

**Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at Ottringham Village Hall, Main Road, Ottringham
On Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 9.30am**

It is noted that all social distancing and restrictions were carried out to government guidelines to enable the meeting to take place.

PRESENT

J Maston – Chairman – Preston
G Nettleton – Vice Chairman – Winestead
Max Cook – Thorngumbald
M Jackson – Ottringham
T Annison – Thorngumbald
P Lount – Skeffling
Cllr J Holtby
Cllr D Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE R Ward (Clerk), D Moss.

1. **Apologies for absence:** M Grant, H Sadler, C Leckonby, A Styche, R Stephenson, T Williams, Cllr B Skow, Cllr S Steel, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr D Edwards

2. **Death of Cllr M Bryan**

It was with great sadness to hear of the death of Cllr Bryan on the 18th April 2020. He was appointed as a representative of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council initially on the Old Preston Drainage Board and then, since amalgamation, onto the current board. He was an active member of the board and will be sadly missed. A card had been sent to the family on behalf of the board members.

It was also announced of the sudden death of Tony Dyson of Froghall, Preston who was the third generation of the Dyson family to serve on the old Preston Drainage Board. Tony was also employed by our contractor and had maintained most of the Preston Drains over the years.

3. **Declaration of Interest**

All Farmer members have an interest as rate payers.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by J Maston.

5. **Matters arising therein not included on agenda**

(a) Future Maintenance:

Preston Drain (within BP): This has all been dealt with and completed in February

Reedmere Sewer: Had been completed

Bilton: The maintenance work has been completed. Issue with the fencing at Bilton Solar Farm this is in the North Holderness Internal Drainage Board area and has been dealt with.

Fallen Tree: At the sewage works on the A1033 – This is within the Yorkshire Water compound and was not impeding onto the drain but will need to be maintained from their side.

(b) Bramble House, Middle Lane – Update: Middle Lane was flooded for several weeks with the fire brigade in attendance. The only discharge is along the North Side of Staithes Road – It is still unknown who's responsibility it is with regards to the cleaning out and maintenance of the watercourses as both the ERYC and Riparian owners are claiming that it is each other's responsibility. But it was pointed out by Sam Barnes of ERYC that it was in our boards area.

Wilkin Partners have cleaned out a 100 yard section and found a blocked up culvert under the road which should be unblocked by ERYC Highways to see if it aids the flow of water.

As riparian owners A Wilkin and D Dimishky were going to clear and maintain their own stretch on the opposite side of Staithes Road. To carry out the work from the road side would incur a large cost with regards to permits, health and safety and manpower. They were able to do the unresolved length for the sum of £650.00.

The Board have carried out work at their own cost to try and resolve the issue.

- 6a. Maintenance works for IDB**
All IDB maintenance work has been completed to date.
- 6b. Maintenance works under PSCA**
The PSCA for 2020 to 2021 has been drawn up and forwarded to Daniel Jagucki at the Environment Agency of approval.
Additional works for Sludging at Fosse Drain and Easington Humber Side have been added to this years schedule.
Stoning work at Humber Bank, Easington has been quoted for with the Environment Agency to provide the stone and Wilkin Partners to carry out the work. Cllr D Tucker is also pressing for this work to be carried out as a matter of urgency before winter and more damage is done.
We have tried to include sludging on Old Fleet Drain but this has not been allowed (see Item 9).
- 6c. Health & Safety**
Ralph Ward stated there were no incidents to report.
- 6d. Correspondence**
A list of correspondence received and sent was handed out to members.
- 6e. Planning Application**
A list of Planning Applications and responses was handed out. The members discussed.
- 6f. Land Drainage Act Consents**
One application has been received and approved.
1) ERYC – Elstronwick Bridleway No: 4 – Chapel Bridge – Bridge Replacement
- 6g. Bank Accounts**
A summary of bank account activity was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved. Cllr Tucker suggested more monies be moved to the Deposit Account – The Clerk to look into.
- 6h. Accounts for confirmation**
A summary of accounts for confirmation was given out to members. Discussions took place and this was approved.
- 7. Approval of Statement of Accounts for Year End 31st March 2020 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board**
The statement of accounts which had been audited by JWS Accountants were presented to The Board – It was proposed and seconded that these accounts be signed by the Chairman and Clerk
- 7a Approval of Annual Governance Statements for Year End 31st March 2020 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board**
It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chair sign the form on the board's behalf.
- 7b Approval of Annual Accounting Statements for Year End 31st March 2020 for South Holderness Internal Drainage Board**
It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chair sign the form on the board's behalf.
- 8. Update on revising New Board Area**
R Ward informed members that it was still awaiting government legislation.

9. Update of Old Fleet Drain

According to old correspondence the last time work outside the doors to the Humber had been carried out was when ABP had the site in 1989. However, the Environment Agency have now carried out some works.

Photographs were handed out to the members to show the work that had been recently carried including dredging. Humber Boat Works are due to go in to carry out further work. The large upstream section of the drain has not been maintained for years and it would be advantageous if the current work could continue to be done in stages the Environment Agency wont sanction this and a silt survey has to be carried out before any more work is done. It is a concern to Bilton Parish Council that the work has not been carried out with water levels rising at time of heavy rain due to the silting up of the watercourse. Cllr J Holtby to put pressure on the Environment Agency.

10. Update on Keyingham/Stone Creek Pumps

The EA are been pressed to carry out more de-silting work before it becomes a bigger issue. The Board have previously covered the cost themselves.

The EA have also been asked to look into the cogs on the fresh water doors but will not sanction this work.

GN requested that The Board kept putting pressure on the EA for a response on all aspects of the work that needed to be carried out – RW was going to chase them for answers.

It was agreed that a framework needed to be put in place to be able to carry out the works required before it becomes a bigger issue.

The Clerk to follow up the quotes for pumps which he has awaited since March.

11. Use of Pumps in the Boards Area

The system was working well and communication kept between pump users but during recent heavy rain fall the situation appears to of become a free for all and pumps been turned on with no notification to others. This needs to be bought back in line as it is causing issues with water backing up and flooding other ratepayers land for a significant period of time with access being unavailable and the land not able to be farmed.

It was suggested that another meeting of Keyingham Pump Users was held to reiterate the importance of the proper use of the pumps and their legal obligations set out in the By-Laws and the legal action The Board could take to ensure the By-Laws are adhered to.

GN was going to talk to ratepayers involved and put The Boards legal obligations across regarding pump usage and the withdrawal for consent if required and ask that the pumps are used responsibly and at a time when the level of the drain is able to take the excess water (as previously agreed).

A further meeting of the Keyingham Ratepayers/Pump Users was suggested to help resolve the issue.

12. Update on Skeffling/Welwick Managed Retreat

Nothing much more to report as scheme has appeared to of come to a halt due to the Covid-19 situation.

Andrew Mclachlan from Ouse and Humber Drainage Board as our consulting engineer is still pushing the EA with regards to the new pumps.

The EA have approved the removal of the reeds at Outstrays/Skeffling and Booster Pumping Station.

Bank erosion is still an issue. The Clerk to follow up with the Crown Estate.

13. Update Sand Le Mere

Notice has now been served on the local landowner but due to Covid19 and a shortage of materials work has been delayed until at least September. Should be completed before winter.

14. Update on the Hedon and Paull Developments

Following the planning applications being passed for these developments there are concerns about the developer wanting deviation in the plans. Andrew Mclachlan is in correspondence with ERYC and relevant planning officers about The Boards concerns regarding the planned drains and land drainage infrastructure.

RW was going to brief Cllr J Dennis and Cllr S Steel regarding this matter.

15. Update on Carrs Meadow, Withernsea

The developers are looking to officially adopt the drainage system but The Board have refused approval at this time due to system being in the wrong place and the levels and flow are incorrect and until these are issues are resolved they will not be approved.

16. Approval of Revised Standing Order Policy to Include Section 28 and 29 – Special Circumstances – Coronavirus. Regarding remote attendance at meetings.

It was proposed, seconded and passed by the board that the clerk and chair sign the revised policy on the board's behalf.

17. Future Meetings

Tuesday 3th November 2020 at 9.30am – Venue to be Ottringham Village Hall

19. Any Other Business

Cllr D Tucker requested a Tour of Inspection of the South West End of The Boards area – J Maston agreed to do this as a time suitable for both.

There being no Further Business the meeting was closed at 11.15am.

Chairman's Signature.....
Mr J Maston

Date.....