

**COWICK & SNAITH INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – The Institute, West Cowick**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Present:**

Paul Cooper (PC) Chair

William Bayston (WB)

Edward Bayston (EB)

Tom Bayston (TB)

Ian Wood (IW)

Richard Thompson (RT)

Councillor John Barrett (JB)

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

Russ Towse, Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board (RST)

**366. Apologies for absence:** Stuart Wood, Adrian Wood and Robert Kealey. PC informed the Board that Councillor Robert McArthur was leaving the area and had resigned his position as an Appointed Member.

**367:Declarations of interest:** PC and RT declared an interest in a development proposal in Butt Lane.

**368:To sign and approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on 15 September 2015:** It was proposed by IW that the minutes of the meeting be approved: this was seconded by RT.

**369:Matters Arising from the minutes:** None

**370:Clerk & Engineers Report:** The Board was informed that the Biodiversity Action Plan, produced on its behalf by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, had been completed. MJB said he would circulate copies to the Board for their information and comments.

PC said that he will be contacting Mike Townend with a view to obtaining land values within the Board's area.

The Board was complimentary about the maintenance work carried out on its watercourses by its contractor's Colwill and Fletcher. It was particularly pleased with the machine selected to do the work. It expressed the view that the Board should continue with the contractors for Years 2 & 3 in line with the terms of the procurement process. This was proposed by RT and seconded by EB.

PC reported a recent occurrence within the Board's area when a Rural Payments Agency (RPA) inspector challenged a landowner over the deposition of spoil from cleaning out a watercourse. MJB will seek to clarify where the landowner can put the material, bearing in mind the terms of the agreement entered into with the Entry Level Scheme 2011.

RST will approach Highways England with a view to carrying out work on small parcels of land adjacent to the M62 as opposed to larger areas. He said that difficulties were still being experienced in making contact with John Howard of Highways England despite numerous attempts through email and Tim Haskell of A1+

MJB reported that he was attempting to progress the environmental concerns regarding the Yorkshire Water Services pumping station close to the A1041 on the north side of Snaith, with ERYC colleagues based in Goole.

RST reported that in regard to recent election notification, there had been no interest expressed on behalf of the general public so the election process has now been progressed and completed for the next three years. The details will be posted on the website.

MJB informed the Board that an invitation will be extended to Ray Bone, a specialist in the area of Health & Safety who will provide direction with the Board's Health & Safety Policy, to the meeting in March 2016.

RST reported that the planning application for the proposed development in Butt Lane was not directly for the Board to decide as the issue is one of connecting into the Yorkshire Water Services sewer.

**371:Treasurer's Report:** MJB explained that the issues regarding the Board's Barclays Bank account had been resolved and the account was now available to use for business transactions.

**372:Any correspondence not covered in Engineers Report:** None

**373:Election 2015-2018:** See above

**374:Proposed development on Butt Lane Snaith:** See above

**375:Any other Business:** None

**376:Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 2pm at The Institute, West Cowick.