

Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at: Ottringham Village Hall, Ottringham
On Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 9.30am

It is noted that all social distancing and restrictions were carried out to government guidelines to enable the meeting to take place.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), D Moss.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Holtby, Cllr D Edwards, Cllr B Skow
2. **Welcome Cllr Claire Holmes**
Following her recent appointment by ERYC - The Board welcomed Cllr C Holmes
3. **Declaration of Interest**
All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021**
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.
5. **Matters arising therein not included on agenda**
GN – Following the laying of the rates – The rates have been on differential rates for the past 9 Years and GN proposed that when the rates are set next year that a flat rate across all six boards are implemented. Following a discussion this was seconded by H Sadler and the Board agreed to move this forward.
- 6a. **Maintenance works for IDB**
Old Fleet Drain – All the tender work has been carried out.
Old Fleet – EA – Dredging work not carried out on the instructions of the EA
A quote from Andrew Wilkin had been received to carry out dredging of Old Fleet – It was hoped, that this will be carried out this year but there are logistical issues.
Preston New Drain – Flailing has been carried out.
Hedon Haven – A new pump has been installed following the failure of the previous one.
Keyingham Drain at Green Lane, Burstwick – The banks are eroded and the outlets need re-piping – a quotation of £3,500.00 has been received to carry out this work. It was agreed by the board to do this work.
Ottringham – The additional sludging work on The IDB Dykes has been carried out.

- 6b. Maintenance works under PCSA**
The Clerk had agreed all the usual maintenance work.
Plus - Easington Clough to Kilnsea Road to de-sludge.
Plus – Preston Old Fleet to de-sludge.
- 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.
Noted: 11/03/2021 – An e-mail was received from Ian Moodie at ADA regarding use of Red Diesel for IDB's. The government planning to stop the use of red diesel in non-agricultural enterprises – causing an implication for contractors and increased costs to IDB's. ADA are pursuing the case and our local MP Graham Stuart has got involved.
- 6e. Planning Application**
A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed.
- 6f. Land Drainage Act Consents**
One application had been made and approved at Burton Pidsea Drain for Northern Gas Networks – with the works been carried out.
- 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.
- 7. Approval of Statement of Accounts for Year End 31st March 2021 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board**
The statement of accounts which had been audited by JWS Accountants were presented to The Board – It was proposed and seconded that these accounts be signed by the Chairman and Clerk
- 7a Approval of Annual Governance Statements for Year End 31st March 2021 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.
- 7b Approval of Annual Accounting Statements for Year End 31st March 2021 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. Update on revising New Board Area**
R Ward informed members that this was no further forward and that legislation was still not in place. The Government had included it in the Environment Bill.
- 9. Update on Old Fleet Drain**
This was discussed within maintenance.

10. Update on Keyingham/Stone Creek Pumps

H Sadler has been obtaining quotations for pumps and it was noted that to install 1 x 24" pump the overall costs and running costs would be too high.

It would be more cost effective and efficient to run 2 x 12" pumps run by a diesel generator, these would be sited within a metal container which would be bolted to a concrete base with the ability to use the pumps separately or together depending on the water level. These would also be fish friendly. The usage costs would be around half of what it would be to run one 24" pump. The cost of this would be around £250,000.00 for the pump alone plus base and infrastructure. The manufactures have stated that the lead time would be 16 to 18 weeks.

R Ward will start the ball rolling in respect of planning and has already spoken to the landowner in question who is happy for this to proceed with either a nominal rent or for the board to purchase the land needed. The Board indicated they were happy to purchase the land.

Andrew Mclachlan is looking into whether there are any grants available and other relevant planning requirements.

The board were to look at what they could finance themselves and agree a contingency sum that needed to be available for others matters that may arise as well as grants or finance.

This would be an asset for the board as it would be able to relocate to other sites in emergency situations.

Following correspondence with the EA they are happy for the board to have control of the pumps as long as all the relevant planning and MMO approvals are granted.

Service and insurance costs we to be looked into.

It was suggested that the subcommittee was instructed to take matters forward this was proposed, seconded and agreed by the board – to be J Maston, Guy Nettleton and Howard Sadler.

R Ward was to continue liaising regarding planning with Andy Mclachlan

Cllr D Tucker was to look into requirements needed for ERYC regarding any planning matters.

It was proposed and seconded and agreed by the board to go ahead.

11. Use of Pumps in the Boards Area

The minutes for the recent Keyingham Ratepayers Meeting held on 1st June 2021 we handed out to the board and discussed.

G Nettleton stated that since the last meeting on 2018 the biggest issue now is the raising of the banks and following discussion landowners who have raised banks have agreed to breach them when needed.

It was put to the board as included in the Keyingham Meeting Minutes that;

11a) SHIDB press on with new pumps as Stone Creek – This was proposed and seconded and agreed by the board.

11b) The operators erect sluices in the banks where they are raised to alleviate flooding – This was proposed and seconded and agreed by the board

11c) The pump users maintain the protocol for pump use as agreed in 2018 – This was proposed and seconded and agreed by the board.

12. Update on Welwick/Skeffling Managed Retreat

It was unsure what the EA final plans are as they keep altering the location of the start area.

Planning consent has been applied for to create a natural habitat at Haverfield Drain – but the board are not happy to give their consent piece meal.

13. Update Sand Le Mere

The work is still on going and is on schedule to be completed by the end of the month. A letter that was received from Leonards regarding their client S Smales was handed out to the board and discussed Wilkin Chapman made a point regarding paragraph 14 in the agreement with respect to compensation. RW had spoken to the ERYC regarding this and confirmed that the agreement was all in order. It was been looked into carrying out a drone survey along the drain to assess any damage. It was proposed and seconded and agreed by the board that when a flood warning/high tide alert was in place and a breach was possible that the board closed the doors.

14. Update on the Hedon and Paull Development.

Yorkshire Energy Park: The start date should have been Spring but to date nothing has happened and it appears to of been shelved for a while and it does not look like anything is going to happen in the near future.

Paull: This has all been passed but the timescale is unknown.

15. Update on Carrs Meadow, Withernsea

Nothing has progressed with this – Andrew Mclachlan on behalf of The Board is still communicating with the developers.

Yorkshire Water are looking to officially adopt the drainage system but The Board have refused approval at this time due to system being in the wrong place and the levels and flow are incorrect and until these issues are resolved they will not be approved.

16. Approval of Revised Standing Order Policy

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

17. Results of Maintenance Tenders – 2021/2022/2023

Due to Max Cook stating a declaration of interest he left the meeting while discussions took place.

Preston figures quoted were for the three year period due to different work being scheduled over the three years. Ottringham, Skeffling, Keyingham, Winestead and Thorngumbald figures quoted were for a one year period due to the works remaining the same over the three years.

OTTRINGHAM

It was proposed that this was awarded to Wilkin Partners. All members present agreed.

PRESTON

It was proposed that this was awarded to Wilkin Partners. All members present agreed.

THORNGUMBALD

It was proposed that this was awarded to Wilkin Partners. All members present agreed.

SKEFFLING

It was proposed that this was awarded to Wilkin Partners. All members present agreed.

WINESTEAD

It was proposed that this was awarded to Wilkin Partners. All members present agreed.

KEYINGHAM

It was proposed that this was awarded to Wilkin Partners. All members present agreed.

18. Board Approval of Register of Elections.

Copies of the registers were handed out for approval by the board – all members agreed and passed by the board. R Ward explained the election process and that the next step was to advertise that the public have the right to inspect the register.

John Maston, Chairman of the Board, announced that after serving three terms as Chairman he will be stepping down at the elections in November but hopes that he will be able to continue as a board member. He was thanked by the board for all his commitment and hard work that he has given the board over the years.

19. Future Meetings

Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 9.30am – Venue to be confirmed (either The Station, Patrington or Ottringham Village Hall).

20. Any Other Business

Cllr Tucker had written to the EA with regards to the rocks eroding and the bank been undercut on a stretch of the Humber Bank from Easington to Skeffling and if this was breached it would cause flooding. Work to rectify this will be carried out this summer.

A copy of the latest ADA Bulletin was handed out to the board members which covered various information that may be of interest to members including the use of Red Diesel as discussed earlier in the meeting, technical seminars and the ADA Conference and AGM.

R Ward is planning to attend the Great Yorkshire Show and Drifffield Show as an ADA representative.

There are plans to extend the East Coast footpath that runs from Easington to the Humber Bridge – R Ward is looking to hold a meeting regarding this matter as there could be implications for maintenance and bank erosion.

There is currently a consultation by the Ramblers Association that are looking at reinstating all old and abandoned footpaths. The board will follow its progress as this could have implications for the board regarding maintenance access and erosion.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 11.30am.

Chairman's Signature.....



Date.....

9 November 2021