

RAWCLIFFE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
Monday 16th October 2107 at Rawcliffe Village Hall,
Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Peter Chantry (PC) Chair

Patrick Sykes (PS) Vice Chair

Sally Backhouse (SB)

David Mckenna (DM)

Jonathon Lewis (JL)

James Priestley (JP)

Paul Blacker (PB)

David Nicholson (DN)

Caroline Fox (CF)

Simon Shubrook (SS)

Keith Fillingham (KF)

Mike Ball, Clerk & Engineer to the Board (MJB)

Richard Syed-Hessel, Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board (RSH)

Ian Swales (Observer)

676. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Caroline Fox, John White, Roy Dresser
677. **Declarations of Interest:** Ian Swales declared an interest in the dyke and barriers at the back of Rosedale Farm
678. **To Sign and Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting Held on 3rd July 2017:** DM declared the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting PB seconded this proposal.
679. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Drain 54 issues have now been resolved.
680. **Engineers Report:** The maintenance programme for 2017 has been completed. RSH informed the Board that the contractors had worked together well this year and he will continue to encourage good communication between the contractors in future years. New tender applications are due to be sent out in January 2018.

Pump Station Reports: All the surveys on the pumping stations have now been completed. These surveys will help prioritise work required on the Board's infrastructure. RSH will email the reports to any Board members interested in reading them.

River Don: No concerns have been noted regarding the River Don.

Highways England: The ongoing issues regarding finance and clearance of Highways owned ditches have still to be resolved. RSH had raised concerns with them over the

culverts joining the M62 and the board's infrastructure he has been told that improvement works are progressing and it will be resolved shortly. RSH to monitor any work on this. RSH to arrange a meeting between all parties after the harvest to discuss all outstanding issues.

Riddings Lane: This area is still being monitored by RSH. The culvert near the school entrance is in need of maintenance as reeds and vegetation are restricting the flow of water. Peter Lindley of Complete weed Control has been instructed to spray this area when he is in the area treating Japanese knotweed on Field Drain.

Health & Safety Equipment: Identifying and obtaining the required signs and equipment required at the pumping stations is ongoing.

Santander Bank: The Bank are unable to accept the withdrawal form filled in by the previous Clerk to the Board due to discrepancies between the signature on the form and the signature on the driving licence required for identification purposes. The money can only be accessed if Mr Bate attends the bank in person and presents his passport as identification. Mr Bate will be approached and asked if he would be able to do this. The Board agreed to pay Mr Bate a £50.00 incentive to do this.

The Canal and River Trust rate payment is still outstanding. They are querying the payment as they cannot find any information regarding this being set up. A copy of the information the Board holds has been sent to them and we are waiting for a response.

The Responsible Finance Officer to the Board has left his post at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Neal Beckett will be taking over his roles within the East riding of Yorkshire Council and as ADOC's Responsible Finance Officer.

Langham 1 Drain 33: Keith Fillingham has completed the work on this site. The relevant Health & Safety paperwork and the work itself have both been completed to a good standard.

Access to land owners land: RSH has contacted the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Valuation and Estates Department as agreed during the previous meeting. It has been agreed that the fence panels can stay in as they are this year as there are no concerns over the condition of the watercourse at present. RSH has sent Mr Swales a letter stating that a three month period is in place for an acceptable solution to be agreed. Consent has not been granted for the installed metal panels and these can be removed by the Board without notice

Rate Demands: This year's demands have all been sent out reminders will be posted in November.

Drain 54: John Colwill has completed the work to re-grade the embankment. The landowner will be encouraged to leave a distance from the bank top when planting or drilling crops. RSH has informed Valuation and Estates that this work has been

completed future costs will be recovered from the land owner or the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Pastures Pump Station: RSH will obtain a quotation to remove the submersible pump at Pastures Pump Station in order to determine the condition of the pump. RSH suggested the hire of a mobile pump may be required during winter. Environmental Solutions and John Colwill have provided quotes for this work. KF proposed the pump be taken away by Environmental Solutions. SS seconded the proposal.

681. **Financial Report:** RSH presented the financial report to the board. PC queried the cheque payable to the Environment Agency for the third instalment. After meeting note: This year's precept is payable in four instalments not two as in previous years. KF proposed the presented cheques be signed. DM seconded this proposal.
682. **Any Other Business:** PC asked if a British Telecom pole be moved closer to the entrance of the school in order to assist with drain maintenance. SB stated that she was unhappy with the rates payable for Soilings and Dobella Farm properties. She will withhold payment of this year's rate payment until this has been resolved. PC believes there has been a discrepancy that affects JL, PS and KF. PC to resolve with RSH.
683. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 15th January 2018