

STRINE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 13th June 2016 at Kynnersley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: - Bruce Udale (chair), Howard Phillips, Isabel Moseley, Brian Crow, Richard Hockenhull, Colin Webb, Harry Gregory, John Bellis (Telford & Wrekin Council), Kate Mayne (clerk)

1. **Apologies** – John Belcher
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Consideration of minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th April 2016** – Rick Hockenhull proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and this was seconded by Isabel Moseley.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes** –

The clerk spoke to Steve Maddox – see maintenance plans.

A letter regarding Himalayan Balsam was sent out with rates invoices.

Trees have not yet been cut down on the syphon. **ACTION:** carried over to next meeting.

The tree removal from the Tern went well. James finished half a day beyond the 5 days of work originally agreed by the board, but the Chair took the decision to allow this extension and the board agreed that this had been the best course of action. The invoice present to the board will be split with Tern Farm. **ACTION:** clerk to chase up photos of the work for the EA and invoice Tern Farm for half of the invoiced amount.

5/6 **Approval of annual return to auditors** –

The annual report and annual return were presented to the board for consideration. A significant difference in 'all other payments' between 2015 & 2016 accounts was identified by the accountant. This was discussed by the board and the difference was identified as being a result of limited maintenance work in 2016 due to wet weather. In 2015 the board was catching up on work not completed in 2014, again due to wet weather. After some discussion Howard Phillips proposed that the annual return governance statement and accounting statement be approved by the board. Harry Gregory seconded this and the board unanimously agreed.

7. **Accounts for payment**

The following invoices were presented to the board to authorise payment: -

- W H Gittins & Sons (clerk's time and administration costs): £810.17
- Balfours (external audit): £120
- Access2Trees (tree removal from the River Tern): £5,100
- Kynnersley Village Hall: £28

Richard Hockenhull proposed that the invoices should be authorised for payment & Isabel Moseley seconded this.

8. **Financial report**

The cash flow and a cash comparison was presented to the board. Cash in hand at 31/05/2016 was £55,750.22.

9. **Maintenance programme plans 2016 - 2017**

The new digger driver will be meeting up with Steve Maddox soon to discuss routes, contacts etc. It was suggested that works starts at Longden this year as much of this was not maintained last year due to the wet weather.

There are a number of sections elsewhere in the district which were not done last year and need prioritising for 2016 – 2017. **ACTION:** the clerk will catch up with board members in August to get a list of all areas of priority.

10. Correspondence & meetings attended

The chair and clerk met Alan Smith regarding issues reported by Sam Wood on watercourses at the Hincks. Also discussed was maintenance work on IDB channels on Mr Smith's land. It was agreed that Banks's could be used to maintain this section this year and Mr Smith will be reimbursed by the board.

11. Report from John Bellis, Telford & Wrekin Council

John reported that there is likely to be more large planning applications in the Muxton area, from where water will discharge into the Wall Brook. The board discussed the combined impact of these developments on the drainage district and the risk of the system not being able to cope, despite the SUDS schemes which will be a requirement. John told the board about the 'precipitation analysis tool' which TWC now have. An observation location for the Strine could be set up if the board felt this would be useful. **ACTION:** the clerk will catch up with John after a planning meeting he is attending. In the meantime the clerk will investigate options for section 106 funding in the district and find out about it's use by similar flood authorities elsewhere in the country.

12. Any other business

Mr Painter, a rate payer who is developing a barn in the drainage district, contacted the clerk to ask if we could provide him information on the maintenance of the channel into which his soakaway will discharge. The board agreed to provide this but asked that the clerk point out that this does not guarantee that the channel will never flood. **ACTION:** clerk to contact Mr Painter.

13. Date of the next meeting

26th September 2016

Board members:

Mr H C Phillips – Chairman
Mr J B Crow
Mr R Hockenhull
Mr J Belcher

Mr F B Udale – Vice Chairman
Mr C H Gregory
Mrs I Mosley
Mr C J Webb