

WITHAM THIRD DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes of the one hundred and seventeenth meeting of Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board held on Tuesday, 16th November 2021 in Tattershall Village Hall at 09.30am.

Present:

Mr. J. Armstrong
Cllr T. Ashton
Mr. J. Boyall
Mr. I. M. Clark
Cllr. I. G. Fleetwood
Cllr. W. Grover
Mr. R. Hairsine
Cllr. G. Hewson
Mr. M. Hoyes
Mr. D. Jackson
Mr. I. R. Parker
Mr D Sempers
Cllr. P. J. Vaughan
Mr. R. J. Weightman
Mr. T. Williams

(Chairman)

In attendance:

Mr. Ian Coupland	Acting Director of Operations.
Miss Jayne Flower	Executive Assistant.
Mrs. Jane Froggatt	Chief Executive.
Mr. Guy Hird	Acting Head of Engineering & Technical Services.
Mr. Steve Larter	Director of Finance and Governance.
Mr. Martin Shilling	Director of Engineering & Technical Services.

2926 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. S. Avison, Mr. B. Charlesworth, Cllr. S. England, Mr. R. J. Garner, Cllr. W. H. Gray, Cllr. Mrs. C. Grimble, Mrs. J. F. Holland, Cllr. T. Kemp, Cllr. Mrs. F. M. Martin MBE, Mr. S. Matthews, Mrs. A. Sayer and Mr. M. I. Thomas (**Vice Chairman**).

2927 Declarations of Interest.

Declarations of interest were received from members nominated by City of Lincoln, East Lindsey District and West Lindsey District Councils in matters relating to their respective Councils.

2928 Election of Chairman.

Mr Ian Parker was proposed, seconded and, there being no other nominations for the role of Chairman, unanimously elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2929 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman welcomed members to the November meeting of the Board and thanked them for electing him as Chairman.

He was pleased to report that the 2021 Election process for those 15 directly elected members had concluded, with the new term of office having started on 01st November and running for 3 years to 31st October 2024.

He thanked those members who stood for membership of the Board and appreciated the commitment and input from them all.

There were 4 members who did not seek re-election this time, being Mr Stuart Crane, Mr Bob Armstrong, Mr John Huthwaite and Mr Denis Hoyes MBE. The Chairman recorded his personal thanks to them for their service to the Board.

The Chairman advised that there are 4 new members of the Board, and he was pleased to be able to welcome 3 of them to their first meeting of the Board, namely Mr James [Jimmy] Armstrong who succeeds his father Bob on the Board, Mr Mark Hoyes who succeeds his grandfather Denis as a Board member and Mr Dean Sempers. Ms. Alexandra Sayer had tendered apologies for the meeting.

Finally, members were reminded that the Board now carries 4 vacant seats for directly elected members. Two for the electoral district of Bardney, one for the Kirkstead seat and one for Langworth.

The 16 members appointed by the 3 Councils were unaffected by the 2021 election process.

2930 Election of Vice Chairman.

Mr Max Thomas was proposed, seconded and, there being no further nominations, elected unanimously to the role of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

2931 Election of Standing Committee members [8].

The previous 7 members of the Board's Standing Committee were the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr. R. Armstrong (now retired from the Board), Mr. I. M. Clark, Cllr. I.G. Fleetwood, Mr. D. Hoyes, MBE, (now retired from the Board) and Mr. T. Williams.

The 5 remaining members were proposed, seconded and elected en-bloc, with Mr Roy Hairsine and Cllr Tom Ashton also proposed, seconded and duly elected, leaving one remaining vacant seat to be filled.

2932 Election of Joint Services Committee members [4].

The current three members of the JSC, being the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr Ian Clark, plus existing Deputy Cllr Ian Fleetwood, were proposed, seconded and elected as the 4 members of the Joint Services Committee for the ensuing year. Two members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve as Deputies on the Joint Services Committee, namely existing Deputy Mr Terry Williams and Mr Ray Weightman.

2933 Calendar of Board and Standing Committee Meeting dates for 2022.

A draft schedule had been circulated with the agenda. However, following much discussion and requests to change various dates, it was agreed that a revised calendar would be circulated to all members as soon as possible, seeking to meet as many requests as practicable.

2934 Register of Members' Interests.

A copy of the Register of Members' Interests form had been circulated with the agenda. Members were requested to complete this and return it to Witham House, so that an up-to-date Register for November 2021 to October 2022 was maintained. Members were advised of the importance of this being an accurate record. The information in the Register may be subject, for example, to an FOI request and public disclosure and the Register serves as both protection for the Board and for individual members.

2935 Minutes of the Board Meeting, 21.09.21.

The Minutes of the Board's previous meeting held on Tuesday, 21st September 2021 had been circulated with the agenda and were proposed, seconded and APPROVED as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising, all items being covered by the agenda.

2936 Minutes of the Board's Standing Committee meeting, 02.11.21.

The Minutes of the Board's Standing Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 02nd November 2021 had been circulated with the agenda and were proposed, seconded and APPROVED as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising all items being covered by the agenda.

2937 Chief Executive's Report.

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated with the agenda and issues highlighted included:

2937.1 Witham Third District IDB Membership following October 2021 Election.

Elected members [15 seats]: James Armstrong [new member], Mark Hoyes (New Member), Max Thomas, Alexandra Sayer (New Member), Ian Clark, Richard Garner, Ray Weightman, Roy Hairsine, Jill Holland, Dean Sempers (New Member) and Ian Parker.

Leavers: Stuart Crane, Bob Armstrong, John Huthwaite and Denis Hoyes MBE did not stand for election.

The Board has 2 vacant seats for the electoral district of Bardney, 1 vacant seat for Kirkstead and 1 vacant seat for Langworth.

2937.2 Staff.

Sandra Neill, Enforcement Officer, started with the Boards on 26.10.21. She will work 3 days per week, usually Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Leigh Burgess, Land Drainage Operative, started with Witham Third DIDB on Monday, 01.11.21.

Tom Collins, Working Foreman for Witham Third DIDB, started with the Board on Monday 08.11.21.

Wayne Bourne, previously Witham Third DIDB's Working Forman, moved into the role of Operations Supervisor for 3 of the 4 Boards on Monday 08.11.21 [this being a mirror post to that of Works Supervisor role in NELDB, Darren Scott].

Fiona Scott, Environment & GIS Officer, left the 4 Boards on Friday 12.11.21 after over 4 years with us. Fiona's new role is Senior Environmental Officer with Lincolnshire Rivers Trust. The Boards are currently advertising the vacant post, having reviewed the role.

2937.3 Capital Schemes

An update was provided on Minting Beck, a renewal of rotted timber revetments having been completed by the Board in July 2020. This was in keeping with the Board's obligation to maintain this stretch of Minting Beck. However, the Board had no duty to provide any betterment nor to stabilise structures like patios or garden fences which may have been installed within the Board's Byelaw distance of 9 metres of the watercourse. A scheme as a potential alternative to timber revetments had been designed and the Board would undertake necessary maintenance works to the timber revetments, but no more substantial works would be undertaken before spring 2022, given the summer weed cutting programme and planned winter works coupled with Operative vacancies this summer.

Members received and NOTED the Chief Executive's report and update.

2938 Risk Register.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Finance and Governance.

The Corporate Risk Register aims to capture the high-level risks the four Boards face. These are generic to all four Boards with any specific risks to a particular Board highlighted. The final column then shows the current 'direction of travel'.

Following the series of heavy rainfall events during Autumn 2019 and the impact this had on the 31st March 2020 year end outturn positions and with the significant impact of COVID-19 upon the 4 Boards' operations, several risks were revised when the Risk Register was last approved in January 2021. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there have been no changes made to these risks at this time. It is envisaged that some risks can be reduced once the pandemic is not so high risk on staffing impact.

As a reminder, the key measures that had been put in place to address the COVID-19 Pandemic include:

- Initially from lockdown 24.03.20 Operatives worked alternate days undertaking pump runs, checking for blockages, bridges and culverts, etc. until May 2020.
- Operatives have undertaken summer maintenance works in 2020 and 2021 whilst maintaining '1 person 1 vehicle/item of plant' wherever practicable. No more than 1 Operative per vehicle including vans & 4x4's.
- Provision of PPE to all staff [face coverings, hand sanitiser, wipes aerosols, gloves].
- Hand work outsourced to private contractor.
- Office staff working predominantly from home, where practicable. Office phones are accessible and staffed via Unity app. Staff set up with home working facilities (laptops, screens, etc). All ICT systems available from home.
- Access to office is on a booking basis, with a maximum 4 people at any one time in the main office, with procedures when entering/leaving the office.
- Virtual meetings held via Zoom. Key staff (e.g., Management Team) limit as far as practicable meeting 'face to face' to minimise risk and preserve resilience.

Further changes were proposed to the Risk Register regarding recruitment and retention of staff, this being problematic in the current employment market and an increased risk.

Budget pressures/funding issues for 2022/23 are increasing significantly mainly relating to increased staffing costs (including increase in employers NI rate), costs of conversion from red diesel to white diesel from April 2022, insurance cost increases, plant maintenance costs and general inflation increases. These will be explained fully in the Budget report to the Boards in January 2022.

As previously reported, insurance renewals were difficult for the 2021/22 renewals, and it is likely that due to the hardening market in the insurance suppliers then this is going to be a significant issue and future risk.

Following review and discussion Members **approved:**

- increasing the risk regarding staff recruitment and retention, as set out in 2.4.
- Adding additional risk 4.3.4, to reflect the increasing cost risks being faced by the Boards.
- Adding additional risk 4.4.3, to reflect the increasing issues of sourcing sufficient and affordable insurance covers for the Boards.
- the Risk Register as of November 2021, with these changes.

2939 Schedule of Expenditure, 01.09.21 to 31.10.21.

The Schedule of Expenditure for the two months' period 01st September to 31st October 2021 had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Finance and Governance. The schedule relates to those invoices paid in the period, not the period itself.

Gross expenditure totalled £237,371.64 or, net of £16,206.03 VAT, £221,165.61. Of this, £17,450.45 was recharged to other bodies.

Items highlighted to or raised by members included:

- Item 14: £1,140.76 (net) to Derek Gow Consultancy, for a Water Vole Course. Ian Parker questioned the cost, and it was confirmed that this was indeed for all 4 Boards and included some external candidates and therefore £796.53 had been recharged to other bodies.

- Item 37: £4,895.00 (net) to K&W Mechanical Services for the supply and install of XWatch tab boom system height and slew to the Atlas machine FX15 JYP.

Much discussion took place regarding Red Diesel and the required change nationally of all IDB operations from red to white diesel from April 2022. Terry Williams requested that ADA take counsel opinion on red diesel, at their cost. Cllr Tom Ashton agreed, stating that it was unfortunate that the ADA meeting had not been in-person as it would have been helpful to be able to address the Minister directly, and he was disappointed with the actions by ADA so far on this matter.

The Chief Executive agreed to contact ADA and request they pursue the line of taking Counsel opinion.

Members received and NOTED the expenditure incurred in the two months from 01.09.21 to 31.10.21.

2940 Financial Performance Report 2021/22, P7 as of 31st October 2021.

The Director of Finance & Governance presented the Financial Performance Report to 31.10.21, month 7 of 2021/22, which had been circulated with the agenda. The summary position was:

	2021/22 Estimate	Profiled Budget	Actual	Variance
	£	£	£	£
Income	(1,372,291)	(1,259,300)	(1,370,591)	(111,291)
Board & General Admin	20,200	11,173	12,757	1,584
One Off Schemes	10,000	0	300	300
Conservation	2,000	1,063	518	(545)
Depot	31,510	27,300	26,033	(1,267)
Drains	586,660	350,161	348,936	(1,225)
Pumping Stations	232,530	113,509	124,610	11,101
Joint Admin/Witham House	153,288	109,832	115,186	5,354
Consents & Enforcement	14,842	23,767	24,053	286
Director of Operations/Engineers	104,004	64,789	65,937	1,148
Contribution to/(from) Reserves	0	0	0	0
PWLB				0
Rechargeable Works	110,000	79,900	196,209	116,309
EA Precept	107,257	53,629	52,577	(1,052)
FRS17 Pension Adjustment (net)				0
Wages & Plant Holding Account	0	1,411	(53,289)	(54,700)
(Surplus)/Deficit	0	(422,766)	(456,764)	(33,998)

The Board's budget was showing a positive variance against budget. The anticipated profiled budget was (£422,766) with an actual position as of 31.10.21 of (£456,764), therefore a positive variance of (£33,998).

In relation to Income, Special Levies income from the three councils had been received in full (£841k) by early November 2021 as scheduled. Ongoing action was taking place against unpaid drainage rate accounts. The collection rate for Drainage Rates was 96.9% as of 31.10.21 (97.3% at the same point in 2020/21), with £192,914.21 collected to 31.10.21 and, after adjustments, a remaining £6,106.85 income outstanding to the Board. Final reminders had been issued. A court date had been set for 28th January 2022. All historical outstanding rating queries were resolved and only land transfers from in-year were being actioned.

PSCA Rechargeable Works were being undertaken again for the EA, with (£83k) having been invoiced to date for works to September. Further works would be invoiced throughout November.

Highland Water claims had been submitted to the Environment Agency, this being the balance of the actual costs incurred last year 2020/21 of (£52,824) due and 80% (£175,200) of the total estimated claim [£219,000] for 2021/22. This £228,024 total was paid in August 2021 by the EA.

The report set out bank balances and investments as at 31.10.21, as follows:

Natwest	£	1,046,293.52
Nationwide Instant Access	£	82,274.08
Nationwide 95 Day Notice	£	424,457.23
Total		<u>£ 1,553,024.83</u>

Members were reminded that this is the peak in bank balances during the year, with all main sources of income now received by early November and no significant further income streams until May 2022 when further drainage rates income and Special Levies come in. These balances will therefore steadily reduce over the next 5-6 months.

Members NOTED the financial performance report for 01st September to 31st October 2021.

2941 Health and Safety Report.

A Health and Safety update had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Acting Director of Operations.

Operatives are still extremely busy with the summer maintenance programme and continue to be cautious with regards to the sharing of vehicles. With the rise in reported Covid-19 infections, Operatives are still operating single vehicle cab-use wherever possible and we are still supplying all the necessary PPE.

Guidance to Office Staff remains the same, to work from home wherever possible and to book the use of Witham House. Measures remain in place to make the Office accessible to a limited number of Staff at any one time. Staff continue to have small face to face work meetings from time to time, with office use being managed by a booking system.

The office is open to members of the public and to visitors, but by prior arrangement only.

These arrangements and the risk assessments are reviewed weekly at Management Team Meetings, and changes in national guidance is kept under review.

Cope, our external Health & Safety advisor, have been approached to review and update our Fire Packs at each Depot. These are the grab packs located at the exit of premises to hand to the Fire Brigade. They provide the building layout and stored location of any flammable or dangerous goods.

There has been one accident reported since the last report. This involved a member of staff from Witham Third cutting his finger badly while fitting new blades to a hedge trimmer. This did involve a trip to A&E at Lincoln County Hospital, although he was back at work the next day and therefore the incident was not RIDOR reportable.

There had been no near miss incidents reported since the September Board meeting.

Following the H&S review of piling methods it was decided to have the vibrating whacker plates on Witham First and Witham Third altered to undertake this duty more safely. This modification will be undertaken by the manufacture of the whacker plate and is a tried and tested modification. The cost of this is £7,500 per modification and will meet H&S requirements. Upper Witham will look to purchase one next year, as the winter works programmes for this coming winter will allow equipment to be shared. This is not always the case; bank repairs are frequently completed at the same time of year by all Boards.

The annual Overhead Cable Avoidance Training was completed by Shoc, the only training provider offering this training at present. The Wheeled Excavator training started on 08th November by XRE training, this is NPORS excavator training.

Members received, discussed and NOTED the Health and Safety report and update.

2942 Environment Update & Witham & Humber Drainage Boards' Joint Nature Strategy 2021-2026.

A report and draft joint Nature Strategy 2021-2026 by Fiona Scott, Environment & GIS Technician, had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by Guy Hird, Acting Head of Engineering & Technical Services.

This Nature Strategy had been prepared by Witham and Humber Drainage Boards in accordance with the commitment in the Implementation Plan of the Defra Internal Drainage Board Review of 2007 for Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) to produce their own strategy documents. It demonstrates the 4 Boards' commitment to fulfilling their duty as public bodies to conserve and enhance biodiversity under various legislation and policy including, but not limited to, the Environment Bill (Act) 2020, the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, the 25 Year Environment Plan and the Water Framework Directive.

It had been circulated to all members of all 4 Boards via email prior to the November Board meetings, to allow sufficient time for review, due to the sheer size and comprehensiveness of the document.

Importantly, it reflects the 4 Boards' aspiration to maximise the support provided to biodiversity, particularly priority UK species and habitats, and the wider environment in general through day-to-day activities, by setting clear objectives, actions and targets. The 4 Boards are being asked to adopt this Nature Strategy as one of their policies and to commit to its implementation. The Boards will review the plan periodically, with a review period no greater than 3 years, and update it as appropriate.

This Nature Strategy is part of a much larger biodiversity framework that encompasses international, national and local levels of legislation and policy and which also include ecosystem services and climate change.

When carrying out its functions, an IDB must pay regard to the effect on the environment. Some environmental legislation relates specifically to maintaining or restoring the condition of protected sites or protecting certain species, but there are also statutory duties for IDBs to conserve and enhance biodiversity in and alongside the watercourses they manage and the wider landscape.

The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 places a duty on IDBs to conserve biodiversity. The Environment Bill (Act) 2020, when enacted, extends this duty on IDBs to also enhance biodiversity and report periodically on its actions. Therefore, as a public

authority, every IDB must consider what action it can take, consistently with the proper exercise of its functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in England.

The key environmental legislation (by no means an exhaustive list) relevant to the work of IDBs includes:

- The Environment Bill (Act) 2020
- Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017
- Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009
- Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (Section 40)
- Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999
- Land Drainage Act 1994
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
- The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- The Protection of Badgers Act 1992
- Flood and Water Management Act 2010
- Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975

The aims of this Nature Strategy are:

- To ensure that opportunities for conservation and enhancement of biodiversity are fully considered throughout the IDB's operations, as required by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006);
- To enable more effective monitoring and reporting of progress and outcomes.
- To ensure that Priority species and habitats receive effective action within defined targets within the drainage district.
- To identify targets and appropriate actions for other habitats and species of local importance within the drainage district. This includes invasive non- native species.
- To contribute to local environmental partnerships such as the Local Nature Partnership to ensure that programmes and priorities for biodiversity conservation are aligned and maintained in the long term.
- To raise awareness within the IDB and locally of the need for biodiversity conservation, and to communicate with the local and wider community what actions the IDB are undertaking to support biodiversity.

Members received and NOTED the update and following discussion APPROVED the joint Nature Strategy 2021-26.

2943 Operations Report.

The Operations Report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Acting Director of Operations, Ian Coupland.

Across the group of 4 Boards, Operatives were very busy with the summer maintenance programme. The weather in general had been good in October and this had allowed some gains on the summer maintenance programmes in those Boards that were behind with their programme delivery [particularly Upper Witham and Witham Third].

Winter works planning had commenced across the Boards, with maps and Notice of Entry letters now posted out.

Witham Third had caught up and were only about one week behind with summer maintenance, with a new Operative starting on the 01/11/21 who will predominantly operate the Wheeled Atlas Excavator and a new Foreman Tom Collins having started on 08/11/21. Wayne Bourne, current Witham Third Foreman, moved to the Works Supervisor role for Upper Witham, Witham First and Witham Third.

Invitations had been sent to the external market for three quotes to purchase a new Witham Third Tree Clipper as per the Board's agreed plant replacement programme 2021/22.

There had been no major plant breakdowns since the September report.

The Red / White diesel issue is still being negotiated by ADA colleagues and other parties and there has been no change since the previous report. As it stands, we have kept our excavators on red and our tractors that are not used for haulage on red diesel. Keeping the tractors on red is a slight risk as Customs and Excise have confirmed that travelling from one site to another or flailing watercourse in a City, Town or Village would never be classed as an agricultural duty. But to put the infrastructure in place i.e., purchase fuel bowsers on each Board so we can fuel red and white is not affordable or practical when it looks like we will have to put everything on to white diesel from April 2022. We can then flush our current bowsers and tanks out and we are just delivering one fuel again. If we do not get the agricultural classification, it is going to mean our machines left on site overnight will be at greater risk.

This will also be a considerable cost pressure for budget setting 2022/23 for all 4 Boards [as NELDB's contractor costs will be affected too].

As previously advised, prices and availability of stock and spares are a real problem at present. Communications have commenced with the main dealers of plant and machinery and some meetings are in place to review current terms with an intended outcome of better hourly rates and bigger discounts on spares.

Marsh Lane Pumping Station

Marsh lane No. 1 pump has been recommissioned following refurbishment and No.2 pump has been removed for overhaul. The wire ropes for the weed screen have been purchased and will be fitted soon.

Greetwell Pumping Station

No update at present on the transformer slab repairs.

Stamp End Pumping Station

Still waiting for LCC to respond to our request for the station to be put in order before hand over to the Board.

Kirkstead Pumping Station

All the Weed screen cleaner hydraulic pipes have been replaced, due to the rubber perishing exposing the wires.

Members received and NOTED the Operations report and update.

2944 Engineering Report.

The Engineering Services Report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Acting Head of Technical & Engineering Services, Guy Hird.

Flood Events.

There had been no flood events to report.

Multi agency Rain Gauge Project (JA-5378-2020-ASS)

Officers are exploring on behalf of all four Boards whether to be involved with this multi-agency scheme. Potential partners across Greater Lincolnshire are the 3 Lead Local Flood Authorities [LLFAs] namely Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council. Other partners include Anglian Water and other Internal Drainage Boards (but not the EA). The scheme is proposed to be part funded by the Anglian (Northern) RFCC Local Levy and a draft bid was submitted by Lincolnshire County Council in November 2020. The proposal is to have 'live' web-based rainfall data available to partners during heavy rainfall events and historic data for post event investigations including the LLFA led Section 19 investigations. Approximately 50 sites would be located across the area hosted by partners in appropriate secure sites which potentially could be the Boards' Pumping Stations. However, we need to understand more about locations, potential ongoing maintenance costs for which the Boards may be liable etc before agreeing to participate in what is currently an expression of interest stage project. There has been no change since the May meeting and information is awaited from Anglian Water.

Lincolnshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) (JA-1400-2014-ORG)

The six-monthly meeting due to be held on 12th October 2021 was cancelled. In addition to the main meetings the 'LRF Flood Group' subgroup met on 02nd September, the agenda included 'FloodEx2022' which is a significant regional exercise taking place in September 2022 involving all the LRFs along the Trent Catchment as well as all the East Coast LRFs covering both Tidal and Fluvial Flooding.

A small number of Section 19 Investigation information requests from Lincolnshire County Council have been responded to, and it is known that there are still a large number outstanding.

No further Section 19 reports from Lincolnshire County Council have been received on which to comment.

Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) (JA-5170-2020-PRO)

The Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) is a project lead by Anglian Water to improve the lives of people and the environment, in the East of England over the long-term. It will use it to plan for investment in drainage, treatment and sewerage systems. This collaborative and long-term strategic plan will highlight the known and expected future risks to drainage and treatment and identify the solution strategies to mitigate.

The DWMP is a long-term plan covering 2025-2050, looking at the risks in 2025, 2030, 2035 and 2050. There have been several general meetings starting in January 2020 but now catchment specific meetings are being held. On 12th October there was a meeting looking at the catchments of Louth and Horncastle which was attended by Internal Drainage Boards, ELDC and the EA.

Further information can be found on this website

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/about-us/our-strategies-and-plans/drainage-and-wastewater-management-plan/>

Gautby & Minting Beck, Minting (TD-4297-2018-DRA)

The Board is reevaluating this scheme and considering if there are any works to can be undertaken or afforded. In the meantime, further repair works to the existing timber revetments will be undertaken as and when they are required to maintain flow in the channel.

Willingham Fen Marina Project (TD-3733-2017-PLN)

Willingham Fen Marina Project is also known as Cherry Marina. The land owner continues to construct the earth banks that form the Marina and is actively looking for a house builder to partner with. Discussions are ongoing to ensure the Board’s interests are protected.

The report was received and NOTED.

2945 Planning and Consultations Report.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Acting Head of Engineering & Technical Services.

The Board had received several consultations and had commented on various planning applications to the various planning authorities. A full schedule was provided where responses included no objections or minor standard comments referring to soakaways the requirement for consents.

There were no issues to highlight to members on this occasion and members NOTED the report.

2946 Consents and Enforcements Report.

The Consents and Enforcements Report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Acting Head of Technical & Engineering Services.

A date is shown when a consent has been given, or an enforcement issue closed.

Byelaw Consent Applications

None received

Section 23 Land Drainage Act Consent Applications – District

None received

Section 23 Land Drainage Act Consent Applications – Extended Area

The Board acts as Agent for Lincolnshire County Council, the Lead Local Flood Authority

Reference	Location	Applicant	Details	Date
TE-5819-2021-CON	Nettleham Beck 800m downstream of village center	Truelove Property & Construction Ltd	Attenuated discharge from 63no. dwellings	14-10-21

Enforcement Issues – District

Reference	Location	Description / Comments	Actions
TD-5193-2020-ENF	Woodenderby Lane, Haltham	Potential flooding	No further contact Case closed 27-10-2021
TD-5686-2021-ENF	Faldingworth Road, Spridlington	Unconsented penstock on the Board maintained Barlings River	No action required. Case Closed 27-10-2021
TD-5799-2021-ENF	St Andrews C of E Primary School, King Edward Crescent, Woodhall Spa LN10 6RQ.	Drain the runs and the back of the school, potential problem with the culvert	The school are undertaking investigations
TD-5808-2021-ENF	Lincoln Road Horncastle	Blocked culverted watercourse causing flooding in garden/outbuildings	Investigating

Enforcement Issues – Extended Area

Reference	Location	Description / Comments	Actions
TE-5567-2021-ENF	Woodlands Cottage, Wellsyke Lane, Roughton/ Kirkby on Bain, Woodhall Spa	Flooding Issues with culvert under highway	A temporary repair was carried out which is inadequate. LCC have agreed to undertake a permanent reconstruction. Waiting for installation.

Members received and NOTED the report on Consents and Enforcement cases.

2947 Any Other Business.

There being no further items of business, the meeting closed at 12.00.

2948 Date, Time and Place of the Board’s Next Meeting.

The Board’s next meeting, was confirmed *post meeting* for **Tuesday, 25th January 2022** at **09.30am**, format and venue TBC.

..... Chairman Date
W3rd B.M. 16.11.21.