

STRINE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING – 11th September 2023. Kynnersley Village Hall

- 1. Apologies:** - Lou Lycett, Isabel Moseley, Andrew Crow, Richard Hockenhull
 - 2. Declarations of interest:** - Bruce Udale
 - 3. Consideration of minutes from the previous meeting:** - the board considered the minutes from the previous meeting and Harry proposed that they are a true record. This was seconded by Chris Holman.
 - 4. Matters arising:** - The clerk noted that the Annual Report to DEFRA has now been received and completed. The board discussed the policies in place and any further requirements for record keeping and policy provision.
 - 5. Accounts for payment:** - Kate Mayne, clerk - £779.25
Sydney Farms, maintenance - £4420 + VAT
NFU Mutual, insurance - £902.04
- John Belcher proposed that the accounts are settled and Harry Gregory seconded this.
- 6. Financial report:** - The clerk presented the financial report with cash in hand and cash flow to end of August 2023. 70% of rates have been paid so far. **ACTION:** the clerk will send reminders in October. The board discussed cash in hand and the clerk was asked to transfer funds into the savings account. **ACTION:** clerk to make transfer.
 - 7. Severn Trent speaker** – STW were not able to find a member of staff to attend the board meeting. The board agreed to invite them to attend the next board meeting in January. **ACTION:** clerk to forward date to STW.
 - 8. Maintenance 2023 to 2024:** - Colin Webb has started some topping and channel work & Sydney Farms have made a start on the channel spraying on the Longdon to Tern section of the Commission.

Richard Hockenhull has agreed to do the same management as previously, though he has work to do on the machine before they can make a start. Belchers will also undertake their sections as previous years. John Belcher noted a lot of overhanging trees on Boffey's ground which will have blockage potential soon. He is planning to cut these back this winter.

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Mr C Holman

Clerk: Kate Mayne- katyjmayne@gmail.com

Mr J Belcher (vice chairman)

Mr R Hockenhull

Mr A Crow

Mr N Phillips

Mrs I Moseley

Ms L Lycett

9. Correspondence & meetings: - The chairman & clerk attended an ADA Marches branch meeting hosted by Meverley IDB. There were presentations by Meverley IDB, the EA, Water Resources West & Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Unfortunately the EA did not attend the afternoon session when we visited sites in the drainage district and discussed the issue of lack of maintenance of main rivers.

10. Report from Lucinda Lycett, Telford & Wrekin Council: - Lou was not in attendance but rang the clerk earlier in the day with a verbal report. The TWC Local Plan is moving again after a delay. The flooding department has tendered for funds to undertake a strategic drainage study for any new development sites and has included the Strine IDB as a consultee. The board agreed it will be important to stay updated on plans for new sites, so we can advise appropriately.

Lou is waiting for a 'post legal council' meeting with Severn Trent in respect to the Northern Interceptor Channel ownership question. She will keep the board abreast of any developments there.

11. Any other business: - In August the clerk made an EOI application to the Lowland Agricultural Peatland Small Infrastructure Pilot for telemetry and a clay bunding trial. Full applications will be made in September.

12. Date for the next meeting: - 8th January 2023 at Sydney House Farm

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