

Minutes of the meeting of the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board held at Deeping House, Welland Terrace, Spalding on Thursday 6th October 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

36/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Coupland, Mr Dobney, Mr Franks, Mrs Newton, Mrs Sneath and Mr Tidswell.

37/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr W D Branton declared an interest in planning applications H03-0410-16 and H03-0500-16 on pages 18, 19 and 20 of the Engineering Report respectively.

Mr Casswell declared an interest in planning application H15-0672-16 on page 29 of the Engineering Report.

38/16 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th June 2016, a copy of which had been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

39/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

39/16/01 Cross Drain 0.3586 ha Agreement no 500068 Change of Use – Mr Baxter

The Chief Executive advised she had had a meeting with Mr Baxter and a rental amount of £1,500 per annum on a ten year basis had been agreed.

The amount of £1,500 was queried by Mr Watts, in that he believed it was rather high. Mrs Daft confirmed the figure was based on a business rate, and was actually £2,000 lower than the figure we had been quoted by our valuers.

39/16/02 Sutterton

The Operations Engineer advised this was still in progress and that a meeting with the land agent and land owner was to be arranged.

39/16/03 Special Matters – Bourne South Fen Pumping Station

The Operations Engineer explained that the order for the Pump No 2 penstock replacement sluice valve was outstanding (although the penstock was currently in transit).

39/16/04 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – ADA Working Group

The Chief Executive confirmed the ADA Working Group was progressing with looking at ways to obtain values for rating new and extended values.

40/16 ENGINEERING REPORT

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

40/16/1 Rainfall and Water Levels

June was a particularly wet month, with 96.4mm (3.80”) of rain being recorded at Pode Hole.

On Friday, 10th June certain areas in Deeping St Nicholas experienced surface water flooding when 49mm (1.93”) of rain fell. The systems affected were not Board-maintained but staff and workforce were called out to assist in clearing dykes and pumping water to prevent any further flooding.

The Vice Chairman requested that appreciation of these staff members’ team-spirited actions be officially recorded.

40/16/2 General District

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

The Museum was approaching the end of its summer season. This year saw revised opening times up to the end of September. Visitors’ figures had not yet been collated and would be disclosed at the next board meeting.

40/16/3 Workshops & Plant

Board members were updated with servicing and maintenance details of the Board’s plant.

40/16/4 Riddington's Pumping Station

Discussion took place regarding the corrosion and cavitation to both pumps at Riddington's Pumping Station; the general consensus being that this was more than likely due to the poor design. Expert advice is currently being sought, with site inspections held to determine a way forward.

A further report will be given at the next Board meeting.

40/16/5 Pinchbeck Marsh Pumping Station

Condition checks are planned to lift both pumps (one at a time) to check for any wear. Any action needed will be put on hold until the issues at Riddington's had been resolved.

40/16/6 Wygate Park, Pennygate Drain re-lining work

The fourth phase of works on the Pennygate Park re-lining project commences on Friday, 21st October and is scheduled to finish three weeks later on the 14th November. A recommendation from Lincolnshire County Council's Highways department was to start the works during school half-term.

A letter-drop advising closure and access details has been initiated to over 700 residents who are most likely to be affected. A notice on our website will also be posted. Mrs Lawton remarked that the letter-drop to residents in February had been an excellent idea and she hoped that this letter-drop would prove as successful.

40/16/7 Vernatts Sluice

The Operations Engineer advised members that the works at Vernatts Sluice had been completed satisfactorily.

A photographic presentation (with pictures taken by a camera drone, courtesy of Mr C Wray of Wray Farms), was then given by the Operations Engineer which showed how Martin Childs Ltd and our workforce had successfully carried out the repairs.

The Operations Engineer then reported that confirmation had been received from the Environment Agency that our Flood Defence Grant in Aid application (FDGiA) in the sum of £235,000 had been recommended for full funding.

40/16/8 Conservation

The Chairman reported that the Daubenton's Bat surveys carried out during August had been very interesting and were highly recommended.

40/16/8 New Members' Tour

A tour was organised for the 23rd September to introduce new Board members to the roles and functions of the Board and to visit part of the Board's area. Mr A J Branton, on behalf of the members who attended, requested his thanks be recorded and Mr P Dilks seconded.

Mr A J Branton requested a plan of the Board's area be circulated to all members. This plan will be circulated to members.

40/16/9 Planning Matters

The Operations Engineer reported that there had been a definite surge in applications since last year.

Additional comments were made by the Operations Engineer regarding the following applications:

Ref: H14-0886-16
Application: Larkfleet Homes

Two trees shown adjacent to the SUDS pond in the north-east corner are to be removed from the planting schedule so as not to affect the Board's ability to maintain the adjacent Pennygate Pump drain.

Ref: H14-0855-16
Application: In-n-Out Autocentres

The location of the LED Totem sign, originally planned to be adjacent to the Board's Scraggs Dyke and directly within the maintenance strip, is now to be positioned in a more suitable location and subject to conditions.

40/17 FINANCE REPORT

The Chief Executive presented the Finance Report for the period 1st April to 20th September 2016. It was RESOLVED the Finance Report be adopted.

40/18 TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL AUDIT OPINION FOR 2015/2016 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Chief Executive presented the External Audit Report from Grant Thornton, the Board's appointed External Auditor. The Audit Report received an unqualified opinion.

40/19 MEETING DATES FOR 2017

The following dates for meetings in 2017 were decided:

2nd February – Board Meeting
25th May – Conservation Liaison Meeting
8th June – Board Meeting
5th October – Board Meeting
7th December – Finance Meeting

40/20 ADA UPDATES

The Chairman reported that this year's Floodex exhibition appeared to have been well supported, and will run for the next two years with a similar format as this year.

The next ADA Lincolnshire meeting is to be held at Woodhall Spa on the 20th October at 2:00 pm.

40/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 13:04pm.

Chairman