

Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at: Ottringham Village Hall, Ottringham
On Tuesday 7th June 2022 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

G Nettleton – Chairman – Winestead
P Lount – Skeffling
R Stephenson – Winestead
M Cook – Thorngumbald
T Annison – Thorngumbald
J Maston - Preston
A Styche - Preston
Cllr J Dennis
Cllr S Steel

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), D Moss.

1. **Apologies for absence:** M Grant, M Jackson, H Sadler, C Leckonby, T Williams, Cllr J Holtby, Cllr D Edwards, Cllr B Skow, Cllr D Tucker, Cllr C Holmes

2. **Declaration of Interest**
All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th February 2022**
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by Chairman G Nettleton

5. **Matters arising therein not included on agenda**
None

6a. **Maintenance works for IDB**
All has been completed.
J Maston stated that the weeding at BP went ok.
The board were asked to look at carrying out sludging work at Newton Garth Drain
P Lount stated that there was a 50m stretch at Kilnsea that maintenance work was not able to be carried out due to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust erecting a fence – The Board were happy for him to speak to them to see if they can put a gate in to be able to gain access to carry out maintenance work up to the clough door.

6b. **Maintenance works under PCSA**
All works have been complete for the year.
The quotation for the 2022/2023 season has been submitted and agreed.
There has been the addition of the culvert at Easington, roads maintenance work and the clearing of waste and skip hire.
Old Fleet has been weeded and dredged through to the doors.
Rix Woodyard has been weeded but not dredged due to the logistics of disposing of the sludge.
There have been 3 skips of waste removed from the back of Greatfield Estate – Cllr Steel asked the board if there was any action that could be taken on fly tipping but this was the responsibility of the EA and they did not seem to want the hassle.

- 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**
A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed.
Hull Eco Park – The Board agreed to stick religiously to our concerns and comment accordingly.
Natural England are still pressing for the for the erection of fencing on the top of Reedmere but the board will not give consent to this.
Andrew Mclachlan is working on behalf of the board regarding this planning and is looking at the alterations to the water storage facilities specified in the original application and is also specifying that the water storage and drainage infrastructure be in place before any building works begin.
Cllr J Dennis also stated that local residents are unhappy with the proposals to close of the land to the public.
- 6f. Land Drainage Act Consents**
One application had been made and approved at Ottringham for M Ralph Builders
- 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 2022 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 2022 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board**
It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chairman sign the form on the board's behalf.
- 7b. Approval of Annual Accounting Statements for Year End 31st March 2022 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board**
It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chairman sign the form on the board's behalf.
- 8. Update on revising New Board Area**
Members were informed that following the recent ADA Northern AGM, which The Chairman and Clerk attended, that slight progress had been made and that ministers has asked that the second legislation be brought forward to possibly next spring to provide for the boards expansion to take place. It is a possibility that SHIDB would be used as a test case for the expansion as they see it as one of the simplest boards to extend
- 9. Update on Old Fleet Drain**
This was discussed within maintenance.

10. Update on Keyingham/Stone Creek Pumps

Northern Divers have now carried out their inspection of the tidal doors at Stone Creek. The report was distributed to the board members. It showed that there was no obvious reason why they are letting water in to the extent that we see. There was the possibility that there is a breach in the structure but on the day they were unable to determine this as the divers could not enter under the penstocks for health and safety reasons. There was no sign of silt build up as the doors could be swung freely by hand.

11. Update on Welwick/Skeffling Managed Retreat

G Nettleton stated that no land drainage consents would be given until the board are happy with the whole project. The EA are applying pressure to allow them to continue the work. Following a recent meeting the EA were told that until the board are agreeable with the plans no consents would be given.

A Mclachlan drew up a heads of terms but the EA would not commit to signing it. In the meantime the EA drew up a Memorandum of Understanding which is not a legally binding document that the board were advised will not sign.

At this present moment it looks that there will definitely be a pumping station at Skeffling. Winestead is being considered but not definite until December.

There are further meetings scheduled to discuss the ongoing issues.

R Ward has a Teams meeting today and Andy Mclachlan has a meeting scheduled with the EA on Friday.

It was agreed by the board that they took a stance and insist on a Heads of Terms and not a Memorandum of Understanding.

12. Update Sand Le Mere

The car damage has now been carried out.

The keys have still not officially been handed over but it is hope that this will happen soon.

R Ward has a set off keys which would be available for the board to use if any tidal surge occurs.

The doors are half open at the moment and all seems to be flowing fine.

The Chairman and Clerk will continue to monitor this but asked board members to report anything to them and the Clerk will get another set of keys.

13. Update on the Hedon and Paull Development.

Cllr J Dennis took to the floor to update the board on information that he held regarding ongoing matters.

Pensana – Plans for the production of Rare Earth material into magnets. These rare earth materials would be imported from Angola and have the possibility of been radioactive but although not airborne could cause issues if contaminated the water supply. Having gone through all the planning for this application there is nothing in it that gives reason to refuse it.

There is also a future planning consultation been put forward for a Blue Hydrogen producing plant. Depending on the infrastructure and drainage/emissions specifications this could become an issue for the board and local area.

A meeting took place on the 9 March 2022 regarding the culverted section of Preston New Drain under Saltend Chemical Park in relation to the boards concerns over its state of repair and its possible failure if not maintained properly and their concerns been heightened by the ongoing planning applications for the site. The meeting was attended by representatives of the board, ABP, PX Group, ERYC, Environment Agency and Local Ward Councillors. Discussions took place regarding the culvert including short term and emergency solutions for the culverted section in the event of flood event or a collapse of the culvert. Following lengthy discussions, it was agreed that hopefully all parties would work together to resolve any issues both in the short and long term and that a further meeting would be scheduled once a further report on the culvert inspection was available which was due to take place towards the end of Q2 and the start of Q3

14. Report on ADA Northern AGM – 27th May 2022

G Nettleton and R Ward attended the meeting on the boards behalf and found it to be a productive meeting.

There is a new chairman due to be elected in November with two candidates standing for election – The board agreed that the chairman could vote on their behalf.

15. Future Meetings

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 9.30am – Ottringham Village Hall.

16. Any Other Business

It was noted that C Kirkwood had recently acquired some land at Rimswell and has installed a drain into Keyingham Drain to enable the draining of a pond. This has been done without the boards consent and the board agreed that R Ward would look into this and contact Mr Kirkwood to make a formal application to the board.

Following the abolishment of the differential rates the rate demands had been sent out for the 2022/2023 period. Despite an initial number of calls querying increases/decreases in their rate bills this has seemed to of settled down.

A large consultation has begun regarding the construction of a low carbon pipeline which if passed would cross a large amount of the boards area from Thorngumbald, Hedon, Burstwick, Burton Pidsea crossing across to Halsham and ending up at the coast in Easington. R Wared stated that due to the large scale of the project it could be at least five years until this gets signed off and compulsory purchase powers started.

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

Chairman's Signature.....

Date..... 8 November 2022