

RAWCLIFFE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
Monday 15th January at Rawcliffe Village Hall,
Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Patrick Sykes (PS) Vice Chair

Sally Backhouse (SB)

Paul Blacker (PB)

Jonathon Lewis (JL)

Simon Shubrook (SS)

David Mckenna (DM)

David Nicholson (DN)

Keith Fillingham (KF)

Roy Dresser (RD)

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

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

Neil Beckett, Responsible Finance Officer

684. **Apologies for Absence:** Peter Chantry, Simon Shubrook, John White, Sally Backhouse, James Priestley
685. **Declarations of Interest:** None
686. **To Sign and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2018 :** PB proposed the minutes be accepted as true record of the meeting, DN seconded the proposal.
687. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
688. **Budget Report 2018/19**
In Accordance with the Land Drainage Act 1991 The Board is required to set a rate for the forthcoming year. This rate should result from an adequate budgetary process in which assessment of the Board's Reserves were undertaken.
The Board's Responsible Finance Officer presented a report which provided details of the current financial years monitoring position. This showed at Appendix A the 2017-18 Budget, the Actuals as at the end of November and the Estimated Outturn Position. Appendix A showed that the estimated outturn position was £70,628 which would produce an underspend of £9,965 against budget. The budget is set to utilise £11,924 from the reserves, however due to the projected outturn only £1,959 will be utilised from the reserve.
The report also detailed the budget for 2018-19 which had been prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer in full consultation with the Clerk and Engineers.

Three options for the rate were presented an increase of 2% (10.71p), an increase of 5% (11p) and the rate to remain the same 10.50p. A proposal to increase the rate to 10.71p was proposed by DN and seconded by KF and was approved unanimously by the Board. The level of reserves were considered and approved by the Board.

The Board also considered the indicative budgets for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

NB left the meeting

689. Future Clerking: East Riding of Yorkshire Council have given notice that they will terminate their Public Sector Cooperation Agreement to provide professional services to the Board. This is in accordance with Clause 12 of the Agreement which will cease from 31 March 2018. The Chair thanked the Clerk and Engineer for their work over the last four years

690. Engineers Report:

River Don: There are no concerns with this area.

Highways England: A meeting is to be arranged to discuss ongoing issuing and financial prospects.

Health & Safety Equipment: New signs and safety equipment for the pump stations to be arranged. RSH to complete a site visit with John Colwill to highlight missing signage and defects identified in the condition survey reports.

Correspondence: PC to attempt to contact Graham Bates and ask if he would be willing to go to Santander Bank with his passport and sign the form to allow funds to be withdrawn from the account in his name. The Board have agreed previously to reimburse Mr Bates for his time.

The Canal and River Trust: The Canal and River Trust haven't paid the outstanding invoice regarding seepage onto the IDB's land. The accounts department have been contacted and are looking for previous payments.

Fence Panels on Mr Swales Land: RSH will acquire some quotations for two new gates to allow the Board to access the land to complete ditch maintenance and also contain the wild stock on the land. DN stated that he " couldn't condone spending Board monies on gates and fences."

Drain Maintenance Programme 2018: Tenders for this year's drain maintenance will be sent out to contractors in January. RSH asked the Board if they would consider awarding a tender for five years? RSH told the Board that he thought a five year tender would attract more contractors to tender for this work and may reduce costs to the Board. The Board agreed that they were happy to continue with awarding the tenders for three years.

Rate Demands: Peter Chantry is investigating land parcels after concern has been raised by some landowners that they are paying too much in rates. RSH has been in touch with Valuation and Estates asking for information they hold on any land parcels that have been sold and has been informed that they don't hold this information.

Pastures Pump Station: The pump has been removed for investigative works by Environmental Solutions it will be transported to Lincoln. When a cost has been received to repair the multiple, ongoing faults a decision will be made on the future of the pump.

New light fixings have been installed and supplied to Pastures Pump Station to improve the visibility.

691. Finance Report: RSH presented the Finance Report to the Board there were no cheques that required signing.

692. Any Other Business:

693: Date of Next Meeting: Monday March 19th 2018 at 7pm