

STRINE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
AGM AND ORDINARY MEETING – 17th April 2023

- 1. Apologies:** - Neil Phillips
- 2. Participation:** - Bruce Udale, John Belcher, Harry Gregory, Isabel Moseley, Andrew Crow, Chris Holman, Lou Lycett, Kate Mayne

AGM matters: election was not required this year and there were no members of the public in attendance.

- 3. Declarations of interest:** -Chris Holman, Isabel Moseley, Bruce Udale, John Belcher – accounts for payment.
- 4. Consideration of minutes from the previous meeting:** - the board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023. John Belcher proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Chris Holman.
- 5. Matters arising:** - there were no matters arising that were not covered in the agenda.
- 6. Accounts for payment:** -

CJ & SE Webb: maintenance - £1600 + vat

PM & RE Belcher: maintenance - £1680 + vat

David Udale: £1500 + vat

Sydney Farms: maintenance - £4160.00

Banks's: Bank cutting (contra against rates for A Smith) – £99.53

Kate Mayne: Clerk duties - £874.50

Andrew Crow proposed that the accounts be accepted for payment. This was seconded by Harry Gregory.

- 7. Financial update:** - the clerk presented cash flow accounts for the end of the financial year ending 31st March 2023. The board collected 90% of rates to end of financial year. There are still a number of small rate payers who have not been tracked down. There are also a handful of bad debtors to recover from. **ACTION:** The clerk will follow up again before rates for the new maintenance year are sent out.
- 8. Maintenance report for 2022/23:** - a section of the Parson's Oak upstream of Kynnersley Road was not cleared out this year, so will need attending to next maintenance season. Otherwise all work identified was completed.

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9. **Maintenance plan for 2023-24:-** We have received permission to spray a section of the Commission, Parson's Oak and Tern Ditch in autumn 2023. The board expects this to reduce costs of maintenance and reduce slipping incidents. Success will be reviewed and further permissions sought as and where appropriate.
10. **Severn Trent – Strine Low Flows & Northern Interceptor:** - Planning for a number of interventions is underway by Shropshire Wildlife Trust as part of the STW low flows mitigation project. The board asked the clerk to get a list of the measures being installed and where, for discussion at our next meeting. This is for the purpose of insuring there will be no water management implications and to add the measures to inform our Biodiversity Action Plan. *ACTION:* Kate to Contact Pete Lambert at Shropshire Wildlife Trust.
11. **Health & Safety – report of incidents, near misses or matters for attention:** - No incidents or concerns were raised. The board also discussed procedures for spraying in 2023-24 maintenance year.
12. **Policy Review – Biodiversity Action Plan:** - Chris Holman mentioned that records are being collated for biodiversity in the Buttery area of the drainage district. Records will be a useful reference for the IDB's Biodiversity Action Plan. Spraying was discussed as a measure which the board considers helpful for reducing disturbance of riparian habitat.
13. **Correspondence and meetings:** - The clerk attended a meeting with ADA & the NFU on flooding and water resources. There was a lot of discussion about lack of revenue for flood management measures, with grant funding schemes more focussed on capital.
14. **Report from Lucinda Lycett, Flood & drainage Team lead at Telford & Wrekin Council:** - Lou reported that Severn Trent have concluded legal investigations into the Northern Interceptor ownership & liabilities. TWC are expecting a response from them by the end of June, when they have reviewed recommendations.

Lou confirmed that the STW work at Rodway is a replacement borehole rather than a new one.

Lou explained the latest situation regarding SUDS and the potential for an Approval Body to verify suitability and take on management responsibility. There were plans to re-enact this but currently there is no further news.
15. **Any other business:** - none
16. **Date for the next meeting:** - Monday 12th June 2023.

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