Cllr S Steel, B Cloke, Cllr J Holtby
2. **Declaration of Interest**
All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018**
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.
4. **Matters arising therein not included on agenda**
None
- 5a. **Maintenance works for IDB**
The bulk of the maintenance work has been completed.
Saltend BP is still to complete which will be done once access permits have been arranged.
Skeffling – the Sludging from Church to Humberside is to be done.
Ryehill Drain – Still some clearing up to do after Yorkshire Water tipped sewage waste on the bank.
In general, all happy with the workmanship and no complaints received regarding the work carried out and access.
The work in the middle of Hedon has been completed, by the Environment Agency, by boat due to access issues.
- 5b. **Maintenance works under PCSA**
Large amount of the work has been completed.
Keyingham Drain – Last section to flail (not weed).
Winestead Drain – Bushing to be looked at.
The end of February is the cut off date for all works to be done or it will be carried over to Backend.
There is money in the PCSA for the work to be done and also money in hand for Keyingham Drain and Easington Bank.

5c. Health & Safety

Ralph Ward stated there was no incidents to report.

Richard Shepherd from Protech Safety Management was still acting as advisor and all contractors Health and Safety Policies are up to date.

5d. Correspondence

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

5e. Planning Application

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

Mr Hewland – Planning application for the erection of a building for fish breeding – Comments were made on this application, and planning has since been refused by the ERYC.

ABP – An outline planning application had been submitted for development on Land South West of Hedon Bypass. Despite the site been in the local plan The Board commented on this application due to the overload of Reedmere Sewer and Burstwick Drain.

5f. Land Drainage Act Consents

A list of Land Drainage Consent Applications was handed out. All applications were approved

5g. Bank Accounts

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

5h. Accounts for confirmation

A summary of accounts for confirmation was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.

5i. Other Expenses

No expenses were brought to the meeting.

6. (a) Rates Collected – Discussed £107,322.72 collected to date leaving £972.51 outstanding.

(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 £23.68 in Preston Area. The board agreed for these to be written off

(c) Budget 2018/2020

Three proposals were put forward to The Board (1) The Rates stay the same (2) A 2.9% increase (3) A 6% increase.

The ERYC have an ability to increase their Council Tax by up to 2.9%. G Nettleton stated that Drainage Rates are included in the Council Tax but it is not shown as a separate item so it is unknown, by the Ratepayers, how much the figure is.

It was stated that in the event of a large flooding event the reserve account would not be sufficient to cover the costs needed and an increase would help maintain contingencies to be able to act quickly in the case of a major event.

With the ABP and YEP planning applications to contest an increase would help towards legal and specialist advice if required. If the planning did go ahead on Hedon Airfield the Special Levy would increase accordingly.

H Sadler suggested a time frame be set to even out the rates over all the districts – R Ward would set out a comparison to how it would look if this was done and would produce figures for the next meeting.

An increase of 2.9% was proposed by G Nettleton and seconded by Cllr J Dennis and agreed unanimously by The Board.

(d) Laying of the rates

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 2020. 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 2020.

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	5.274p/£	17.930p/£	16.876p/£	22.149p/£	8.438p/£	1.477p/£
Special Levy	£8018.07	£4819.73	£3138.02	£4258.19	£2044.45	£35079.04
Expenses of Administration under this Act.	0.02524	0.04605	0.04476	0.08624	0.03338	0.00942
Works of maintenance under the said Act.	0.0225	0.04425	0.064	0.09525	0.050	0.00535
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	0.05474	0.1803	0.17876	0.23149	0.08538	0.01577
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	0.05274	0.1793	0.16876	0.22149	0.08438	0.01477

7. 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.

8. Update on revising New Board Area

R Ward informed members that we are no further forward with this and with Brexit it has taken a back seat but a private members bill is a possibility.

9. Update on Skeffling Managed Retreat

The Winestead outfall pump remains a contentious issue. The EA still wanting to leave it where it is but the Board would like it moving back.

J Maston, G Nettleton and R Ward recently met with the Environment Agency but they stated there was no money in the budget to carry out the work. Andrew Maclaclan still has concerns if it is left where it is that the Welwick land is not going to drain satisfactory. There are issues with Health and Safety if the pumps are left where they are due to access and The Board feels that there is a good case to put forward to move the pumps.

J Maston, R Ward and the Environment Agency have also had meetings with Welwick and Skeffling Parish Councils to discuss the scheme.

The Board agreed to continue with the objections against the EA's proposals for this scheme and push for a new pumping station to be constructed further back on the basis that The Board would take over maintenance of the Winestead and Skeffling Pumps and Drains.

10. Update of Proposed Pump at Stone Creek

Nothing much further to report. Andrew Maclachlan looking at the costs, who pays and how the money is raised for the installation and use of submersible pumps. He is also looking at more effective doors as the current doors need making right and have not been fully effective from when they were installed. It was discussed that if new doors were installed they would need moving back and flaps installed which would operate with the rise and fall of the water but if there was a build up of weed this would not work properly. It was agreed that the Clerk go back to the EA with The Boards concerns that the doors are not working properly and ask them to look at carrying out maintenance.

11. Update of Farmers use of pumps in the Keyingham Area

G Nettleton stated that following a meeting with pump users all was in hand and a level was been maintained. M Grant confirmed that a level had been agreed and a structure was in place to police the levels.

12. Update Sand Le Mere

This is now awaiting for the Solicitors for ERYC and SHIDB to agree and sign the agreement for the works to commence.

The Schedule for the works include:

900mm Diameter Penstock with a 225 Diameter Orifice, Concrete canvas to bank and bed of watercourse, Weldmesh Walkway, Keyclamp Barriers, Steel sheet piling Inc: aesthetic plastic sheet pile facing, Stoplog structure and stoplogs, Concrete steps to access bed of watercourse.

The agreement basics include:

Parties and Works:

a) The Council wishes to carry our certain works described in the schedule in connection with a watercourse known as Tunstall Drain, indicated on the map, for the purpose of controlling flows in the watercourse.

b) The portion of the watercourse between the points A and B, on the plan, is a drain under the jurisdiction of The Board for the purposes of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

ERYC Council to Carry Out Works:

a) Subject to the conditions set out in this Agreement the Council shall carry out the works at its own expense.

b) To facilitate the works The Board will serve notice of entry on each owner and occupier of the land affected using its powers under Section 64 of the Act.

c) Subject to normal wear and tear through normal operational practices the works shall have a designed asset like of approximately 100 years, during this period the Council will be the responsible of any remedial or replacement works that me be required.

Council to give notice and provide specification.

The council shall give to The Board at least six months' notice in writing of its intention to begin carrying out the works and at the time of giving such notice shall give to The Board all such particulars, estimates, plans, sections and specifications as may be necessary and the Council shall subsequently within one week of being requested by the Board so to do give to the Board all such further particulars, estimates, plans, sections and specifications as may be required by the Board.

Indemnity

The Council shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Board against all claims for injury or damage to any person or property whatsoever which may arise out of or in consequence of the carrying out of the drainage works and against all claims, demands, proceedings, damages, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever in respect of or in relation to the carrying out of those works where in the case of damage or injury to property that amount may by virtue of the Act and clause 6 be included in the cost of the drainage works.

Cost of the drainage works and future maintenance

The cost of carrying out the drainage works shall be at the Councils expense and shall include any compensation to be paid as a result of the interference whether permanent or temporary with any right of light, air, way or water or other easement or quasi-easement which is the unavoidable result of the drainage works.

The future running and maintenance cost shall be at the expense of the Board.

Maintenance Period

The works shall be subject to a maintenance period of 12 months from the completion of the works. Upon satisfactory completion of the maintenance period the works shall be vested in the Board by means of an asset transfer agreement.

A detailed discussion took place. It was proposed by H Sadler and seconded by G Nettleton to sign the agreement and agreed by the Board subject to the 225 diameter pipe to be capable of restricting flow. It was agreed to continue with the contingency of plugging the drain if any breeches with soil.

13. Update on Hedon and Paull Developments

Mr M Cook expressed a 'Declaration of Interest'

R Ward expressed a 'Declaration of Interest' due to being asked to represent clients who are objecting to these applications.

Cllr J Dennis that planning has been put on hold until spring. The power station section want this application to be considered sooner and are planning to go forward with this. The ERYC stated that they would take into effect the whole planning – not just the power station so the application was withdrawn.

The mitigation site at Hedon Airfield is now regarded not suitable and a new site has now been identified South of Thorngumbald 3.5 miles away where the work would affect farm land in the vicinity. Cllr J Dennis, Cllr S Steel and Cllr M Bryan have a meeting with Steve Hunt (Head of Planning) at ERYC and feel the planning matters need to be dealt with seriously and the impact on the local area looked at in depth and whichever application if put forward first major consideration is to be taken with great consideration taken on highways, ecological and if this was passed the land between Hedon and Preston South would be lost of all identity.

14. ADA Northern Meeting

This was attended by J Maston, R Ward

Bill Symons from Beverley and North Holderness Drainage Board spoke regarding the ongoing project to remove sunken vessels from the River Hull – To date 13 boats have been removed. The build up of silt is still to be dealt with to maintain a better water flow.

The EA are still looking at de-maining of main waterways and to hand back to Drainage Boards to maintain themselves.

15. Floodex UK – 28/29 February 2019

Handouts for this were given out and anybody wishing to attend needs to register. Cllr M Bryan has already registered.


16. Future Meetings

Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 9.30am at Station Hotel, Patrington

16. Any Other Business

- The Good Governance Guide for Internal Drainage Board Members was handed out to all members and a list of Workshop Dates for anybody wishing to attend.
- HERAG Meeting to be held on the 20th February which R Ward is looking at attending.
- Hull University have been conducting studies and interviews on the historic influence of IDB's in the area
- Insurance – this is due in April 2018 and following a meeting with Towergate Insurance there appears to be no new issues and they are going to forward a renewal schedule.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 11.45am.

Chairman's Signature..........Date.....4 June 2019
Mr J Maston