

Strine Internal Drainage Board

Combined ordinary & Annual General Meeting

Held at Kynnersley Village Hall on Monday 9th April 2018

1. **Present:** Bruce Udale, John Belcher, Isabel Mosley, Howard Phillips, Colin Webb, Kate Mayne (clerk). **Apologies were received from** Harry Gregory, John Bellis
2. **Public participation:** No members of public were in attendance
3. **Declarations of interest:** Isabel Mosley, John Belcher, Colin Webb, Richard Hockehull for invoices to be agreed for payment
4. **Consideration of the minutes from the previous meeting held on 9th January 2018:** Howard Phillips proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true representation of the meeting and this was seconded by John Belcher
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:** NFU Mutual have not been back in touch regarding insurance ACTION: clerk will chase this up before the renewal date in July.

6. **Accounts for payment:**

W H Gittins & Sons – clerk:	£807.32
Kynnerley Village Hall – hall hire:	£28
Sydney Farms – maintenance work	£2856
J R Hockenhull & Sons – maintenance work	£3150
PM & RE Belcher & Sons – maintenance work	£1684.80
CJ & SE Webb – maintenance work	£1872
ADA – subscription	£650.40
David Udale Ltd – maintenance work	£1440

All accounts were proposed for payment by Howard Phillips & this was seconded by Bruce Udale.

7. **Financial Report:** The clerk presented accounts to the board to 31st March 2018. Total cash in hand = £57468.06; made up of £35625.86 in the savers account and £21843.20 in the current account. The clerk provided comparative data for the previous 4 years showing small changes in cash in hand according to the season and the board's ability to get work done.

Income & expenditure this year are very similar to 2016-17, with maintenance the only slight exemption; up £3678 (after an April 2017 contractor bill is excluded).

The board commented that this might be a good time to invest in pile driving equipment to fix some of the slips developing across the drainage district. ACTION: John Belcher & the clerk will do some research into what is available / used at other IDBs and what the likely capital investment will be.

Rates are paid up to 88%; the bulk of the deficit being made up of Dobson's invoice. We are waiting for details of the change in land ownership from them. There are one or two other rate payers the clerk will track down as they appear to be not receiving invoices.

8. **Maintenance report 2017 – 2018:** Rick's machine has got on well this year and finished the majority of work required of it. There is a section at Alan Smith's which hasn't been done this year and also a small section at Sydney, which may need looking at next year.
9. **Maintenance report 2017 – 2018:** There is additional work requiring attention this year at Lubstree through to the syphon and also on the Wall ditch, where a number of weirs are developing which are holding water on Harry Gregory's land.
10. **Wall ditch:** see point 9
11. **Correspondence and meetings:** The clerk received an email from Mick Egan & Angie Braley regarding work done on the Strine below Dayhouse Moor. A reply has been sent addressing concerns around the tree felling and clearance work on site.
12. **Report from John Bellis, TWC:** John was not in attendance.
13. **Any other business:** The chair is concerned that despite the board's efforts Severn Trent Water have done nothing to address the state of the Northern Interceptor. With significant amounts of development underway the board was concerned that even with SUDS installation the channel would not be able to cope with significant extra flows. The board asked the clerk to write to STW to express our disappointment at their lack of action with regard to the NI. ACTION: clerk to draft a letter.
14. **Date of the next meeting:** 4th June 2018 at Kynnersely Village Hall.