

STRINE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes for the meeting held on 11th September 2017 at Kynnersley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: - Bruce Udale (Chair), Howard Phillips, Andrew Crow, Isabel Moseley, Colin Webb, John Belcher (vice chair), Harry Gregory, Richard Hockenhull, Lucinda Lycett (TWC), Kate Mayne (clerk),

1. **Apologies** – John Bellis
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Consideration of minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th June 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and Richard Hockenhull proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Isabel Moseley.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

A quote for work on the Whappenshall section of the Northern Interceptor channel has now been received by Severn Trent Water. They have told us that work will need to be planned into the amp expenditure periods. **ACTION:** The clerk will maintain contact in order to make sure this happens. The chair pointed out that the IDB should not take any financial burden or risk as a result of this work, so we may have to discuss payment terms with STW nearer to the time.

5. **Accounts for payment**

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

- NFU Mutual - £690.30 annual insurance
- Kynnersley Village Hall - £28 village hall hire
- W H Gittins & Sons - £783.69 + VAT clerk duties and expenses

John Belcher proposed that the invoices be accepted for payment and this was seconded by Howard Phillips. Isabel however expressed a concern that we are paying too much for village hall hire. **ACTION:** the chair offered to look into this.

6. **Financial report**

The Clerk presented the accounts to the board.

Current cash in hand = £69,846.76. Income to date is £5489 up the same period last year. This is as a result of a larger carry over from the previous year and a large tax rebate in May. The clerk deposited a further £2999.45 of rates cheques on 11/09/17, making the total received so far approximately 62%. There are a number of large payments still to be made and a couple of rate payers whom Howard has offered to visit to pick up cheques from. **ACTION:** The clerk will send reminders shortly.

7. **Maintenance programme 2017 - 2018**

Bruce has sprayed a section of the Commission from Longdon to the Tern. We wait to see how effective this approach is. The EA permission is for spraying is for 3 years.

Colin has completed his work on the Strine, Wall Brook, up to Wards ground, the Hincks, through to the Strine and the Buttery Flats, There is still 300 metres by the bridge on the buttery flats that needs attention.

Rick's machine is working on the Red Strine from the Derbyshire Culvert to Dukes Drive and will move on to the Sydney next. There is a piece on the Commission from Long Lane back towards Hockenhull's land which hasn't been done for some time, which should ideally be done this year.

Harry asked about a section of the Wall Brook near Wall cottages which hasn't been done for some time. There is a fence alongside it which could make machinery access difficult. **ACTION:** clerk and chair will look into this.

8. **Correspondence & meetings attended**

Grant Thornton – annual return has been audited, returned and will be available for viewing on the TWC Strine IDB webpage or by request to the clerk.

We received a letter to inform us of the untimely death of Tony Benson, the accountant. The clerk has emailed condolences to the family. Shortly the clerk will arrange to pick up paperwork and computer files from the family. The board will need to find a new accountant or undertake the accounts ourselves and we will take in house the calculation and generation of rates demands. **ACTION:** clerk to look at taking on the accounts or finding an accountant.

9. **Report from John Bellis, Telford & Wrekin Council**

Lucinda Lycett attended of behalf of TWC.

Planning at Greenfields, Donnington is in planning at present – TWC2017-0569. A contribution towards work on the syphon has been requested from the planners. **ACTION:** clerk will comment if possible in support of this funding.

Broomfields Road, Newport development is underway by Ticket Lock, between the Strine and the Canal. A culvert will be replaced on the Strine here.

A Single dwelling near Summerhill, was also mentioned. The clerk and chair has looked at this development and can see no impact of green field runoff rates from it.

10. **Any other business**

Andre Crow asked about the ditch running alongside the Strine below Dayhouse Moor. This is the Tern Brook and is the responsibility of the IDB to manage. Andrew has a felling licence to remove trees between the ditch and the river. We experience flooding due to town water overtopping the Strine here and ending up in the rural drainage system. **ACTION:** the clerk and chair will pop out and look at the site when the trees are felled.

11. **Date of the next meeting**

8th January 2018

Board members:

Mr J Belcher – vice chair
Mr J B Crow
Mr R Hockenhull
Mr H C Phillip

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