

## COWICK & SNAITH INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – The Institute, West Cowick

### Minutes of Meeting

**Present:**

**Paul Cooper (Chair) (PC)**  
**Edward Bayston (Vice Chair) (EB)**  
**Cllr John Barrett (JB)**  
**Ian Wood (IW)**  
**Adrian Wood (AW)**  
**Richard Thompson (RT)**  
**William Bayston (WB)**  
**Mike Ball (MJB) Clerk & Engineer to the Board**  
**Richard Syed Hessel (RSH) Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board**  
**Karyn Devoy (KD) Administration**

- 415. Apologies for absence:** Councillor John Stavely-Churton, Sarah Saxelby, Robert Kealey, Stuart Wood, Tom Bayston
- 416. Declaration of interest:**  
PC and RT declared an interest in the proposed development on Butt Lane, Snaith. EB and WB declared an interest in Carr Drain Bridge
- 417. To sign and approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting this was proposed by WB and seconded by RT.
- 418. Matters arising from the Minutes:** None
- 419. Clerk & Engineers Report:** Dave Penney of CML who have undertaken the construction work on Network Rail's culvert has provided RSH with photographs of the culvert before the work was completed. RSH has also looked at the drawings for the new culvert and there was no option for a facility to block or restrict the water flow. CML have assured RSH that if this option was on the previous structure it would have been highlighted in the drawings and implemented on the improvement works. There is potential at the Board's expense to add a door to the culvert. PC mentioned that improvements to the bank had been made and this was now unnecessary.

**Lord Downes Access:** RSH has had contact with Network Rail regarding the access issues to Lord Downes Pumping Station and they confirmed they are happy with the arrangement as it is. The Environment Agency have informed RSH that access is still an issue for them. IW commented that the Environment Agency have access via Fish Pot Lane or from either end of the riverbank. AW agreed that the Environment Agency could put their own lock on the gate if they deemed it necessary.

**River Aire:** RSH told the Board that there was nothing to report and asked the Board if they had any updates. IW stated that there hadn't been a high tide hide and the bank was dry.

**Yorkshire Water Pollution:** RSH has contacted Yorkshire Water regarding the pollution issues noted on the drain walk. They have arranged for an engineer to inspect the site. RSH will contact them for an update on this.

**Yorkshire Water Boreholes:** Yorkshire Water have been reluctant to provide RSH with information regarding previous consents and agreements for water discharge into drains 52 & 53

(Ings Drain). RSH has requested Yorkshire Water provide the Board with a letter stating they will correct any damage caused by these works at their own expense. RSH has informed Yorkshire Water that consent will not be granted until an agreement is drawn up. RSH will monitor the works and his time will be charged to Yorkshire Water.

**M62 Watercourses:** MJB has been in contact with Tim Haskel of Highways England. The water course along the M62 was discussed and it was made clear this work was urgent. RSH raised concerns regarding their maintenance program and advised them that a more in depth maintenance program is required. MJB explained that serving notice was a last resort and wanted more time before further action is considered. PC declared that he felt something needs to be done before March and serving notice should be considered if nothing has been resolved by then.

**Butt Lane:** Consent has been granted for this development. MJB informed the Board that he is happy with the updated report and drawings His concerns over seepage have been addressed by the addition of puddle clay to the attenuation pond. All objections have been removed. The Lead Local Flood Authority have cleaned out the drain adjacent to Primrose Lane.

Colwills are to replace weed screen blocks on the pumping stations.

**Health & Safety:** Health & Safety information has been produced for the Pump Attendants. A Risk Assessment and Method statement needs to be signed by the attendant and returned to RSH this will cover the attendant for a year. RSH recommended fire extinguishers, and advisory signs in the Pump Stations be replaced as they are out of date. WB proposed and RT seconded that this be carried out. RSH recommended the Pump Attendants attend a confined spaces training course. AW informed the Board that Lord Downes Pumping Station is greased remotely and doesn't require anyone to go underneath the pump. RSH is to talk to John Shaw, the Board's Pump Attendant about attending the training as it is essential to satisfy Health & Safety requirements. WB proposed the Health & Safety Policy be signed off JB seconded.

**Finnleys Lane Pumping Station:** The weed screen is off- line and requires resetting. RSH to contact Jubbs Electrical. RSH to look into getting a yearly maintenance

**Correspondence:** PC has tried calling Mr Townend again regarding the previous land valuations without success and will try again.

KD has discovered some information regarding Carr Drain Bridge however no document was found stating that Highways England would be responsible for any future maintenance or replacement works and this has been passed onto EB. The bridge is no longer suitable for the heavy farm machinery that uses it on a regular basis. PC asked MJB to create a design and obtain a quote for a concrete box culvert with a gross vehicle weight capacity of 32 tonnes. WB suggested a further quote be acquired for an armco culvert. The Highways Agency are to be contacted and asked if a contribution towards the works would be considered under the agreement that was given when the M62 was built. This was proposed by JB and seconded by RT.

MJB informed the Board that he didn't feel it necessary to attend the ADA Annual Conference every year as he is in regular contact with them.

420. **Financial Report:** The Annual Returns have been returned from the external auditors with a clean bill of health. The Notice of Conclusion can now be seen on the Board's website. A Financial Business Plan will be discussed at the budget meeting in January. Mr S Hall is on the Drainage Rates twice for the same address this is to be queried. The cheques to be signed were presented to the Board. WB proposed they be signed RT seconded.
421. **Any Other Business:** IW asked if it was known if the Board or Rawcliffe Internal Drainage Board are responsible for the drain at Peppered Pig and if any planning permission for the work being

undertaken there had been looked into. RSH said that to look into this would be charged as extra work to the Board. EB proposed the Board agree to pay this, WB seconded.

**422. Date of next meeting:** January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 2pm