

Minutes of the seventy third Meeting of The Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board held on Tuesday 28th June 2011 at Fiskerton Village Hall.

Present:

J C Smithson Esq ~ Chairman
P R Hoyes Esq ~ Vice Chairman
R Armstrong Esq
J Boyall Esq
I M Clark Esq
R Coupland Esq
W S Crane Esq
R Curtis Esq
C J Darcel Esq
J R Garner Esq
P M Good Esq
R Hairsine Esq
P Harness Esq
G Hewson Esq
D C Hoyes Esq MBE
D B Jackson Esq
M G Leaning Esq
Mrs F M Martin MBE
Mrs I Parrott
P Phillipson Esq
D J Straw Esq
M I Thomas Esq
P Vaughan Esq
R J Weightman Esq

In attendance:

Chief Executive
Director of Operations
Senior Finance and Rating Officer

1983. WELCOME

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr. Boyall, Cllr Coupland, Cllr Hewson and Cllr Jackson appointed by Lincoln City Council; Cllr Mrs Parrott and Cllr Darcel appointed by West Lindsey District Council and Mr. D.J. Straw co-opted member for the Langworth electoral district, who were attending their first Meeting of the Board.

1984. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ward, Mr. Spilman, Mr. Porter and Mr. Fleetwood.

1985. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 26th April 2011 were confirmed.

Matters Arising

1986. RAILWAY PATHS (Minute 1966)

It was reported that there had been no further progress.

1987. HUNTERS LANE, TATTERSHALL (Minute 1967)

It was reported that there had been no further progress.

1988. INTERNAL AUDIT (Minute 1968)

It was reported that the report had been recently received for comment and would be circulated with the papers for the next Meeting of the Board.

1989. TOTAL ENVIRONMENT (Minute 1969)

The Chief Executive reported that the proposals were still under discussion but opposition from the Environment Agency had delayed further progress.

1990. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS (Minute 1974)

The Chief Executive read a letter received from Mr. Ulyyat, the Agency's Operations Delivery Manager, apologising for the delay in undertaking maintenance works on the River Bain downstream of Horncastle and confirming an anticipated completion date of mid July.

1991. WOODHALL SPA COUNTRY SHOW (Minute 1979)

The Chief Executive confirmed that the Director of Operations, Board's Foreman and himself had manned the exhibition at the show which, whilst attendance was poor due to a combination of events, had been well received.

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1992. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Joint Administration Committee Meeting held on 6th June 2011 were confirmed.

There were no matters arising from those Minutes.

1993. ACCOUNTS 2010/11

The Chief Executive referred to the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011, which had been previously circulated, highlighted variances from previous years accounts.

It was *RESOLVED* to approve the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011.

1994. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Members examined and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2010/11 which was included as part of the Statement of Accounts.

1995. TENDERS – NEW CUT SUMP

The Chief Executive reported that the Chairman had opened Tenders received in the following amounts:-

J E Spence	£ 8220
M Gould	£27500
C G Godfrey	£36975

It was *RESOLVED* to accept the Tender of J. E. Spence.

1996. ABBEY LANE DRAIN, WOODHALL SPA

The Director of Operations referred to his report and explained the rationale behind his recommendations to alleviate flooding in Woodhall Spa, Albany Road area.

A prolonged debate ensued centring around the section of poorly-maintained riparian watercourse adjacent to the dismantled railway.

It was *RESOLVED* that the Board use their own enforcement powers should East Lindsey District Council fail to persuade the owner to undertake the required work and the Board participate in the Abbey Lane Drain improvement works and maintain the drain when works are complete. The cost to the Board is not to exceed £3000.

1997. DRAINAGE RATES

It was reported that almost 71% of drainage rates due for the year had been collected to date.

1998. LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

The Chief Executive confirmed receipt of notification from the City Council relating to appointed members.

1999. WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

The Chief Executive confirmed receipt of notification of the names of members appointed to replace Mr. Frith, who had retired, and Mrs Davidson.

2000. WOODHALL SPA COUNTRY SHOW

A letter of thanks was read to the Meeting.

2001. MRS B. HODGKINSON, KIRKSTEAD

An e-mail complimenting the Board on their maintenance standards was read to the Meeting.

2002. ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Chief Executive confirmed the date and venue of the Conference and requested that any Member wishing to attend contact him before the end of July.

2003. DIRECTOR OF OPERATION'S REPORT

The Director of Operations referred to his report, which had been previously circulated, and responded to Members questions on the new tractor delivery dates and Short Ferry pump.

2004. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

The Schedule of Accounts for the period 1st April to 31st May 2011 amounting to £180,894.37p was examined and approved.

2005. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Schedule was examined and the actions taken were approved.

2006. MEMBER TRAINING

Members requested that investigations take place on the feasibility of arranging operational training in the same format as the Netherlands 2009 visit.

----- Chairman ----- Date