

STRINE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD COMBINED ORDINARY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes for the meeting held at Kynnersley Village Hall on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Bruce Udale (chair), John Belcher (vice chair), Howard Phillips, Isabel Moseley, Harry Gregory, Andrew Crow, Colin Webb, Kate Mayne (clerk), John Bellis (TWC)

Apologies: Richard Hockenhull

Election of board members:

CHAIR – Bruce Udale was nominated for the role of chair by Harry Gregory and this was seconded by John Belcher. No other nominations were received. The board were all in favour of Bruce continuing in the role of chair.

VICE CHAIR – Isabel Moseley proposed John Belcher for vice chair of the board. This was seconded by Andrew Crow. No other nominations were received, and all were in favour.

BOARD MEMBERS: seats on the board were uncontested and members were all happy to continue. John Bellis will remain as an appointed member to the board.

Public participation: no members of the public were present

Declarations of interest: Isabel Moseley and John Belcher

Consideration of minutes from the previous meeting 7th January 2019: John Belcher proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the previous meeting and this was seconded by Howard Phillips.

Matters arising from the minutes: Howard has arranged for work on the Humber to be undertaken by Banks's. This is now complete.

All other matters were dealt with under other items in the agenda.

Accounts for payment:

David Udale – maintenance work £1000.00 + VAT
PM & RE Belcher – maintenance work £1188.00 + VAT
Sydney Farms – maintenance work £1886.00 + VAT
Banks's Contractors – maintenance work £580.00 + VAT
ADA – membership subscription £553.00 + VAT
W H Gittins & Sons – clerk & expenses £743.18 + VAT
Kynnersley Village Hall – hall hire £28.00

Andrew Crow proposed payment is made in respect of the accounts presented. This was seconded by Colin Webb.

Financial report: The clerk presented cash flow accounts to 29th March 2019. Income has been down this year due to a number of late payers and outstanding payments to be made. The area at the top end of the Strine has a particularly poor level of rates recovery. ACTION: The clerk will look into using a land registry search to establish land ownership in this area.

Maintenance report: Harry Gregory reported that work on the Wall between his land and Wall Farm has not been done this year. ACTION: The clerk was asked to follow this up in July.

The issue of slips on various channels needs addressing. Undercutting is adding to the problem of running sand in the soil profile. The extreme rise and fall of water levels in the Strine also adds to the issue. Digger drivers need to be reminded of problem. ACTION: the clerk will get major slips mapped, so that a plan for work can be devised as necessary.

Most areas of planned work were completed, with the exception of a stretch on Rick Hockenhull's land and the Wall section (as above).

Maintenance plan for 2019-2020: Priority needs to be given to the section of Wall not completed this year.

River Strine at Newport: A flooding issue is developing in the northeast end of the drainage district where the Strine has not been managed for many years. John Bellis has been made aware of a number of non-IDB drains which require maintenance work but pointed out that without attending to the vegetation clogging the main Strine channel, little improvement will be made. Several landowners are zero rated here due to STW borehole drying up land. The clerk has spoke to Richard Bentley of EA regarding issues around land access etc. ACTION: the clerk, vice-chair & John Bellis will investigate what might be possible. Richard Bentley wishes to be kept informed.

Correspondence & meetings: The clerk attended an IDB Good governance workshop hosted by ADA. Some key points from the workshop were presented for discussion at the board meeting. This included the need to update several policies and documents and consider the health & safety of lone working staff / contractors. ACTION: the clerk will begin work on updates and reviews of documentation. There was discussion at the workshop regarding insurance for contractors. ACTION: the clerk will check with NFU about wording and insurance type for contractors.

Report from John Bellis: Though slow to come through there is a lot of housing in the pipeline for construction over the next 10 years. John suspected that a cautious approach by developers in the current climate is holding up construction.

Any other business: Lees have reported a culvert blockage at Longford. ACTION: John Belcher will look into this.

Date for the next meeting: 24th June 2019 at Eyton Village Hall