

**VALE OF PICKERING INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**  
**AT 09.30AM**  
**AT CUNDALLS OFFICES, 15 MARKET PLACE, MALTON.**

**45-2018/2019 PRESENT**

AD Nutt Esq (Chairman)	Councillor M Potter
R Tindall Esq (Vice Chairman)	Councillor J Raper
M Morley Esq	Councillor G Allanson
J F Stockdale Esq	Councillor D Cussons MBE

In attendance:

SPW Edwards – Clerk to the Board  
P W Fisher Esq – Surveyor/Engineer to the Board  
Dr C B Bowles – Engineer/Hydrologist  
Mrs L Griffin – Secretary

**46-2018/2019 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Mrs L Cowling and Mr C R Wainwright for their inability to attend the meeting.

**47-2018/2019 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Councillor D Cussons and seconded by Councillor J Raper that the Minutes of the last Board meeting held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

**48-2018/2019 MATTERS ARISING**

**i) Yedingham Project**

The Clerk reported that he and Phil Fisher had met with the Environment Agency at Yedingham on 13<sup>th</sup> November. The Fishery experts mentioned how disappointed they were with low the summer water levels as a portion of the area had dried up as the inlet channel is too shallow. Gail Hammond from the EA is now looking at lowering the channels that supply the pond however, a new Flood Risk Assessment is required. A further report will be made at the next meeting.

**ii) Settrington Beck**

The Clerk reported that he and Phil Fisher had attended a meeting with the Environment Agency and East Yorkshire Rivers Trust to discuss the work that had been carried out on the Beck. The main purpose of this work was to reduce the flood risk to the properties at Brambling Fields. Some comment had been made that the work was not entirely as the Rivers Trust would have wanted however, both sides agreed that no further work was necessary.

**iii) Ouse and Humber Drainage Board – Engineering services**

The Clerk stated that following the Boards agreement to engage OHBD after the retirement of Phil Fisher on 31<sup>st</sup> March next, he would be meeting with Andy Mclachlan the Chief Executive of OHBD to discuss arrangements in the near future.

## **FINANCE**

### **49-2018/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR CONFIRMATION FOR THE YEAR 01/04/2018 TO 31/12/2018**

It was proposed by Councillor J Raper and seconded by R Tindall Esq that these figures be accepted, and this was unanimously agreed.

### **50-2018/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

There were none.

### **51-2018/2019 CLERKS REPORT – GENERAL ACCOUNT 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

Proposed by Councillor J Raper and seconded by Councillor M Potter that the report be accepted by the Board. This was unanimously agreed.

### **52-2018/2019 BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

Proposed by M Morley and seconded by Councillor D Cussons MBE that the reconciliation be accepted by the Board. This was unanimously agreed.

### **53-2018/2019 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

The Clerk produced his budget for the year 2019/2020. Three different scenarios were put to the Board After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor J Raper and seconded by Councillor M Potter that Option B (attached) would be adopted for the forthcoming year. This was unanimously agreed by the Board.

The Clerk proposed a new wage structure for the employees. It was proposed by Councillor J Raper and seconded by R Tindall Esq that these figures be adopted. This was agreed unanimously by the Board.

### **54-2018/2019 LAYING OF THE RATE**

Following a discussion relating to the Budget that had been prepared by the Clerk, It was agreed that the rates as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 would be as follows:

The former Muston & Yedingham Board area would increase to 10.60 pence in the £. This would increase the income to £69,185.77 from agricultural properties and £28,213.41 in Special Levy from Ryedale District Council and Scarborough Borough Council

The former Rye Drainage District the rate would increase to 10.80 pence in the £ resulting in an income of £147,986.46 from agricultural properties and £75,117.45 in Special Levy from Ryedale District Council.

The former Thornton Drainage District the rate would remain at 14.50 pence in the £ resulting in an income of £89,264 from agricultural properties and £16,616 in Special Levy

This was proposed by Councillor J Raper and seconded by R Tindall Esq and was unanimously agreed by the Board.

### **55-2017/2018 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

Each member of the Board had been given a copy of the Internal Auditors Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The contents of the Report were discussed and there were no further comments.

### **56-2017/2018 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS**

It was unanimously agreed by the Board following a proposal by Councillor J Raper and seconded by Councillor M Potter that the Internal Auditors for 2019/2020 would be Yorkshire Internal Audit Services.

## **57-2018/2019 HYDROLOGIST REPORT**

Dr Bowles made comments about the following,

### **58-2018/2019 NEWSHAM BRIDGE**

Dr Bowles reported that he had inspected the ongoing work with Phil Fisher on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Due to recent rain, river levels were up and therefore the piling work could not be inspected. However, the bank repairs seem to be holding and he was expecting satisfactory completion in due course.

### **THORNTON BECK**

Dr Bowles reported that he had inspected the work at Thornton Beck and was happy that this has been carried out as required by the Environment Agency.

### **MIDDLE DEEPPDALE**

Concern was raised about the monitoring operations and how these would be funded. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the board would contribute up to £1,500.00 per annum for an initial period when it would be reviewed. This was proposed by R Tindall Esq and was seconded by J Stockdale Esq and was unanimously agreed by the Board.

### **CAYTON DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

This development, which is to the south of Cayton Village will eventually have around 4,000 new homes. Although it is proposed that some of the surface water will go out to sea a certain amount will still reach the Boards watercourses. The Planning Submission that had been received made no mention of Surface Water Drainage or attenuation. It was therefore agreed that Dr Bowles would write to Scarborough Borough Council to raise his concerns.

### **RYE CATCHMENT MODELLING**

Dr Bowles explained that there are now predictive flood maps available which show various flood events and how these would affect land areas in the Rye catchment. These plans also have predictions where flood banks are breached and where the most serious flooding will be.

Dr Bowles stated that he has no doubt that Natural Flood Management is very high on the agenda of the EA.

### **NYCC UPDATE**

Dr Bowles reported that a new proposal in relation to Flooding in Norton and Malton, Monitoring is to be carried out by consultants WSP and water level gauges will be installed to give early warning of flooding.

Dr Bowles reported that the Forestry Commission are proposing to release Beavers into woodland areas in the National Park. Concern was raised about these animals escaping and building dams in the Boards catchment. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter raising the concern of the Board.

**59-2018/2019 ENGINEERS REPORT**  
**VALE OF PICKERING IDB – MUSTON & YEDINGHAM AREA**

**WEST GARTH, SHERBURN – West Beck**

PCSA work unlikely to go ahead as certain property owners want overgrown trees to remain – access problems.

**RAINCLIFFE GRANGE FARM – SEAMER DRAIN – GRAVEL EXTRACTION**

No further developments.

**LINDEN HOMES DEVELOPMENT – SEAMER**

No further developments.

**CAYTON VILLAGE FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Scoping report prepared and submitted to Scarborough Borough Council highlighting surface water issues.

**GRISTHORPE VILLAGE – DALES FACTORY SITE**

The site has been cleared but no development started. Commuted sum payable to Board at start of building to be spent on improvement to ditch network (10K).

**THORN PARK DRAIN – HACKNESS**

Channel clearance works imminent – excavations and bank mowing to be undertaken by M.Tyson to alleviate flood risk on bungalows adjacent to watercourse.

**RIVER HERTFORD – WEED CUTTING**

Excessive weed growth due to warm autumn and winter conditions. P.Frankland carrying out channel clearance works upstream of A64 as low water level prevented weed boat doing work.

**EAST AYTON DYKE**

Essential channel clearance work is required immediately after harvest between the Derwent and the Old Railway Line adjacent to Sykes Farm (the northern boundary of the IDB District). Very little work has been carried out for at least 7 or 8 years due to intensive cropping and cultivations/crop sowing to the bank top.

**60-2018/2019 ENGINEERS REPORT**  
**VALE OF PICKERING IDB – RYE AREA**

**EDEN PARK – COMMERICAL DEVELOPMENT DITCH NETWORK**

Continues to deteriorate. Costing regarding IDB to maintain is still being considered by developers.

**RIVER RYE, NEWSHAM BRIDGE – Riverbank Stabilisation Project**

Go ahead received early November. Start made with approximately 50 meters completed (in worst affected area). Piles and Rock rolls with sheepfoot roller consolidating restored bank batter. First class job but work abandoned until spring/early summer due to fluctuating winter water levels.

**RIVER RYE, NEWSHAM BRIDGE**

Work undertaken under PSCA to remove and thin out overgrown willows on inside of bend forcing water to opposite side and contributing to erosion problems.

**WINDMILL LANE CULVERT DAMAGE**

No further developments – damage remains unrepaired.

**DITCH OUTLET AT NORMANBY – into River Seven**

Outlet from ditch on land owned by Mr & Mrs Steele/Mr Dowell is blocked under flood bank. Investigations to be undertaken by workforce to locate any outlet and free obstruction.

**HOLBECK, WASS GRANGE, AMPLEFORTH**

Site visited following complaint from landowner regarding lack of work and blockages. Discussions with EA regarding maintenance responsibility resolved that section upstream is not COWS and is still IDB responsibility. Work to be undertaken to clear channel in early spring.

**WEED SCREEN**

Approach made by EA to see if IDB wanted piece of redundant equipment. Viewed at Pickering depot and moved to Marishes site (Denhouse Grange) for possible future use with PSCA weed boat work.

**HOVINGHAM BECK**

Planned PSCA work on channel in village on hold while EA investigate unauthorised work.

**EDEN CAMP – RIGGS ROAD DRAIN**

Piling work required required to tidy up and stabilise channel in vicinity of Eden Camp/Russells. Summer work funded by commuted sum.

**61-2018/2019 ENGINEERS REPORT**  
**VALE OF PICKERING IDB – THORNTON AREA**

**THORNTON BECK - CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Following site meeting with EA/Ecologist the go ahead was given in the New Year for work on the section between River Derwent and Turn Bridge (PSCA). This was completed ahead of schedule due to exceptionally favourable conditions.

**WASTE TRANSFER STATION - BEANSHEAF**

This is approaching completion. SPWE and PWF had meeting with site manager to discuss surface water details and polluted roadside ditch adjacent to nearby factory unit. Environmental Health to investigate pollution issues.

**ROGERS PICKERING**

Irrigation lagoon piling work completed and further work piling and stabilising section of open ditch in the working yard area planned.

**SETTRINGTON BECK**

Meeting held with EA /Chalk Rivers Trust to discuss future working methods.

**INGS DALES DRAIN – Thornton le Dale**

2 new culverts installed (B.Wright) to replace collapsed structures at High and Low Grundon Farms.

**SYME – PILING WORK**

Bank slips/stabilising problems inspected with SPWE/PWF/D.Bogg on various sections. Piling work essential – summer work. Approximately 400-500 meters affected including section of West End Drain downstream of Low Grundon Farm.

**RIVER DERWENT RESORTATION PROJECT – Yedingham**

Site meeting with Gail Hammond and colleagues from EA to look at further pond improvements (bank batters etc). Serious concerns expressed by EA fisheries regarding low river levels “starving” new ponds of water. All small fish gone. Channels from river in need of lowering. To be planned out for 2019 programme (design fault – AMEC?).

**LOW NEWSTEAD GRANGE DRAIN**

Planned improvements involving removal of piped section and piling of channel – summer work.

**WEST END DRAIN, THORNTON LE DALE**

Bank stabilisation problems adjacent to lane, required essential piling work – summer work.

**62-2018/2019 WORKS REPORT**  
**VALE OF PICKERING IDB – MUSTON & YEDINGHAM AREA**  
**Period 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Channel Clearance**

	40 days
Starr Carr Drain and Branch	Deepdale Carr Drain
North Delph – Starr Carr to Meads Inlet	Coulson Carr Drain
North Delph – Meads inlet to Cayton Bottoms	Killerby Drain
Black Dyke	Lingholme Drain
New Skurfe	Lebberston Drain
New Dyke	Middle Cut
Cayton Hill Drain	Hertford
South Delph	

Middle Cut Snainton (B Wright)

**Contract Channel Clearance**

Farm ditches for Kitchen at Folkton	3 days
-------------------------------------	--------

**Clearing Blockages**

12 days

**Tree Trimming and Clearance**

7 days

**Fencing**

2 days

**Machine Repairs/Maintenance**

3 days

**Moving Plant/Machinery**

5 days

**Weed Boat Assistance**

3 days

**Thornton Beck EA PSCA Project -**

Tree trimming, removal of willows and saplings (chipping) and associated works.6 days

Holidays –

3 days

Bank Holidays –

3 days

Sick -

0 days

**63-2018/2019 WORKS REPORT**  
**VALE OF PICKERING IDB –THORNTON AREA**  
**Period 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

<b><u>Channel Clearance/ Sludging and Piling</u></b> (D. Hainsworth)	44 days
Ryton Crofts Drain	Ings Dike Tributary
Normanby Boundary Drain	Dikes Drain
Ryton Ings Drain	Sandholmes Drain
Lower Butterwick Drain	Walmouth Drain
Brawby Drain	Walmouth Beck Tributary
Slingsby Carr Cut	Muscoates Ings Drain
Little Holbeck	Trowbridge Drain
The Darren (Thornton Area)	North Farm Drain

<b><u>Assisting With Digger</u></b> (Skip Hunter)	28 days
---	---------

<b><u>River Rye Bank Stabilisation Project – Newsham Bridge</u></b> (EA)	
D. Hainsworth	10days
Skip Hunter	7 days

<b><u>River Rye Willow Tree Thinning (EA) PSCA</u></b>	
D. Hainsworth	3 days
Skip Hunter	3 days

<b><u>Costa Beck (Weed Clearance)</u></b>	
D. Hainsworth	7 days

<b><u>Irrigation Laggon Piling - RV Roger</u></b>	
D. Hainsworth	2 days
Skip Hunter	2 days

<b><u>Spraying</u></b>	
Skip Hunter	13 days
Pop Ellerby	18 days

<b><u>Fencing</u></b>	
Skip Hunter	1 day

<b><u>Ditch Inspections/wrecking/Blockage Removal/Moving Plant</u></b>	
D. Hainsworth	6 days
Skip Hunter	16 days
Pop Ellerby	9 days

<b><u>E.A Weed Screen Inspection/Removal</u></b>	
D. Hainsworth	1 day
Skip Hunter	1 day

<b><u>Thorton Beck Project (EA)</u></b>	
D. Hainsworth	6 days
Skip Hunter	6 days



<b><u>Forking out Watercourses</u></b> - Pop Ellerby			43 days
Kirby Sewer	Habton Drain	Amotherby Lane Drain	
Caulkleys Drain	Ings Sewer	Ackland Beck	
Broughton Moor Drain	Ings Dike	Sykes Sewer	
Rakes Drain	Intake Lane Drain	Brawby Grange Drain	
Red Bridge Sewer	Harome Moor Drain	Coulson Drain	
Barton Drain	Wykeham Drain	The Cut	
Fenton Road Drain	Double Dikes, Salton	Middle Ings Dike	
Normanby Boundary Drain	Golden Square Drain	Sugar Hill Drain	
Brass Castle Drain			

	Skip	Pop	David Hainsworth
Holidays –	12	11	9
Bank Holidays –	3	3	3
Sick -	0	1	0

**64-2018/2019 WORKS REPORT**  
**VALE OF PICKERING IDB –RRE AREA**

**Period 24<sup>th</sup> September to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

<b><u>Channel Clearance/Sludging</u></b>			<b>16 days</b>
Syme	West End Darin	Broad Mires Drain	
Pickering Carr Drain	Westfield Drain	Hills Drain	

<b><u>Mowing</u></b>			<b>22 days</b>
West Moor Drain	Scampston Cut	The Syme	
Rillington Laneside Drains	Stephensons Branch	Pickering Carr Drain	
Brecleneys Drain	Scampston Back Lane Drain	Midsykes Drain	
Railway Drain	Atkinsons Hawkes Drain	Broadmines Drain	
Burkhills Ings Drain	Low Newstead Drain	Bull Ings Drain	
Cowitts Drain	The Darren	Toft Swang Drain	
Ruston Ings Drain	Viaduct Drain	Outgang Drain	
Ellis Beck	White House Drain	Wilton No2	
Causeway Beck	Deerholme Drain	Ebberston Carr Lane Drain	
Scalings Drain	House Bridge Dike	Ebberstone Beck	
Ashwood Drain	Trumper Sewer	Wilkinsons Drain	
Ochre Farm Drain	Drifford Beck	Byass Branch	

**Mowing for Rye Area** **3.5 days**

**Mowing for Muston Area** **0.5 days**

**Spraying** **1 day**

**Machinery Repairs** **2.5 days**

**Wrecking/Blockage Clearance** **7 days**

**Thornton Beck PSCA Project for EA**

Carried out by D.Hainsworth / Skip Hunter./ Phil Frankland January 11<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Holidays –	<b>17.5 days</b>
Bank Holidays –	<b>3 days</b>
Sick – hand operation	<b>16 days</b>
Family Funeral -	<b>1 day</b>

**65-2018/2019 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor M Potter raised concern about the Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant in Pickering. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Potter would contact the Boards Office with a view to raising concerns about the Treatment works on behalf of the Board.

**66-2018/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Not yet confirmed.**

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....