

DEMPSTER INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014 – SWINEFLEET VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Peter Chantry, Chair (PC)
Paul Jacklin, Vice Chair (PJ)
Cllr John Frost (JF)
Edward Cowling (EC)
Barry Philipson (BP)
Stuart Hall (SH)
Mike Ball, Clerk & Engineer to the Board (MJB)
Russ Towse, Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board (RT)

1480 Apologies – Mark Johnson (MJ), Martin Backhouse (MB)

1481 Declarations of Interest – None

1482 Previous Minutes – The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 21 July 2014 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by PJ and seconded by BP and subsequently signed off by PC

1483 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes – It was remarked upon by PC that since the last meeting no further communication had been received by the Board from JBA Consulting regarding the tender process.

The landslip on Rawcliffe Moor Drain between points 14 and 15 on the Board's map would be inspected and monitored by RST.

1484 Clerk's Report – RST to draw up a Code of Conduct and Programme of Works for the Board at the same time as doing the same for the other two boards. On this basis the work would benefit from a discount. He will use the templates for the Critical Incident Policy together with that for the Emergency Plan Procedure.

RST reported that a new meter had been fitted to the board's pumping station.

1485 Any Correspondence not covered in Clerk's Report

PC asked RST to clarify whether the tip within the board's area came under Special Levy or the Drainage Rate and to check the conditions attached to the planning determination. PJ was of the view that water that issues from the site was corrosive and causing damage to the board's pumps.

Public Notices: Health & Safety – Risk Assessments and Lone Worker policies will be considered by the council's safety representative Ray Bone. He will do so for the three IDBs concurrently with potential cost savings for economies of scale. This was proposed by BP and seconded by SH together with an accompanying show of hands in favour.

MJB agreed to speak with the council's biodiversity officer seeking clarity with the document produced by JBA Consulting entitled Thorne Moors Water Level Management Plan.

MJB sought the board's consent to attend the ADA conference in London. There is general agreement across the three boards that the costs be split four ways with the fourth share being paid by the council.

RST asked the board if it was happy to have its website hosted on the council's portal with accompanying cost savings compared to the cost of a stand-alone dedicated site. There was unanimous agreement that this arrangement continues.

Finance: Cheque No. 100775 was shown incorrectly on Engineers report, it should show the value of £48 as opposed to £24. Authorisation to pay invoices was proposed by PJ and seconded by EC.

Unpaid A&F Consulting invoices: a discussion concluded that MJB and RST would meet with the council's legal officers with a view to deciding the best way forward. This course of action was proposed by SH with BJ seconding. A show of hands was in favour too.

1486 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 2.00 pm in Swinefleet Village Hall