

Minutes of the meeting of the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board held at Deeping House, Welland Terrace, Spalding on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 11.00 am

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| * G R Aley | * T W Franks |
| A J Branton | J F W Holdich OBE |
| * W D Branton | * Mrs C J Lawton |
| * M H Bratley | * Mrs A Newton |
| R Broughton | * T C Purllant |
| * A Casson | * G W Sly |
| * K C Casswell | Mrs J Smith |
| * R Clark | * Mrs E J Sneath |
| * M Cooper | * B Tidswell |
| * P Coupland | * J Ward |
| * P Dilks | * P N Watts MBE |
| * S J Dobney | * E J Whitfield |
| | * Ms R Woolley |
| * Present | |

In Attendance:	Mrs K Daft	Chief Executive
	N Morris	Operations Engineer
	J Boden	Assistant Engineer

22/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr A Branton, Mr R Broughton, Mr J Holdich and Mrs J Smith.

23/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr W D Branton declared an interest in planning application number H03-0410-16 on page 13 of the Engineering report.

Mr Coupland and Mrs Sneath declared an interest in planning application number H16-0124-6 on page 19 of the Engineering report.

Mr Casswell declared an interest in the drainage scheme at Sutterton (page 2).

Mr Whitfield declared an interest in Mr Baxter (page 2).

24/16 TO RECEIVE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

The Board's internal auditor, Mr David Gowing, presented the Internal Audit report for the financial year 2015-2016. He advised members that he was pleased with the Board's excellent accounting controls and presentations. The only point he raised was regarding the Board's website and this is currently being addressed. It was RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gowing for attending the meeting.

25/16 TO APPOINT INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2016-17

It was RESOLVED that Mr David Gowing be appointed as the Board's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2016-17.

26/16 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th February 2016, a copy of which had been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

27/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

27/16/01 Risegate Eau – Kier May Gurney Rail

The Chief Executive reported that payment had finally been received at the end of March.

27/16/02 Proposed Extension at 5 Low Gate, Surfleet

Now consented.

27/16/03 Cross Drain 0.3586 ha Agreement no 500068 Change of Use – Mr Baxter

The Chief Executive reported that a valuation had been received by Longstaffs Property Agents, and we were making progress to finalise the agreement.

27/16/04 Sutterton

The Operations Engineer advised this was still in progress.

28/16 TO APPROVE SECTION 1 OF THE ANNUAL RETURN – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2015/16

The Chief Executive presented Section 1 of the Annual Return, 'Annual Governance Statement 2015/16' and it was RESOLVED that this be approved. The document was signed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive.

29/16 TO APPROVE SECTION 2 OF THE ANNUAL RETURN – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2015/16

The Chief Executive presented Section 2 of the Annual Return, 'Accounting Statements 2015/16' and it was RESOLVED that this be approved. The document was signed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive.

30/16 ENGINEERING REPORT

The Operations Engineer and Assistant Engineer presented the report to the Board. Matters arising from the report:

30/16/1 General District

Board members were updated with details of general maintenance works carried out in the General District.

Mr Brian Tidswell thanked the Operations Engineer and the Assistant Engineer for the first-class works carried out at Gosberton Rise gate.

30/16/2 Workshops & Plant

Board members were updated with details of general maintenance works carried out to plant and workshops.

We have taken delivery of a custom-built galvanised steel tipping skip for use under the weedrake at Riddingtons Pumping Station, and if this works satisfactorily there may be a good chance that more will be purchased.

A pipe ramp that allows vehicle access to owners' properties and allows over-pumping across a road at the same time has been delivered. This ramp will be used for the next stage at Wygate Park, which is sure to be of benefit to the residents.

30/16/3 Private Works

After being approached by Sutterton Parish Council to look at a section of private dyke that was not performing correctly, leaving the playing field wet and unusable, works had been undertaken to re-profile the drain on a re-chargeable basis.

30/16/4/1 Special Matters – Bourne South Fen Pumping Station

An order for Pump No 1 penstock replacement sluice valve was placed in early April.

30/16/4/2 Special Matters – Wygate Park, Pennygate Drain Re-Lining Work

The third phase of the Board's Pennygate Drain re-lining took place in February. Mrs C Lawton commented that an excellent job had been carried out and expressed her thanks to the Operations Engineer and Assistant Engineer.

Phase 4 is due to start in October.

30/16/4/3 Special Matters – Five Towns Pumping Station

Pump No 3 has been lifted and inspected and remedial works undertaken; last inspected in 2011.

30/16/4/4 Special Matters – Rise gate Eau Pumping Station

Pump No 1 has been lifted and inspected and remedial works are planned; last inspected in approximately 2002/03.

30/16/4/5 Special Matters – Vernatts Sluice

During a survey carried out in late February this year, one of the sea doors proved very difficult to open. A team was sent down to the base of the doors to investigate and found a large piece of old timber wedged underneath the cills holding it shut. Decking boards were found to be missing at the edge of the back apron and a large gap was found on the upstream apron.

After a full dive survey had been carried out in March, it was agreed that the 'urgent works' needed to be escalated to 'emergency works', and a start date of 6th June has been fixed.

The works are likely to cost in the region of £180,000 and, as such, an application to the Environment Agency for Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding has been made.

30/16/4/6 Special Matters – Replacement doors on Vernatts Drain at Pode Hole

The timber pointing doors at the head of Vernatts Drain at Pode Hole have now been replaced.

30/16/4/7 Special Matters – Insituform Factory Visit

A date of 5th July has been arranged for the Insituform Factory visit.

31/16 TO RECEIVE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

The Chief Executive presented the Management Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016. It was explained that these supported Section 1 and Section 2 of the Annual Return.

32/16 TO RECEIVE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2016 TO 27TH MAY 2016

The Chief Executive presented the Finance Report for the period 1st April 2016 to 27th May 2016. It was RESOLVED that the Finance Report be adopted.

33/16 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSERVATION LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The Chairman commented that the Conservation Liaison Group's visit to Willow Tree Fen Nature Reserve had been successful, and a good day had been had by all. Mrs C Lawton expressed her thanks to the Operations Engineer for arranging the visit.

34/16 ADA UPDATES

The Chairman reported that Robert Caudwell is now Vice Chairman of the ADA and Henry Cator will be standing down as Chairman in the near future.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Chief Executive is now an ADA resident consultant.

The Lincolnshire Show is to be held on the 23rd and 24th June, and Lincolnshire ADA are this year's sponsors of 'The Schools Challenge'.

The ADA conference is to be held on the 17th November 2016 in London. The Chairman asked if any members would wish to attend the conference and Mrs C Lawton, Mrs E Sneath and Mr P Dilks expressed an interest.

35/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

35/16/1 ADA Working Group

The Chief Executive explained work was currently taking place on one of the ADA workstreams. The Committee that is led by Defra was in the early stages of looking at ways to obtain values for rating new and extended areas. Several methodologies were being looked at and tested at present.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:57pm.

Chairman