

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at: Ottringham Village Hall, Main Road, Ottringham
On Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: G Nettleton – Chairman - Winestead
P Lount – Skeffling
C Leckonby – Skeffling
T Annison - Thorngumbald
A Styche – Preston
J Maston - Preston
T Williams – Ottringham
M Jackson – Ottringham
M Grant - Keyingham
R Stephenson – Winestead
Cllr J Dennis

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), D Moss

Also welcomed to the meeting were: Andrew Mclachlan of Yorkshire and Humber Drainage Board Consulting Engineers

1. Apologies for Absence:

H Sadler, M Cook, Cllr Tucker, Cllr Steel, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Holtby, Cllr Skow

2. Declaration of Interest

All elected members have an interest as rate payers.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by G Nettleton.

4. Matters arising therein not included on agenda

None

5a. Maintenance works for IDB

Maintenance on the outfalls are being prioritised before the tributaries.

Thorngumbald Drain – Just a small section to complete

Winestead Drain – Just a small section to complete

Keyingham – There is still some to complete but the contractors were pulled off to carry out sludging work on Reedmere Sewer due to access and health and safety restraints.

Preston/Reedmere Sewer - Guy Nettleton and our contractor (Andrew Wilkin) were going to carry out a site visit to look at the trees and try and re-establish easements on both sides to be able to carry out maintenance work.

Ottringham Drain – The area near The Poplars has become a health and safety issue due to the easement been narrowed off and machine access becoming an issue. The owner has been made aware of this and has agreed to take the fence down and set back.

Damage to bridge over Ottringham Drain at Stone Creek. This had been damaged by a bale carrier striking it. The ERYC are stating that the structure is the responsibility of the IDB. RW is corresponding the ERYC and has forwarding paperwork to them stating that it was in their ownership and responsible for the repairs – he is awaiting a response from them following his last discussion.

Newton Garth Drain – There is a section where the banks need pulling off and levelling.

Preston New Drain – This has been completed. In the future it will need to be looked at where the spoil from the Pinefleet section will be disposed of once the Hedon Airfield development commences.

Kilnsea/Skeffling (P Lount advised) – The full length of the stone bank requires to be pulled back. The Clerk will inform the EA and Cllr D Tucker.

In the near future Guy Nettleton and contractor Andrew Wilkin were going to carry out a tour of the drains to establish if any further work is required.

- 5b. Maintenance works under PCSA**
Work still ongoing and there has been no issues to date.
There is a new person (Ashley Gate) in charge and the exchange of correspondence regarding the work is dealt with efficiently and regular updates are sent.
To date there are 3 skips of waste, at Preston, but this has not been included in this year's PCSA.
- 5c. Health & Safety**
Ralph Ward stated there were no incidents to report.
- 5d. Correspondence**
A list of correspondence received and sent was handed out to members.
- 5e. Planning Application**
A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out and discussed.
Proposed Solar Farm at Wyton Road, Preston – This is going through its major pre-application enquiry and The Board had replied that they had no objections to this development providing that under their byelaws 9m easements on both banks were required on the board maintained drains in the development area and that the correct attenuation is made for any run off from the non-permeable area.
Newlay Concrete – Erection and operation of a ready-mix concrete batching plant – there are no satisfactory drainage system and The Board stated that they have requested that the comments made by the Lead Local Flood Authority are adhered to.
- 5f. Land Drainage Act Consents**
An application for C D Kirkwood had been received and 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. Drainage Rates Collected To Date**
£106,037.21 has collected to date leaving £8,370.11 outstanding.
Preston ratepayers - Due to the amalgamation of the boards a number of ratepayers who in the past have been under £4.50, due to the amount, have queried their bills – some have paid and the remainder have been sent reminders and will be sent a further letter if no payment is received.
It was agreed by the board that two ratepayers with debts from the previous years would be pursued through the courts and bailiffs to be instructed.
- 5j. Chairman's Expenses**
None
- 5k. Frank Hill & Son Account**
These were approved at the meeting
- 5l. Other Expenses**
No other expenses were brought to the meeting
- 6. Update on revising New Board Area**
ADA are still pursuing Defra – hopefully nearly there. Awaiting a statutory instrument on rating.

7. **Audit Findings and Actions Required**

The annual report was submitted and the external auditor report comments were read out which stated the following 'except for' matters (qualifications) on their report:

External Auditor Report 2021/22

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 AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR.:

- Section 2, Boxes 1 and 7 for the prior year have incorrectly been restated to include the value of fixed assets.

Similarly, Section 2, Boxes 1 and 7 for 2021/22 also include the opening and closing value of fixed assets. Section 2, Boxes 1 and 7 for the prior year should read £340,746 and £389,716 respectively and Section 2, Boxes 1 and 7 for 2021/22 should read £389,716 and £432,106 respectively. The value of fixed assets as of 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022 should only be included in Box 9 for each year.

Other matters not affecting their opinion:

None

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

8. **Update on Keyingham Drain Proposed Pump**

Andrew Mclachlan from Yorkshire and Humber Drainage Board as consulting engineer took the floor. Although the doors are sound and appear in good order the issue is with water leaking through them. Because this is an EA structure the advice for The Board was not to touch it or they would be liable.

Need to keep an open mind on the options:

- 1) Pumps
- 2) Upgrade doors to make them more fit for purpose – but not an IDB structure.
- 3) New tidal outfall and sluice structure behind the existing doors with demountable pump.
- 4) New pumping station.

National flood defence funding available but the beneficiaries tend to be considered for areas with larger conurbations and with the area been a low population this might go against the application.

Funding has been applied for but nothing has been heard back about it yet. This money would be to employ specialists and also recoup money already laid out.

It is a long process and Hydraulic Models would have to be submitted including:

Landscaping levels, computer models would be run with 10 to 100 year flood event scenarios, terrain models etc. – all very technical and in-depth and a very long process. The Board agreed to proceed with these matters.

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

Andrew Mclachlan gave a report on the present situation with banks partly finished. The new pumping station at Skeffling to be on the new bank further west than the present site. The new pumping station (Winestead Outfall) to be pulled back towards Outstrays Farm. A further request for funding to be put forward before Christmas.

10. **Update Sand Le Mere**

The structure is all in place now but the council have been quiet regarding the handing over to The Board.

11. Update on Hull City Council/Sewell proposals at Hedon Airfield

Cllr J Dennis took the floor – Nothing has been done to date. One of the first scheduled jobs is the relocation of the sports pitches from Staithes Road towards Hedon. Despite objections from The Board the planning has been passed including the fencing on Reedmere Sewer which contravenes the Land Drainage Act and is a criminal offence. Andrew Mclachlan and the Clerk are to review the proposals to ensure that our requirements are adhered to.

12. Update on ABP Proposals at Paull

On going meeting and discussions are continuing. An application has been submitted for the installation of a pipeline bridge to connect utilities etc. to the new Pensana site with the main Saltend Site. The Clerk had attending a meeting regarding this and have no great concerns it should not affect the 9m easement required to carry out maintenance and stated that all consents etc. would have to be applied for. The Clerk to continue discussions including removal of some bushes

13. Update of Low Carbon Pipeline

This is a large project which will affect a large majority of the local landowners and also some of The Boards watercourses/areas ie: Hollym Carrs, Winestead, Keyingham and Thorngumbald Drains RW attending the public consultation evening at Patrington and spoke to one of the senior engineers and voiced the concerns of both The Board and Landowners.

The proposals are still to decided the final route regarding whether the pipeline will be laid via open cut trenches or bored and how this will affect The Boards watercourses.

The final discission will be made by the Government in London but The Board will keep pushing forward their concerns/issues regarding this matter.

14. Draft Northern Branch Constitution

Following a meeting of the Yorkshire Clerks a draft ADA Northern Branch Constitution has been drawn up for consideration for adoption that would be due for further discussion at the Branch AGM on the 25th November. The purpose of this is to provide consistent terms and guidance through which the branch operates and conducts business.

15. Dates for your diary

25th November 2022 – ADA Northern Branch AGM
5th and 6th July 2023 – Flood and Water Live 2023

16. Future Meetings

Tuesday 7th February 2023 at The Village Hall, Ottringham at 9.30am

17. Any Other Business

Old Fleet Drain – It had been reported that live rats were being disposed of into the drain by pest control personal on the ABP site – Following discussions and correspondence with the pest control company working on behalf of ABP they assured the board that they did not use live traps and all work carried out involved the use of bait and any carcasses that were found would be removed from site and incinerated.

Preston New Drain Culvert – Following the meeting on the 9th March RW contacted Steven Farniss at the PX Group to obtain a copy of the report of the inspection that was due to be carried out. In replying he stated that they had received the preliminary report on the 14th October which they were currently reviewing. They stated that early indications were that the culvert was in a serviceable condition with no imminent issues. The final report was due out mid-November.

South Holderness Flood Alleviation Scheme – Four projects with a total worth of £11 million have been award.

- 1) Hedon - £2.5 million
- 2) Preston and Hedon North - £3.4 million
- 3) Thorngumbald - £3.1 million
- 4) Burton Pidsea – £2.1 million

The projects will see the construction of a series of measures at each site, including embankments, floodwalls, new watercourses and sustainable drainage measures such as swales and flood retention ponds. These will be designed to both divert and store flood water during periods of intense rainfall to reduce flooding.

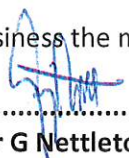
The RSPB are proposing to create two wildlife ponds at Kilnsea in the vicinity of the Spurn Bird Observatory. The Board would need consent for this work and will forward the appropriate application forms.

ADA have produced an Environmental Good Governance Guide for IDB's and this was made available for members at the meeting.

RW will be attending the ADA 85th Annual Conference on the 9th November at Nocton, Lincolnshire.

The Board thanked Andrew Mclachlan for his valuable contribution to matters arising.

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

Chairman's Signature.....

Mr G Nettleton

Date..... 7 February 2023