

Meeting of the South Holderness Internal Drainage Board
Held at: Ottringham Village Hall, Main Road, Ottringham.
On: Tuesday 7th November 2023

PRESENT

G Nettleton – Chairman
R Ward – Clerk to the board
J Maston – Preston
A Stych – Preston
M Grant – Keyingham
H Sadler - Keyingham
P Lount -Skeffling
T Williams – Ottringham
M Jackson -Ottringham
R Stephenson – Winestead
M Cook – Thorngumbald
T Annison – Thorngumbald
J Dennis – Cllr
K Smith - Cllr
S Steel – Cllr
D Lingard - Admin
R Speck – Admin

APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Member C Leckonby
Cllr C Holmes
Cllr S McMaster
Cllr S Whyte

GUESTS

S Peck ERYC
P Kendall ERYC
B Kirby ERYC
S Charlton ERYC
A Barron -EA

- 1 An introduction of the ERYC Flood Alleviation Scheme for Bilton was presented by the Guests which included:
 - 2 attenuation Lagoons Discharging into Old Fleet
 - 2 pumps at Lords Clough Discharging into The HumberA discussion took place on this. The Chairman asked the ERYC as to who is to maintain the culvert who is to maintain and operate the attenuation lagoons and who is to run and maintain the pumps.
- 2 **An Introduction** of Cllr K Smith of Withernsea was made by The Chairman.
- 3 **Declaration of interest.** All farmer members have an interest as rate payers.
- 4 **Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 6th June 2023. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by The Chairman
- 5 **Matters Arising** Therein not included on the agenda - none
- 6 **Maintenance**
Skeffling – Pumps have worked well, very few problems 2 new culverts blew and the contractor took them out and resolved the issue.

Winestead - Problems with the weeding not being done on the EA sector. Could not run pumps until Saturday and Sunday as they were turned off. Andrew Wilkin managed on Monday to get a flow going. EA changed levels on booster pumps to get on automatic, 2/3 pumps now running

Ottringham – Monday the digger cleaned one side and got a flow, was a small flood in the village but nearly all done. The door was blocked and Tudor cleared it and is now working.

Keyingham - Maintenance up to Roos Bridge / Owstwick split, Andrew Wilkin is going back to finish, as a lot of water has gone back in today but will blitz this week H Sadler noted the doors were not operating correctly. The Clerk had reported this to the EA.

Thorngumbald – Pump needs cleaning out and the Newton Garth Drain to the bypass to be finished off.

Preston New Drain/Reedmere - digger is in today at the Pensana site to clear, most is done at Saltend and permissions were granted to go on site.

Old Fleet – The clough/ABP has not been cleared at Lord Clough. Flooding on field and into the school, reported to EA and they are using 2 x 8" and 1 x 6" pumps. Cleaned up to the railway culvert but now needs a big digger from there.

General comments on maintenance: -

6A. Indication of issues with EA as could not get hold of anyone at the weekend. Monday response was good. Guy wants a meeting with the EA to debrief as this is a time period when we could possibly train new members to control locally. EA control room is in York and we need a direct line to this office.

Andrew Wilkin had concentrated on EA Drains, where housing may flood rather than the drains clearing arable land.

6B. PCSO – Working ok as far as we are concerned.

6C. Health and Safety no issues

6D. Correspondence was handed out for members to consult. No Comments

6E. Planning Ralph – read out all the planning received. A request to put the town/village on the paper work for quick reference.

6F. Land Drainage Act consents list available

6G. Bank Accounts Ralph read out the Bank Account figures.

6H. Accounts for confirmation to 31st October 2023 were agreed.

6I. Drainage Rates collected to date £97649.57 and Rates Outstanding £10118.81

6J. Chairmans expenses to be discussed when received.

6K. Frank Hill and Son account The Clerk gave notice that he will have to increase his expenses to keep in line with inflation – No objections

6L. No other expenses

7 **Audit**

We were reprimanded by the auditor as we missed the deadline, documents were sent on the day the letter arrived.

Half way through the audit we were recommended we have a new email: .org and now we do have this.

It was minuted that "the smaller Authority has not provided year end bank statement as at 31 March 2023 for one of the bank accounts to support the bank reconciling to section 2. Box 8. These were requested as part of our intermediate review procedures"

- 8 **New Board Area**
Nothing to report IDB needs statutory instrument to enlarge our area awaiting information of Parliament outcome,
J Dennis and a group going to Westminster on 08.11.2023- Clerk to provide information.
- 9 **Report on the Saltend** Meeting 18th July, A report on this was made by G Nettleton, an update on this was provided by Liam Plater, this is circulated to all members. We need to know how much water is going through the New Drain. J Dennis acknowledged critical level but need to know the cost involved in addressing the problem, the Clerk to obtain.
Guy will release full report to members but asked not to pass any information on to anyone else.
- 10 **Report on Keyingham Drain Proposed Pump** A key report from Yorkshire & Humber was circulated, they are to commence Survey work Immediately. They are in contact with Andrew Wilkin to get them access. The EA are paying for this survey.
- 11 **Update on Welwick and Skeffling Managed Retreat** – The Clerk gave an update on these works which would recommence Spring 2024. The EA have applied for Planning Permission for the new pumps at Skeffling. The EA have approved New Pumps at Outstrays.
- 12 **Updates on Sand le Mere.** The Clerk gave an update on this scheme. The Bank has gone. We have the keys for the Tidal Barrier and we are monitoring.
- 13 **Dates for your diary** ADA National Conference 21st November in London
ADA Northen Branch AGM 25th November in New Port , Brough
- 14 **Future meetings** - The next IDB Meeting Tuesday 6th February 2024
- 15 **Any other business**
A) Guy Nettleton is concerned about the amount of vegetation in the channels which is stopping the flow. Unable to get round to all quick enough and one option is to weed wipe from a boat in May/June as needs twice a year to free the water flow. Purchasing a boat for the IDB to keep on top of the reeds. We need to get costings and seek permissions from EA.
Q How to get the boat about? To Look into
Q Where to store the boat? – Andy ok to store at Wilkins
Q A catamaran would be better!
Q Do other boards do this?
Reed wipes might do down the middle.
Access is ok on the middle just need a central channel and doing this twice a year – Any objections- NO
B) Guy Nettleton is concerned about the abuse on contractors

The culvert blew at Skeffling, Andrew rang Bentleys and the site manager came across to remedy and was verbally abused by a rate payer. Ralph rang and thanked him for his time and assistance on behalf of the IDB.

C) Peter Lount – Bottom of Humber Lane Welwick pipe from Grantham isn't connected into Bentley new pipe.

R Ward – Has brought to their attention that Grantham has a pipe he cannot find – told Andrew to clean it out and find the end possibly remedy.

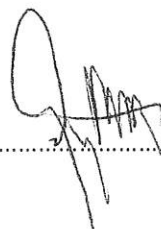
D) The Clerk reported planning on Aldbrough – Dogger bank comes into Saltend. Electric cable and or Hydrogen Pipeline. The Clerk requires approval to buy in Engineers from Yorkshire & Humber to Assist. Any objection – NO.

E) Contractors to be renewed next year. The Clerk to start the tender process.

Q Are the contractors starting too late

Q Could the contractors last for 5 years. Q. do we employ own men and machinery. Need to know costings of the above

Their being No further business the meeting was concluded at 10:40am

Chairmans Signature

Date