

Strine Internal Drainage Board

Minutes for the meeting held on 5th June 2017

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

1. **Apologies:** Bruce Udale. In Bruce's absence John Belcher took the role of acting chair.
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Consideration of minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th April 2017:** Harry Gregory Proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true representation of the meeting and this was seconded by Colin Webb.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** The clerk has forwarded a quote for tree work on a section of the northern interceptor channel to Severn Trent Water. The quote does
5. **Approval of annual return to auditors:** The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 were presented to the board for consideration. Variances between accounts from the previous financial year were discussed. £7240.40 more was spent on maintenance in the year ending 31st March 2017 as a result of drier winter conditions allowing work to be completed which was not possible the year before. There was also an additional £100 fee for internal auditing for 4 years. The annual governance statement was also discussed. Howard Phillips proposed that the annual governance statement and accounting statements be approved for external auditing. This was seconded by Isabel Moseley. The board agreed unanimously to approve the return.
6. **Annual report:** Due to the election the annual report was not available for consideration at the meeting. We are expecting to receive this sometime after 8th June.
7. **Accounts for payment:** 2 invoices were presented for payment: Kynnersley Village Hall (hall hire) - £28, W H Gittins & Sons (clerk) - £641.68. Harry Gregory proposed that the accounts be approve for payment and Colin Webb seconded this.
8. **Financial report:** cash flow accounts for the current year up to 30th April 2017 were presented to the board, showing cash in hand of £55,991.87; including £20,390.01 in the current account. The clerk pointed out that there had been no change in rates

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owing since the last meeting and that previous sums owed would be added to rates demands for the 2017-2018 year which will be sent out shortly. The option of including an ADA flier with information on IDB's and their role in flood management was discussed. **ACTION:** clerk to include the ADA flier and some additional information with rates demands for this year.

9. **Maintenance programme for 2017-2018:** There was little more to add to previous discussions regarding maintenance for the coming year. More detail will be discussed at the September meeting of the board.
10. **Correspondence & meetings:** The clerk & chair attended a river maintenance workshop at Chadwell Grange in May, organised by Shropshire Wildlife Trust and the EA. There was a lot of interest in tackling the River Tern and the blockages developing on it. Bruce is speaking to NFU and SWT in the hope of getting some progress. Work on the Tern below the confluence with the Commission & Strine could benefit the IDB.

We have received a VAT repayment for the period of 01/10/16 to 31/03/17 for £3127.24.

The clerk has been contacted by a developer working on a site near Edgmond which is just above the drainage district. **ACTION:** clerk to speak to John Bellis to check SUDS requirements and silt control from the site.

Sarah Richards, woodland owner and rate payer for land at the Hincks Plantation, has been in touch asking for help to install some pipes for a crossing to her land. The board discussed this & were concerned by the risk of impacting on land above if it is not done effectively. **ACTION:** the board asked the clerk and chair to attend the site to discuss the rate payer's requirements.

11. **Any other business:** The clerk asked Isabel Moseley for details of knapsack qualifications recently taken by a member of her staff enabling them to spray next to water. **ACTION:** Isabel to supply details to the clerk.

John Belcher asked if Brian Crow's contribution to the board had been formally acknowledged. **ACTION:** the clerk to chase this up.

12. **Date of the next meeting:** 11th September 2017

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