

COWICK & SNAITH INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 7th June – The Institute, West Cowick

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Paul Cooper (Chair) (PC)
Edward Bayston (Vice Chair) (EB)
Councillor John Barrett (JB)
Tom Bayston (TB)
Ian Wood (IW)
Adrian Wood (AW)
Richard Thompson (RT)
Robert Kealey (RK)
William Bayston (WB)
Iain Omand (IO) Responsible Financial Officer
Richard Syed Hessel (RSH) Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board
Karyn Devoy (KD) Administration Support

405. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor John Stavely-Churton, Mike Ball, Sarah Saxelby
406. **Declaration of interest:**
Paul Cooper and Richard Thompson declared an interest in the proposed development on Butt Lane, Snaith.
407. **To sign and approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 22nd March 2016:** Date of meeting to be amended from '7th June' to '22nd March'. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting this was proposed by RT and seconded by EB.
408. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** IO informed the Board that the Environment Agency has now paid the outstanding rates. M Jackson's (The Stables) rates are still outstanding. WB queried if we were sending the demand to the correct land owner; RSH/KD to make enquiries.
409. **Clerk & Engineers Report:** PC has been in contact with Townends Estate Agency to ascertain whether a copy of the previous Land Drainage ratings were available. PC is waiting for a response and should have an update for the next meeting.

Problems with the sluice gate at Newbridge Pumping Station were noted on the drain walk that took place earlier in the day as water was backing up from the main river causing the pumps to run continuously. John Colwill has been instructed to investigate during low tide and ascertain whether the sluice gate has failed.

The fitting of a flood defence system on the new culvert where the railway line crosses the road to Lord Downes Clough was discussed. PC suggested fitting brackets to the culvert to allow a sleeper to block water should the river burst its banks. RSH to check drawings and contact Dave Penny of Network Rail.

RSH mentioned the email from Robert Sanderson regarding the seepage on the River Bank at Marsh Drain. RSH to monitor this and update.

Ongoing issues with pollution at Marsh Drain are still being monitored from the Yorkshire Water Pumping Station. PC suggested contact to be made with Yorkshire Water stating the Board will not be held accountable for any current or future pollution issues.

RSH told the board that he has had site meetings with Yorkshire Water and has been informed there would be no increase in the discharge rate at the Yorkshire Water Borehole site and clarified that there are no concerns with vehicle access to the site. PC mentioned that the existing pipe would be staying in place and there would be an operational platform. Phil Gleadhill of Yorkshire Water is to inform the Board when the construction work is due to start. RSH to update. PC mentioned that he thought the Board previously had in place a legal agreement for a precept from Yorkshire Water to be paid to the Board for the discharge from the pump station. The previous Clerk to the Board Graham Bate had been unable to find any record of this in the past. RSH will contact Yorkshire Water to ascertain flow rates and if there is an increase a contribution would be asked from them.

RSH, EB, Russ Towse (previous Engineer to the Board) and Peter Chantry (Chair of Rawcliffe and Dempster Internal Drainage Boards) attended a meeting with Highways England and A1 Plus regarding the ongoing concerns with the watercourse running along the M62. The Board suggested the use of our contractors to upgrade the standard of the poorly maintained watercourse. A 1 Plus were not receptive to this suggestion and thought it would not be feasible within their current procedures. EB suggested if they were reluctant to undertake the work required a more direct approach should be made. RT proposed the Board serve notice on Highways England this was seconded by JB.

RSH has ordered new blocks for the weed screens for all of the pumping stations.

The belt for the mechanical device at Finnleys Lane Pumping Station has been extended by John Colwill. After the completion of the work it was discovered the program has altered and the device is failing to locate the correct position. RSH is to get a quote for an engineer to correct the fault. RSH made a suggestion that some mesh should be installed at Finnleys Lane Pumping Station to stop debris from slipping back into the drain; this was agreed by the Board

PC and RT left the room. EB took over the chair

RSH informed the Board that the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water have removed their objections to the Butt Lane development. He recommended that our objection stays in place as he does not feel that the issues that made us raise the objection have been fully addressed. EB raised concerns about what piling was being used and how the bund is constructed. EB was concerned that there had been insufficient feedback to our objections or any evidence of the run off rate into the Board's drain and clarification was required. RSH to ask if a commuted sum could be agreed. RSH told the Board questions need to be addressed about the tank system and water run off. EB proposed a meeting be arranged with Harron Homes and the Board.

PC and RT re-entered the room.

- 410. Financial Report:** An invoice was presented from Martin Richardson for flailing work done in 2014. IO was unaware that this invoice was outstanding and stated this was not a current liability. Figures are to be checked before the invoice is paid. IW informed the Board that he has outstanding invoices for the year 2015/16 and agreed to present them to the Board for payment as soon as possible. **After meeting note: These invoices have all now been paid.**

EB proposed cheques to be signed RT seconded.

- 411. Annual Governance Statement:** The RFO presented the Annual Return Report. In accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the Board are required to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for 2015-16. The Annual Governance Statement must be approved prior to the Accounting Statements and this order of business must be evidenced by the meeting minute

references. The Treasurer informed the Board that all the controls referred to in the Annual Return had been undertaken.

WB proposed Annual Governance statement be approved IW seconded.

- 412. Accounting Statement:** The RFO informed the Board that the Accounting statements must be signed by the Responsible Financial Officer before they are presented to the Board. The total expenditure for 2015-16 was £65,157. Throughout 2015-16 monitoring of expenditure has taken place and this was last reported to the Board on 26 January. This showed an expected year end net position of £62,772. The actual position is £64,888.

WB proposed Accounting Statements be approved SW seconded.

- 413. Any other business:** PC asked for the Clerk and Engineer to the Board to seek clarity as to when an interest should be declared. EB declared that he wanted it minuted that no one had objected to the planning application proposal and that clarification was required regarding the route of the water.

It was agreed that advice would be sought for the Board regarding Members Pecuniary Interests and that the reserves would reflect the specific part of which was related to the Board's Section 106 monies.

IW asked the Board for a letter to be written to The Environment Agency to inform them that they should contact him when they require access to their telemetry in Lord Downes Pumping Station to provide him with some notice to unlock the gate.

RSH asked if it had been agreed with The Board that John Shaw has his insurance paid. PC requested we get a copy of his insurance policy. PC requested miscellaneous issues regarding the pump attendant be put on the next agenda. RSH to approach Paul Ross, Rawcliffe's pump attendant with a view to discussing interim arrangements in maintaining the Boards pumping station on a temporary basis should cover be needed.

- 414. Date of next meeting:** 11th October at 2pm