

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at The Station Hotel, Patrington, Hull
On Tuesday 7th February 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
M Cook – Thorngumbald
AT Annison - Thorngumbald
H Sadler – Keyingham
A Styche – Preston
M Grant - Keyingham
Cllr P Turner
Cllr M Bryan
Cllr J Holtby
Cllr B Skow
Cllr D Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), R Speck.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Martin Jackson, Cllr L Healing, Cllr S Steel
2. **Declaration of Interest**
Dave Tucker is also on the Scrutiny Committee and North Holderness IDB.
All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2017**
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.
4. **Matters arising therein not included on agenda**
None
- 4a. **Maintenance works for IDB**
Maintenance was all completed by the end of November – (except BP which will be done 22nd February) and dredging on Preston Drain.
All happy with the workmanship.
- 4b. **Maintenance works under PCSA**
Completed by the end of November and now includes Burstwick to Hedon.
Doing all EA main river work – 18 miles.
John Maston spoke of problems at the back of Hedon Growers – Should be 8m easement – Only 6m.
He had spoken to EA. Cllr Turner said the Manager isn't very commutative he thinks someone should write to them – probably the EA as it is their main river but Cllr Turner will also try and speak to them again.
Ralph Ward asked G Lount What the stone was like on the bank that Wilkins did – G Lount stated that it had gone back down well.
Faith Spencer from the EA had said if we ask we might get some big stone. – Ralph Ward commented that at least they are letting us do the work now.
- 4c. **Health & Safety**
Ralph Ward stated there was nothing to report other than we have got the paperwork from Wilkin Partners – We still need to get Adds sorted.

- 4d. Correspondence**
A list of correspondence received and sent was handed out to members.
- 4e. Planning Application**
A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed. Ralph Ward discussed the Airfield – John Maston said that they were going to meet but had not been back in touch.
- 4f. Land Drainage Act Consents**
None.
Ralph Ward stated that there was a problem with Tansterne BioMass Generator but we had not had an application – Ralph Ward is trying to get it resolved.
- 4g. Bank Accounts**
A summary of bank account activity was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 4h. Accounts for confirmation**
A summary of accounts for confirmation was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 4i. Frank Hill & Son Account**
This was approved at the meeting
- 4k. Other Expenses**
No expenses were brought to the meeting.

INSURANCE

Ralph Ward had been asked to get quotes and had also approached McClarron, and Insurance Partnership – who could not quote due to it being a very small market.

NFU - £10,494.00

Towergate - £4,626.00

Plus addition of £592 for Board Members Liability. This was proposed by M Cook and seconded by T Williams

- 5. Dredging Works at Stone Creek Update**
John Maston stated that it was completed at the end of October he could not see that it had dropped much. H Sadler stated there were more in front of the doors. Ralph Ward is liaising with the boat club. M Grant – Asked if the boat club had got any finances – Ralph Ward said not as yet. John Maston – the problem seems to be between the doors and passed photographs around.
T Williams asked about a survey at the end of the Humber Work Boats work. This would cost £2,500.00.
- 6. Report from JBA re proposed pump at Stone Creek**
G Nettleton informed the group that the Subcommittee which was formed to discuss the report met at the end of last year.
The conclusion is that JBA believe that it will continue to silt up whilst gravity fed and may stop working. He suggested looking at pumping (2 sizes) but could not ascertain which size would be best and amounts of water etc. 10 year, 20 year or 50 year flood event – so he needed to hydrologically model over all the drains.
It would also give an idea if any holding areas were needed and identify any improvements that would be needed in culverts and bridges. It would cost £51,915 to complete the hydraulic modelling. ERYC have done some surveying on Keyingham and if any of it is useful it would reduce it by £8,000 to £9,000 we can't do anything without the survey.

T Williams asked if we could get a quote from anywhere else – G Nettleton – replied that he saw what he meant but if the survey is not done by next month it will have to wait until next year. T Annison asked would we have to do it again if we could not afford the pumps for 20 years? Guy hoped this would not be an issue and the project could go ahead. John Maston stated the Humber is silting and anyone with links to this is having the same problems. G Nettleton agreed there are issues about funding these pumps and believes those who benefit should contribute to it – if we don't do anything the doors will silt up and won't work gravity fed at all. A Styche asked about booster pumps? G Nettleton said that this will be looked at within the modelling – or may have to hold water back at Roos or Burton Pidsea. M Cook - asked if funding was available for the survey? R Ward stated we had funds in reserved accounts for Ottringham (£27,000) and Keyingham (£26,000) P Turner – Commented that they were better spending £50,000 on this than £50,000 on HWB when we know it isn't going to work. ERYC's Paul Cusick had met Ralph Ward and John Maston and was looking at Burstwick Drain and Preston. He is looking at flood storage similar to what they have at Eppleworth. It was proposed by H Sadler and seconded by T Williams to go ahead with additional survey. A vote was held and this was agreed unanimously.

7. **(a) Rates Collected** – Discussed. One outstanding 2016/2017 Rrooster Ltd. The Clerk to collect.

(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 £23.10 in Preston Area. The board agreed for these to be written off

(c) Budget 2017/2018

G Nettleton felt as each area is showing a surplus amount each year he believes that the reserved amounts should become a combined amount – He thinks Preston may have an issue but all in it together. Ralph Ward stated that there was also a surplus built up at the ordinary account.

A Styche agreed that the separate identity is disappearing and it was up to the whole board to sort any problems that arise.

G Nettleton proposed that reserved amounts are taken as a whole. This was seconded P Stephenson. A vote was held and this was agreed unanimously.

G Nettleton stated that we need to decide what surplus we needed to be building up – need the figure in case of emergency.

(d) Laying of the rates

After much discussion 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 2018. 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 2018.

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	5p/£	17p/£	16p/£	21p/£	8p/£	1.4p/£
Special Levy	£7602.05	£4569.66	£2975.20	£4037.25	£1938.37	£33258.95
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.	0.021	0.040	0.060	0.090	0.048	0.005
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	0.052	0.171	0.170	0.220	0.081	0.015
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	0.050	0.170	0.160	0.210	0.080	0.014

8. Update on revising New Board Area

R Ward updated the members on the progress made. We have been in consultation with ERYC. They have been helpful with plans etc. We got assistance from the EA. The liaison officer wanted justification in the form of a 50 page document but R Ward stated that was what was needed in the setting up of a new board and was too much for a change of border.

Local Parish Councils are being approached and John Maston and Ralph Ward are attending parish council meetings. But as it didn't include anyone paying more council tax they weren't concerned. Biggest issue is Land Drainage Act 1991. UK Government doesn't know how it was set up so can't change it. Ralph Ward attended a meeting in London but felt that with lack of assistance of the politicians it will never happen.

John Maston – NFU want figures once the new area is bought in.

Ralph Ward – When EA de-main we will have the cost of the work we do now.

T Williams – Asked if our MP was any use. Ralph Ward – Could be but would need to speak to him.

CLA and NFU are helpful.

9. Update on Skeffling Managed Retreat

John Maston attended an Open day. They didn't seem to be a lot further on.

G Nettleton thought it would happen but no plans, no budget and no details.

John Maston – Did offer another meeting with the IDB but John said not until they know what they are doing.

Guy Nettleton – Would like the board to ask them what economical value they are putting on the land.

Ralph Ward does not think they are justifying it economically – It's to provide a habitat.

Ralph Ward felt the Board didn't want dragging into being in collusion with them particularly over the bank at Welwick (mud). They may have bought most of the land but the problems in 2013 were at Winsetts and Easington. The problems with salt waters would be on the land that they haven't bought if the bank fails.

G Nettleton had been told that they were going to bring Outstrays pump back to Outstrays farm but now can't afford it. He felt It must be bought back or the electric won't work in a flood event.

10. Update Able UK

As far as R Ward is aware it is still on the books to go ahead but is now not BP or EA but a private individual. The Government has given £? Million to stone a new yard on the South bank. They are still cropping it and unlikely to do any work until they wish to go into the river.

11. Update Sand Le Mere

Photographs were passed around. Ralph Ward stated that it had failed now further north and not where we put the stone last time. It didn't get into our drain. Ralph Ward had been speaking to Gerry Frisby and Mike Ball and nothing was planned. It didn't damage what we did last time. Regarding the new bank there is a compulsory purchase order against Stuart Smales. There was a discussion on how much land was required and cutting Withernsea off.

12. 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.

13. ADA Conference

The Northern Branch Meeting was held at Howden and John Maston, Ralph Ward and Cllr Peter Turner attended. The main discussion – Ian Moodie from ADA gave a talk with EA discussions etc. The EA presentation from the Humber was presented by JBA and they discussed a 1m rise in 100 years.

14. Future Meetings

Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 9.30am at Station Hotel, Patrington

19. Any Other Business

- St Augustines Lagoon – we still clear the drains. The ERYC are going to do up to the lagoon with the spoil deposited there which is in our Contractors way. Russ Tarrant has spoken to Ralph Ward.
- Cllr P Turner – Was there any issues after the surge? R Ward said it had flooded at Hollym Sewerage Works. Peter Stephenson felt there was a danger point at the sewage works but on this surge the wind direction had been favourable.

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

Chairman's Signature..........Date..........

Mr J Maston