

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board  
Held at The Station Hotel, Patrington, Hull  
On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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  
AT Annison - Thorngumbald  
H Sadler – Keyingham  
A Styche – Preston  
M Grant - Keyingham  
M Jackson – Ottringham  
Cllr M Bryan  
Cllr S Steel  
Cllr J Holtby  
Cllr B Skow  
Cllr B Cloke

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Max Cook, Cllr P Turner, Cllr D Tucker
2. **Declaration of Interest**  
All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.
4. **Matters arising therein not included on agenda:**
  - a. G Nettleton stated that a tour of inspection with the Councillors was carried out on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017, some were not available due to holidays, and all went well.
- 5a. **Maintenance works for IDB**

J Maston informed members of maintenance works:

**Preston:** The machine started one week ago, not on the PCSA section, but all going well. John Maston has tried to speak to the EA regarding the outlet on Elizabeth Dock due to it silting up – this belongs to ABP and needs a ramp but the EA has not come back to him yet.

**Preston New Drain:** Fly Tipping – 21 bags of waste has been removed, to date, this was inspected by the ERYC but no evidence of any identification could be found.

Cllr S Steel also stated that there had been more fly tipping under the flyover.

Cllr M Bryan spoke regarding a heap of soil on his land at Reedmere this was not on the Boards easement but the Contractor is to carry out flailmowing to the Boards 9m easement.

**Burswick Main Drain:** Contractor started weeding to Burton Pidsea then from Hedon to Saltend. The EA have been out on the watercourse with the weedboat. Weed spraying has been done in areas around Hedon Growers and Saltend Roundabout to see how effective it is.

**Thorngumbald:** Work to begin this week.

**Keyingham:** Work has been carried out except the main river works.

**Ottringham:** Most of the work completed. T Williams said that it should be completed at the end of the week and that the overgrown hedges had been done now.

**Winestead:** Most of the work has been completed with some works on the main river section to finish and some bushing still to complete.

**Skeffling:** Most has been completed and Easington Channel been cleared. G Lount said that work is still to be done on the main drain.

**Burning Reeds Regulations:** T Williams had spoken to the NFU regarding this and said that the land owner had to leave 1m at the side of the dyke if they are claiming and can have deductions made if not clear. It is the responsibility of the farmer to move the reeds or instruct the contractor where he wants them putting. T Annison suggested that more spraying was another option. John Maston suggested more flailmowing.

**Burstwick Drain Hedon:** No Access is available to the waterways in the middle of Hedon due to householders extending their gardens and so not able to get machines in to carry out full maintenance and is only accessible by boat to carry out works but not very effective and in future years it will need dredging to be effective. R Ward said that it was the responsibility of the EA and they would have to enforce access to the waterways to enable full works to be carried out.

5b. **Braemar Bridge:** J Maston and T Williams had a meeting with Mike Ball and Gordon Grimley from the ERYC and stated that the Board were responsible for the bridge and it's maintenance as part of a public bridleway. Further to the meeting the ERYC would e-mail through guidance for the specifications regarding the hand rails etc. and to be infilled with soil and grass seeded on the top to allow a soft surface for horses to travel across the bridge.

5c. **Pollards Bridge:** Saltend to Reedsmere Drain – Bridge collapsing – This is not the Boards, it was BP's but they have just sold the site but agreed it was their responsibility. Mick Wilkin carried out work for them and they paid M Wilkin.

5d. **Works at Ottringham Drain:** Access on the field, owned by the board, is too narrow and unsafe for machinery to go through and we are looking to repair and extend it. A quote has been received from M Wilkin for £1,835.00 to carry out the work including putting in 2 x 6m lengths of 900mm Twinwall Plastic Pipe. T Williams asked for a price for any alternative way of doing it.

5e. **Maintenance works under PCSA**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September J Maston and R Ward attended a meeting with all other Yorkshire Drainage Boards to see how the works were doing – All the boards were happy with the way that the drains were working. There is pressure for longer term agreements in order for the Boards to obtain long term quotes. To enable boards to maintain them themselves, De-maining looks like going ahead with further facts and figures due in the future.

Beverley and North Holderness Drainage Board are carrying out more works for the EA including boats taken out of the river which the costs are been covered by the EA and ERYC.

5f. **Health & Safety**

Ralph Ward stated there was nothing to report.

5g. **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received and sent out was handed out to members.

5h. **Planning Application**

A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed.

Cllr Bryan stated that the planning for Birstall May at Land South of Cherry Tree Lane at Hedon for 28 Dwellings had been turned down by the ERYC.

John Maston discussed the Hull Eco Park which we are no further on with concerning the drainage plans.

Avocet Trust planning at Neat Marsh Road, Preston – After a meeting with the Chairman they are going to take down some of the greenhouses and manage the water lagoons better.

5i. **Land Drainage Act Consents**

A list of consents and responses was handed out.

Ralph Ward stated that Tansterne BioMass Generator had not made an application – and had still not responded to any of the Boards requests.

- 5j. Bank Accounts**  
A summary of bank account activity was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 5k. Accounts for confirmation**  
A summary of accounts for confirmation was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 5l. Drainage Rates Collected To Date**  
£94,129.78 collected to date leaving £11,463.36 outstanding
- 5m. Chairman's Expenses**  
These were approved at the meeting
- 5n. FHS Account**  
These were approved at the meeting
- 5o. Other Expenses**  
No other expenses were brought to the meeting
- 6. Update on revising New Board Area**  
R Ward informed members that this had ground to a halt. They were still pressing for but awaiting a government decision. ADA are putting pressure on the government but it is the 1991 Land Drainage Act that is holding up matters. G Nettleton stated that a farm at Barton that is 300ft above sea level gets charged drainage rates by the EA – why can't this legislation be carried out North of the Humber.  
R Ward is on a Rates Working Group to try and resolve this.
- 7. Audit Findings And Actions Required.**  
The annual report was submitted and the external auditor report comments were read out which stated 'We note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2017/2018 for the exercise of public rights, since the approval date was after the start period for the period for the exercise of public rights. As a result, the smaller authority must answer 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2018/19'. This was noted and 'won't do it again'.
- 8. Update on JBA Survey on Keyingham and Ottringham Drain.**  
G Nettleton gave a recap on the Board setting up a primary report on Stone Creek and the outlets and problems with silting at Ottringham and Keyingham and could more be done to increase the flow into the Humber so JBA were instructed to produce a report regarding re-modelling the need for pumps or identify improvements or repairs that could be made.  
An update as of the 31 October found that there were high points in Keyingham Drain and work could be done on these to increase the flow. There are two culverts on Ottringham Drain that need increasing in size. The conclusion to this would be a pumping station, with large capacity pumps, at Stone Creek that would reduce the risk of flooding on Keyingham and Ottringham Drains. The report looked at a booster station between Keyingham and Halsham to assist in alleviating flooding. This didn't increase the benefits.  
If the findings on both reports are accepted to put in the large capacity pumps needed to take the water would come at a large cost of approximately £3m and smaller pumps would be approximately £2m. Need to look at the possibility of funding. Do Keyingham ratepayers pay more or all ratepayers pay equal? R Ward said that the ERYC were aware that we are looking at this and the EA also know. Due to the costing it was felt we would only be able to install one set of pumps which would have to be at Stone Creek. M Grant asked what the cost would be to maintain them – which would be around £20,000 per year but R Ward stated that this was been spent on maintenance at the moment. As a conclusion the board asked for us to investigate if any

funding was available or be obtained for this project. This was proposed by M Grant and seconded by T Williams and agreed by all.

**9. Update on Skeffling Managed Retreat**

This has progressed the EA have got all the land acquired/swapped as required. The EA have now produced plans. Showing pumping station at Weeton but no details available. They are not replacing the outfall station at Winestead which is a concern to the Board as the pumps are old and needs money spending on them to bring them up to specification – but no money available at the moment to do so. The sub-committee felt that they needed advice on the technical side and a suggestion was made to employ Andrew Mclachlan of Ouse and Humber Drainage Board to look at this which can be done under Public Sector Cooperation Agreement at a fee £43.23 per hour with a 12.5% overheads charge. R Ward said that he feels they need the expertise and advice to understand it all. R Ward had also spoken to the Crown Estate to be made aware of the situation and the flooding risk and is going to report back to them. It was also discussed about employing Andrew Mclachlan for the Hull Eco Park project. This was proposed by A Styche and seconded by H Sadler and agreed by all.

**10. Update Sand Le Mere**

R Ward had spoken to Gerry Frisby/ERYC who informed him that they were not going to build the bank at Sand Le Mere due to no funds. They are proposals to carry out works at Thirtle Bridge which R Ward asked to be kept up to date with. Cllr J Holtby said that the IDB needed a meeting with the ERYC to discuss this matter and will look into who the officer is. There could be issues with flooding at Waxholme and at the Sand Le Mere Caravan Park.

**11. New Tenders For 2018**

This are up for renewal in Spring 2018 (every 3 years) R Ward will prepare these including the PCSA and maybe look at doing more flailmowing on a regular basis. Comments from members would be welcome.

**12. Elections in October 2018**

These are due every three years and members will be notified of the procedures etc. in due course.

**13. Future Meetings**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 9.30am at Station Hotel, Patrington

**14. Any Other Business**

- IDB Review – to raise the IDB’s profile including: Website including links from the ERYC and Parish Council Websites, Newsletter, working in conjunction with the ERYC. J Maston and R Ward have been attending Parish Council meetings to discuss the boards areas etc. G Nettleton said with regards to riparian owners should be made aware that it is their responsibility to clean the drains but people are not always aware of this or proof of ownership is hard to establish as ditch registration is not always made when registering land.
- Personal Financial Liability – Correspondence received from ADA was handed out to Board Members.
- ADA 80<sup>th</sup> AGM – To be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Humber Nature – To be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- ADA Northern Branch Meeting – To be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Humber Elected Member – E-mail received from Andrew Mclachlan/OHDB regarding consent from the Board to put forward Victoria Aitken, a ward councillor for Howdenshire, to represent the ‘Political’ position of IDB’s on relevant Humber Strategy Forums. The board gave their consent.

Meeting Closed at 11.30am

Chairman’s Signature.....



Date.....

6 February 2018

Mr J Maston