

Strine Internal Drainage Board

Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020 at Kynnersley village Hall

Present: Isabel Moseley, Harry Gregory, Howard Phillips, Colin Webb, Bruce Udale (chair), Lucinda Lycett (TWC), Kate Mayne (clerk)

- Apologies:** John Belcher
- Declarations of interest:** Colin Webb, Harry Gregory
- Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th September 2019:** Isabel Moseley proposed that the minutes be taken as a true record of the previous meeting and this was seconded by Colin Webb.
- Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:** the clerk has contacted Catherine Gregory at Integrity Partners and would like to propose that the board employs her accounting services to undertake end of year accounts in April. Catherine has experience of local authority accounts which will be very helpful to the drainage board. Howard Phillips proposed that we take up her services for the end of year accounts and this was seconded by Isabel Moseley.
- Accounts for payment:**

PM & Re Belcher: £1026 + Vat	JR Hockenhull: £1855 + Vat
ADA: £565 + Vat	W H Gittins & Sons: £684.10 + Vat
CJ & SE Webb: £1560 + Vat	Kynnersley Village Hall: £28

Harry Gregory proposed that the invoices presented be paid & this was seconded by Howard Phillips.
- Financial report:** the clerk presented a financial report to 31st December 2019 which showed total cash in hand of £70,919. Expenditure on maintenance is behind where we would expect due to the unprecedented wet autumn and winter. Rates income is also short of where we need it to be. ACTION: clerk to send reminders out for 2019-2020 rates as yet unpaid.
- Maintenance report to date:** It was commented on that the Strine has coped better than expected with the wet weather experienced this winter. Colin Webb has completed all work he usually attends to. Hockenhulls have undertaken work on the Commission on Cherrington moors, Newport Strine, Pipe Strine through Belchers, Newport Strine through Jolley's & Strine on Rob Belcher's ground. Udale's machine has a small amount of work left to do on the Parson's Oak.

Steve Belcher will from now on be contacted each year to decide if the Strine through Bridge Farm needs work.

ACTIONS: Howard and Kate will be checking the situation regarding trees on Ward's ground at Lubstree, trees on left hand side of Kynnersley to Preston road & will check the situation with the slip on John Brown's land.

8. **Slips & issue areas identified autumn 2019:** The chair asked that the board highlight any areas of weakness identified this autumn, so that consideration can be given as to how we might invest in dealing with them. Harry Gregory asked that the Wall Through his land be worked from his side next year. ACTION: the clerk will chase this us with board members for reporting at the April meeting.
9. **Set rates for 2020 to 2021:** the current rates income was discussed in light of the challenging season farmers have experienced. Harry Gregory proposed that the current of 18.5p / £ be kept for the 2020-2021 season. This was seconded by Howard Phillips and all were in favour.
10. **Severn Trent Northern Interceptor, Low flows & abstraction:** a meeting has been arranged with STW to discuss the low flows study, the NI and STW's future plans. Lou Lycett agreed to attend this meeting also.
11. **IDB Severnside & Marches ADA Branch meeting:** The clerk presented a report from this meeting. Richard Blackwell (RB) has been contacted since the meeting to discuss the opportunity for Shropshire IDB representation at Water Resources West meetings. The frequency and location of meetings is prohibitory to involvement at the moment, but RB is looking at ways to engage drainage practitioners and land managers in the area better. ACTION: clerk will stay in touch with RB, in case there are meetings at which IDB representation would be useful.
12. **Correspondence & meetings:** see above
13. **Report from Lucinda Lycett:** Lucinda reported on the flooding dealt with by TWC this autumn / winter, many of which were rural highway issues from ground water and from pipes unable to cope.

Planning: The Maxwell site developers are being asked to rethink the drainage strategy for the site. The board to keen to ensure that run off does not all go into the same channel, as this could overload the system. ACTION: Lou agreed to keep the board / clerk informed on progress regarding this.

STW will be adopting some SUDS features in developments from April.
14. **Any other business:** New woodland owner at the Hincks. ACTION: clerk to find out more. Neil Phillips has been in touch re flooding on the road at Horton. Lucinda has been informed.
15. **Date for the next meeting:** 20th April 2020.