

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

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** R Ward (Clerk), D Moss

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr B Skow, Cllr D Tucker, Cllr J Holtby, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr D Edwards

**2. Declaration of Interest**

All farmer members have an interest as rate payers.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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

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

None

**5. Report on the Tour of Inspection – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**

This was well attended and the group concentrated on Tunstall, Welwick/Skeffling and Stone Creek.

**6a & 6b Maintenance works for IDB and Public Service Cooperation Agreement Works**

Old Fleet Drain - Maintenance work has now been completed on the EA Section. The Elizabeth Dock section to complete. The IDB section to Bilton is still ongoing.

Preston New Drain – Most of this has been completed with just the BP section to finish once the relevant permits have been issued.

Burstwick Drain – This has been completed on all sections and the EA have completed the section through Hedon.

Thorngumbald Drain – This has almost been completed with some work to be completed on the EA section.

Keyingham Drain – Apart from the EA Section to the doors to carry out, this has all been done.

Ottringham Drain – The main section has been completed with just some of the small sections to finish off.

Winestead – Work up to the Booster Pump has been carried out. There have been issues with the grid cleaning system. The EA stated that they had been waiting for parts to arrive and due to the grid not working the water was held up by weeds. The EA had asked the Board not to carry on with the maintenance work but JM stated that they had started and were going to carry on with the work as soon as possible. Extra bushing works had been carried out to improve access to the drain for machinery.

Easington – Skeffling to Winsetts done with just some of the EA Section to complete.

- 6c. **Health & Safety**  
Ralph Ward stated there were no incidents to report.
- 6d. **Correspondence**  
A list of correspondence received and sent was handed out to members.
- 6e. **Planning Application**  
**West Ella Holdings** – The Board once again objected to this application and re-iterated their objections from previous submission of this application – This application has now gone to appeal.  
**Mr S Marshall, Bilton** – The Board have objected to this application as this is a garden development in a flood area.
- 6f. **Land Drainage Act Consents**  
Two applications had been received and both approved:  
1) Northern Powergrid – Land at Kilnsea Road for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust  
2) Gridserve Ltd – At Hull Solar Farm, Main Road, Bilton
- 6g. **Bank Accounts**  
A summary of bank account activity was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 6h. **Accounts for confirmation**  
A summary of accounts for confirmation was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 6i. **Drainage Rates Collected To Date**  
£101,349.85 collected to date leaving £9,573.89 outstanding
- 6j. **Chairman’s Expenses**  
These were approved at the meeting
- 6k. **Frank Hill & Son Account**  
These were approved at the meeting
- 6l. **Other Expenses**  
No other expenses were brought to the meeting
7. **Update on revising New Board Area**  
R Ward informed members that no further forward with this. Due to the need for the UK Government to update the legislation but with Brexit and an Election due this once again has been delayed.
8. **Audit Findings and Actions Required**  
The annual report was submitted and the external auditor report comments were read out and discussed which stated the following: Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.
- The smaller authority has confirmed that it owns fixed assets (land/outfall structures), which it believes have a negative market value in total, and that the recognition policy for those assets is to value them all at £1 in total. This policy does not give a reader of the Accounting Statements the ability to draw any meaning from the Box 9 figures stated on the AGAR or to recognise any changes in those assets year to year. The Practitioners Guide (the Guide) states that smaller authorities need to apply a reasonable approach to asset valuation which is consistent from year to year. Under this range of possible approaches, all assets are expected to carry some value, however small. In particular, the Guide states that where assets are gifted at zero cost to the authority they should each be recorded at a nominal value of £1. The smaller authority should therefore reconsider the valuation policy for all fixed assets and draw up a policy to be approved by the authority and recorded in both the authority’s minutes and in the asset register. When submitting the 2019/2020 AGAR, the smaller authority should ensure that the 2018/19 comparative figure in Box 9 is restated for consistency and comparability.

They also raised the following: 'other' matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority.

- The smaller authority has confirmed that it has not complied with the governance assertion in Section 1, Box 6 (in relation to the preparation of the 2017/18 AGAR) but it has provided the appointed auditor with an adequate explanation and evidence of the actions taken to address this in respect of 2018/19 and future years.

These points and comments were forwarded to Mark Hewson at J W Smith for his reference and information for next years return and duly noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk would provide a valuation of the assets, and that he would present these to The Board at the next meeting on 4 February 2020.

**9. Update on Keyingham/Stone Creek Pump and Doors**

Andrew Mclachlan on The Boards behalf has put forward, to the EA, proposals (which have been recorded and registered) to put in a new set of doors behind the existing doors along with the mounting of temporary pumps in a suitable location.

It was agreed by The Board to set the ball rolling and push forward with obtaining costs and specifications to carry out this work and also to look at available funding.

**10. Update on Welwick/Skeffling Managed Retreat**

Despite the Board and other land owners objecting to this planning application it was passed by the ERYC. It is still been looked at to install new pumps but not as part of the current scheme. Andrew Mclachlan, who is on the project board is still aiming to push for new pumps and the Board were still happy for JM and RW to keep talking to the EA regarding this.

**11. Update Sand Le Mere**

All the paperwork with ERYC has been ok'd by Cooper Wilkin Chapman Solicitors and is just waiting to be returned from the solicitors. The Board agreed to sign this off and once the landowners are in agreement work can commence.

R Stephenson stated that the bank has virtually been breached but that the temporary work that had been carried out at Thirtle Bridge had to be removed so it is open to sea water coming through. Discussions took place to decide on what temporary measures were to be taken as soon as possible to assist the flow of water.

Following discussions, it was decided, once the level of water had reduced, that an 8" pipe was to be installed which would then be supported at each end by bags of aggregates and infilled in the middle with soil. RW would contact the Riparian Owners to inform them of the proposals.

This was proposed by Chris Leckonby Seconded by Max Cook and the Board agreed.

**12. Update on Hedon and Paull Developments**

This is scheduled to go to the Council Planning Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr M Bryan stated that this development is still been opposed and feel that the ABP development is sufficient development in the area without the Airfield development going ahead. The Board are still opposed to the Airfield development with surface water concerns been the main objective.

**13. Report on EA/NFU Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

JM, RW and other Board Members attended.

This was hosted by the NFU's Vice-President Stuart Roberts along with the EA to discuss the approach to the flood risk presented by the River Humber. Phillip Winn from the EA gave a talk on the Future Strategy of the Humber.

14. **Amendment of SHIDB – Policy Statement on Flood Protection and Water Level Management.**  
It is intended to amend this policy to include the paragraph (as key objective 'D') that would read;

“To ensure that risk to life and property is reduced and local community and businesses are sustained through effective water level management. This shall be achieved by ensuring land drainage systems are serviceable, maintained and operated lawfully. This commitment will be balanced against the financial impact to local tax-payers”

The amendment was discussed and proposed by H Sadler and Seconded by P Lount with the approval of the Board.

15. **Adoption of Biosecurity Action Plan (Policy and Procedure)**  
It has been recommended that the Board wait updating and adopting this plan as ADA are planning new guidance regarding this and hope to be in place in the near future.

16. **DEFRA – 2017-2018 IDB1 Annual Form Report**  
This was discussed with the Board and a copy made available for Board Members.  
A report on 'Research into the factors affecting IDB board membership and their impact on board governance' was also made available.

17. **Dates for your diary**  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – ADA AGM, London  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Humber Strategy Review, Brough  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – ADA Northern AGM, Howden  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – ADA Northern, Pickering  
Any board member wishing to attend any of the dates were asked to notify the Clerk.

18. **Future Meetings**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 9.30am at Station Hotel, Patrington

19. **Any Other Business**  
Pumping on Keyingham Drain – Following recent heavy rain fall M Grant notified the Board that the pumping system that was set in place seemed to be working and that there had been no issues.  
Carrs Meadow, Withernsea – Persimmon Homes were trying to get this adopted but Board were still not happy with the issues relating to the surface water discharge and the matter was still ongoing.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 11.15am.

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

Date.....  
4 February 2020