

**Cowick & Snaith Internal Drainage Board**

**AGM 7th July 2015**

**The Institute West Cowick**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Present:

*Paul Cooper (PC)*

*William Bayston, (WB)*

*Ian Wood (IW)*

*Stuart Wood (SW)*

*Cllr Robert McArthur (RMcA)*

*Richard Thompson (RT)*

*Mike Ball (MJB)*

*Russ Towse (RST)*

**345. Apologies for absence:** Robert Kealey, Edward Bayston, Adrian Wood, Cllr John Staveley Churton, Tom Bayston and Cllr John Barrett.

**346. Declarations of Interest:** Ian Wood regarding a solar panel farm at Ashfield.

**347. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** MJB temporarily assumed the role of Chair for the purpose of the Annual General Meeting. He called for nominations for the new positions of Chair and Vice Chair. WB proposed PC for the position of Chair, which was seconded by IW. WB proposed EB for the position of Vice Chair, which was seconded by SW. A show of hands unanimously endorsed the proposals and PC was appointed Chair for the coming year and EB was appointed as Vice Chair for the same period.

**The Board meeting followed subsequently with PC in his new position as Chair.**

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**349. Declarations of Interest:** Ian Wood said there may be, regarding a solar panel farm at Ashfield.

**350. Minutes of Last Meeting:** : IW proposed that the minutes of 19 May 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by RT.

**351. Matters Arising:** The screen at Finnley's Lane pumping station still to be progressed.

**352. Clerk & Engineer's Report:** PC will discuss rateable values Mike Townend of N.E Townend (auctioneer & valuer) 4 Belgravia, Goole.

RT advised that there are slips on Drain 35 down Park Lane to Drain 34. Pete Fletcher & John Colwill to be advised of any remedial works

PC said to flail and de-weed the entire system. This was proposed by WB and seconded by RT.

RST raised the subject of the Environment Agency's (EA) work on the River Aire, raising and lowering the bank in the vicinity of the spillway. In order that the Board was fully updated on developments, a meeting would be required at which there was Board representation. MJB

would contact the EA's project manager, Tim Cobb expressing the Board's wish to meet. It was decided that attendees would be IW, SW, PC and RMcA, who would also represent the Snaith Town Council.

The Yorkshire Water Services (YWS) pumping station near to Selby Road and the car showroom, from where unpleasant odours were often noticed and unpleasant material in the Board's watercourse were observed, was again discussed. RST was asked to convene a meeting with YWS at the site to help resolve the nuisance issue. He will also invite a representative of East Riding Council's Environmental Protection team.

**353. Finance Report:** Cheques were presented for payment. IW proposed that the cheques should be passed for payment. This was seconded by SW

**354. Any correspondence not covered in Clerk & Engineer's Report:** Payment for the hire of the Board's meeting room was discussed. It was proposed by SW that RST raise an order for the hire of the room, which was seconded by WB.

MJB asked for any names that could be considered by East Riding Council as Nominated Members to the Board, to be passed to him so that he could pass them on in turn.

MJB explained that a meeting had recently been held with a legal colleague at the council regarding the suitability of the Environment Agency's template document, developed for use by the EA to formally contract with local internal drainage boards, and whether it would be suitable for the Board to use it to contract with the council. This document is known as a Public Sector Cooperation Agreement (PSCA). Apart from a number of minor amendments it is as per the original document. The Board asked that it be discussed with Association of Drainage Authorities for their views on the suitability of the document.

**355. Date of Next Meeting:** 15 September at 2pm, at The Institute, West Cowick.