

Aire, Don & Ouse Consortium of Drainage Boards

Cowick & Snaith, Rawcliffe, Dempster IDBs

=DEMPSTER INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY 15th March 2016 – SWINEFLEET VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present :

Peter Chantry (Chair) (PC)

Paul Jacklin (Vice Chair) (PJ)

Councillor John Frost (JF)

Mark Johnson (MJ)

Edward Cowling (EC)

Martin Backhouse (MB)

Barry Phillipson (BP)

Mike Ball, Clerk & Engineer (MJB)

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

1555. Apologies for absence:

Stuart Hall and David Walton. MJB introduced Richard Syed Hessel as the new Deputy Clerk & Engineer.

1556. Declarations of Interest:

EC expressed an interest in the item to be subsequently discussed regarding the adoption by the Board of a watercourse on his land. MB similarly declared an interest in the same watercourse

1557. To sign and approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on 19th January 2016:

Minute 1547 should read 'Mark Johnson, Edward Cowling and Martin Backhouse' as having sent apologies for absence. Minute 1548 should read 'request be deferred' in the third line. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting, which was proposed by PJ and seconded by BP.

1558. Matters Arising from the minutes:

None

1559: Clerk & Engineers Report:

The subject of badgers being active within the Board's district was discussed. MB reported that they were digging in the side of one of his watercourses. He said that he was planning to meet with the windfarm contractor within the next day or so and would subsequently contact MJB or RSH to inform them of the details. In the meantime RSH will get an update from the former Deputy Clerk & Engineer to the Board, Russ Towse.

Request for three watercourse to be added to Board maintained list was discussed. EC and MB explained the current position regarding the watercourses on their land. EC requested that the Board give consideration to taking on maintenance responsibilities for the watercourses and the potential risks associated with vehicles and adjacent buildings on the watercourses' as in his view they take water from the landowners. The discussion looked in particular at the proximity of the access road situated nominally 2m away from the edge of the watercourses' future stability and consequential maintenance responsibilities associated with the situation. PC requested that EC and MB leave the room whilst those remaining members voted on whether the board should adopt the three watercourses as requested by EC. The voting was in favour of rejecting the request to adopt.

1560. Risk Strategies Management and Policy:

MJB stated that in order for the board to demonstrate good business planning, it was necessary to produce a risk register. This would identify risks to the board's pumping station to enable financial provision to be made for future maintenance work safeguarding the long term viability of the board's assets. The work is underway and a copy of the Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement together with Risk Assessments was distributed it was pointed out that the risks identified to date were not exhaustive and would continue to evolve.

1561. Public Sector Cooperation Agreement (PSCA):

MJB explained that the PSCA for the board to contract with East Riding of Yorkshire Council was substantially complete.

1562. ERYC Invoicing payments Q3 2015/2016:

1563. Finance Report:

MJB presented the revised Financial Regulations for considerations. It was proposed that they be accepted by JF and seconded by BP with a subsequent unanimous show of hands in favour and the Chair duly signed them off.

MJB explained the on-going situation with the Environment Agency precept, to be paid by the board for the coming financial year. He pointed out that the Responsible Financial Officer had provided the Environment Agency with its details. He added that provision was made in the board's budget at the time when the drainage rate was set.

Cheques were presented for payment: it was proposed by JF that they be paid. It was seconded by PJ.

1564. Any correspondence not covered in Engineer's Report:

None

1565. Any other business:

None

1566. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7pm at Swinefleet Village Hall

Signature of Chair

