

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at The Station Hotel, Patrington, Hull
On Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 9.30am**

PRESENT

J Maston – Chairman – Preston
G Nettleton – Vice Chairman - Winestead
R T Williams – Ottringham
G Lount – Skeffling
R Stephenson – Skeffling
P Stephenson - Winestead
M Cook – Thorngumbald
A T Annison - Thorngumbald
A Styche – Preston
Cllr B Cloke
Cllr J Holtby
Cllr B Skow
Cllr D Tucker
Cllr J Dennis

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), D Moss.

The board welcomed Cllr J Dennis to the Board following the retirement of Cllr P Turner. The board to write to Cllr P Turner to thank him for his work and contribution to the board over the years.

1. **Apologies for absence** – H Sadler, M Grant, Martin Jackson, Cllr M Bryan, Cllr S Steel
2. **Declaration of Interest**
All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.
Cllrs D Tucker and B Skow sit on the Eastern Area Planning Sub Committee and declared an interest.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2017**
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**
Maintenance was all completed by the end of November – with the exception of Kilnsea.
BP to complete which will be done 28th February after access has been arranged).
Dredging on Preston New Drain to be done over the next month.
Braemer Bridge – A meeting was held with Mike Ball/ERYC with an update of its current status.
Ottringham Drain – The piping to be done when the water level goes down.
Sands Bridge – Report of Fly Tipping – Fridge in the watercourse.
All happy with the workmanship and no complaints received regarding the work carried out and access.
- 5b. **Maintenance works under PCSA**
Completed by the end of November.
Issue with the discharge at Old Fleet Drain but an agreement has been made with the EA to do the work and to ramp it to allow further access – Delay with ABP giving the EA the information required regarding the location of drains, cables etc before the work can begin.

5c. Health & Safety

Ralph Ward stated there was no incidents to report.

A meeting was held with Richard Shepherd from Protech Safety Management on the 24th January 2018 to give an update on H & S issues in particular with regards to the contractor's responsibilities for working near overhead cables and the location of underground pipes and cables. Also discussed within the meeting were the issues with lone working and the use of phones and trackers, Welfare and floatation devices when working near water.

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. The members discussed.

Hull Eco Park – Outline Planning Permission applied for on 8 December 2017 which was objected to by the Board on 20 December 2017. John Maston and Ralph Ward had a meeting with Andrew Maclachlan from Ouse and Humber Drainage Board, who is advising us, as engineer, on this matter, and representatives from the developers Sewells and their consultants WSP to discuss the matter with regards to the application. A 9m access is required from the top of the bank of the existing watercourse to allow maintenance work to be carried out and no development to be allowed within that 9m strip. The existing drains are in a poor state and have no existing function and would have to be replaced. Bypassing the defunct culvert and redirecting open ditch to Reedsmere would be an improvement. With regards to SuDS – One whole storage for the full site/long term is suggested rather than a mismatch/short term. Cllr J Dennis said that the local council had objected to the scheme as a whole for numerous reasons including Hedon and the local area been swallowed up by industrial works, ecological reasons (with the land designated not being suitable), traffic and access. With a large amount of objections from both businesses and residential.

Residential Development - Sproatley Road, Preston – The board objected to the original planning due to discharge plans shown on the planning with the water running south towards Hedon – this has now been altered to run in open ditches to Neat Marsh Road eventually to Preston New Drain. R Ward stated that for the proposal to work it would need the agreement of the Riparian Owners between the discharge and the Board Maintained Ditch. Cllr J Dennis stated that this land is allocated land and so would eventually get passed.

Integra Buildings – Re-submission of old planning application – previously objected to due to insufficient open water storage and the proposals increasing the problems of flooding in the area. However, the present proposals include water storage and could be acceptable.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Surface water percolation resubmitted The Clerk suggested that this was a technical matter to be dealt with by ERYC Employees. Cllr D Tucker said that there was still concerns over the car park not done correctly but the flood risk would be only to themselves.

5f. Land Drainage Act Consents

None.

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 £104,969.95 collected to date leaving £623.19 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 £22.02 in Preston Area. The board agreed for these to be written off

(c) Budget 2018/2019

Prior to the meeting Cllr S Steel commented, via e-mail, that she felt there was no need for an increase as there was a surplus this year and that there was a greater surplus predicted for the coming year without an increase.

Howard Sadler commented, via e-mail, that the increase was a good idea as to give us a bigger buffer for any unforeseen works.

Last year there had been an increase in rechargeable works due to the hiring of the maintenance boat to carry out uplands water work.

The overall surplus was down due to an increase in the outlay to JBA for specialist advice.

G Nettleton stated that in the event of a large flooding event it could take up all the reserves and so an increase is needed to maintain contingencies to be able to act quickly in case of a major event.

Cllr J Holtby stated it was understandable in that respect to build up reserves.

An increase of 2.5% was proposed by G Nettleton and seconded by A Styche 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 2019.

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 2019..

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	5.125p/£	17.425p/£	16.4p/£	21.525p/£	8.2p/£	1.435p/£
Special Levy	£7792.10	£4683.90	£3049.58	£4138.18	£1986.83	£34090.42
Expenses of Administration under this Act.	0.024	0.041	0.040	0.080	0.031	0.009
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	0.0535	0.17525	0.174	0.22525	0.083	0.01535
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	0.05125	0.17425	0.164	0.21525	0.082	0.01435

- 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**
Biggest issue is Land Drainage Act 1991 and the non availability of the 1991 Business Rates in some areas. UK Government doesn't know how it was set up so can't change it and it is down to the Government to make the changes before any other action can be taken. G Nettleton stated that the same answers were covered every meeting and needed to look at a way forward to resolve this and to keep pushing for area change.
- 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 to Outstrays Farm – but EA has no money in the budget. Due to it been 50 years old it is coming to the end of its life and following recent breakdowns the EA are spending more and more carrying out repairs. Due to its age the parts are now becoming obsolete and also if it was left where it was it was going to be left out on a limb – the EA were proposing to construct a concrete barrier to protect it. EA have put plans in for new pumping station at Weeton but the plans still sketchy. We have instructed Andy Maclachlan from Ouse & Humber Board to act as our consultant engineer and he is in detailed discussions with the EA.
- 10. Update on Keyingham and Ottringham Drains**
Andrew Maclachlan looking into JBA's report. Looking at funding for pumps in respect of what would be available and how to get it and also the prospect of a public loan and how it would be repaid over the years.
- 11. Update Sand Le Mere**
Following a further meeting with Gerry Frisby/ERYC no funds are available to carry out original defence scheme and can only do minimal work. Proposing to carry out works at Thirtle Bridge by raising the bank by approximately 5 metres and to include a penstock. Concerns that this would not be effective enough to stop salt water entering into the fresh water drains causing an ecological problem and also causing flooding in the local area.
- 12. ADA Northern Meeting**
This was attended by J Maston, G Nettleton and R Ward on 25th January 2018.
PCSA works – discussed the feasibility to hire Drainage Boards machinery that has a longer reach to be able to carry out maintenance works even more efficiently. Since the boards took over maintenance the drains are in a better state and flow more effectively – Now pressing for a 3 year contract instead of a year to year contract. Not involved in Hedon due to the loss of the maintenance strip and even though the boat has been down this is not effective enough. EA not taken matters on board to take the land back after the gardens where extended. G Nettleton commented that the EA need to serve notice on householders for access, which not known until recently was served in 2007 and if actioned this would of avoided flooding, could the council press the ERYC/EA to serve notice for access.
Looking at de-maining of main waterways and to hand back to Drainage Boards to maintain themselves.
ADA Northern Conference is scheduled for the 8th June at Cave Castle and invitations will be sent out in due course.

13. New Tenders – 2018/2019/2020

These are due for renewal this year – obliged to get three tenders for the works. The Clerk is to report back at our June Meeting.

14. Elections – Autumn 2018

A schedule for elections drawn up and a 'Register of Electors' to be submitted at the next meeting in June.


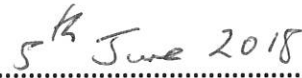
15. Future Meetings

Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 9.30am at Station Hotel, Patrington

16. Any Other Business

- BP – Clough at Preston New Drain – Contact made from Rebecca Shadlock/BP Officer regarding their concern about the rising water level – this was found out to be due to the EA hutting the doors to carry out maintenance works and contrary to agreed protocol we were not notified. Looking at this long term the culverted part, through BP, is getting to the end of its life and needs looking at – if it collapsed it would block off the drain completely and needs addressing.
- Insurance – this is due in April 2018 and looking to use Towergate Insurance again.

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

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