

**DEMPSTER INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY 7 JULY 2015 – SWINEFLEET VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Present :

Peter Chantry (PC)
Cllr John Frost (JF)
Stuart Hall (SH)
Barry Phillipson (BP)
Paul Jacklin (PJ)
Edward Cowling (EC)
Martin Backhouse (MB)
Mark Johnson (MJ)
Russ Towse (RST)
Mike Ball (MJB)

1529. Apologies for absence:

None

1530 Declarations of Interest:

None

1531 To sign and approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on 19th May 2016

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. JF proposed that they be accepted and PJ seconded.

1532 Matters arising:

Contractor maintenance margins were discussed. PC to get clarity from Natural England on the deposition of material removed from the watercourses during maintenance work. PC said the dimension from the edge of the channel was traditionally 6m.

It was confirmed by MJB that Mr David Walton's details had been passed to the council's Legal & Democratic Services team to consider his eligibility to become an Appointed Member of the Board.

1533 Clerk & Engineers Report:

There was a discussion on how the invert level of a new drain crossing should be set in relation to the existing bed levels.

Discussion and subsequent agreement was reached on the extent of maintenance work to be carried out on watercourses within the Board's area.

No Roundup will be used at the present time.

1534 Finance Report:

Payment of cheques was discussed. PJ proposed that they should be passed for payment: this was seconded by MB.

As part of the Board's financial governance procedures, the council's Internal Audit team offered to review the Board's documents, accounts and other items in the sum of £780. It was felt that this offered good value for money and the Board, following a proposal from PJ and seconded by JF that this be carried out.

1535 Any correspondence not covered in Clerk & Engineer's Report:

MJB explained that a member of the council's legal team had scrutinised the Public Sector Cooperation Agreement with a view to it being used as the method for the Board to formally contract with East Riding Council for the provision of clerk & engineering services. He had made a small number of relatively minor amendments and MJB invited the Board to send any comments to him by the end of July which was agreed. PC asked MJB to seek the views of the Association of Drainage Authorities for their comments.

1536 Date of next meeting: 2 November 2015 7pm.