

Strine Internal Drainage Board

Minutes for the meeting held on 25th June 2018

Present: - Bruce Udale (chair), John Belcher (vice chair), Isabel Moseley, Colin Webb, Kate Mayne (clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Richard Hockenhull, Howard Phillips, John Bellis (TWC)
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Consideration of minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th April 2018:** Isabel Moseley proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true representation of the meeting; this was seconded by Colin Webb.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** *ACTION* carried over from previous meetings – clerk to speak to NFU re insurance & clerk to write to Dobsons regarding maintenance required on the Wall.
5. **Approval of annual return to auditors:** the annual governance and accountability return was discussed with the board. The internal auditor suggested initialling and dating bank statements when reconciling them. The clerk will implement this going forward. Members agreed points within the Governance statement which consider the systems in place for internal controls within the IDB. The accounting statement was also discussed, and it was proposed by Colin Webb that the return be approved by the board. Isabel Moseley seconded this, and the motion was carried unanimously.
6. **Annual report:** Due to additional questions added to the annual report this year, some time was spent discussing various aspects within it.

The biodiversity plan which exists for the board was discussed and it was thought appropriate that some up dating of its content was required. *ACTION:* the clerk will look into this. The board also needs to consider the adoption of a financial regulations policy; particularly considering GDPR. *ACTION:* The clerk will develop a policy for approval at next board meeting.

Details within the annual report were proposed for approval by John Belcher & this was seconded by Colin Webb. The board voted unanimously in support.

7. **Accounts for payment:** 2 invoices were presented: £20 - hire of Eyton Village Hall & £920.44 W H Gittins & Sons clerk's fees, mileage, court costs reclaim and stationary. Isabel Moseley proposed that these accounts be paid and this was seconded by John Belcher.

8. **Financial report:** Cash in hand at 31st May 2018: £56,824.99 (£35,625.86 in savings account and £21,199.13 in current account). Bank charges were discussed and it was suggested that an online banking system would reduce costs. *ACTION:* the clerk will investigate this.

9. **Maintenance programme for 2018-2019:** Chair will to check status of reeds on the section of the commission sprayed last year. More detail will be discussed at the September meeting of the board.

10. **Correspondence & meetings:**

Clerk had a meeting with Richard Bentley from the EA regarding the Precept and Foreign Water Contribution calculations. Information was provided by Richard and was discussed at the meeting.

The clerk also attended a Natural Flood Management meeting at the Shrewsbury University centre in May.

A letter was received from Alan Gough, WJF Lees & Partners regarding banks and fencing falling in on the Strine at Longford Mill. *ACTION:* The clerk and vice-chair will set up a meeting with Mr Gough to look at the problem and consider solutions.

A letter has also been received from Knights who acting as administrators on behalf of a rate payer's estate.

11. John Bellis was not in attendance but his email from 5/6/18 regarding the Northern Interceptor channel was discussed. Work to the NI has been added to the EA's pipeline programme of work for the next 6 years.

12. **Any other business:** none

13. **Date of the next meeting:** 10th September 2018