

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board held at Beckingham Recreation Room on Tuesday, 27th September 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Elected Members

\* Messrs M.A. Harris (Chairman)  
\* R. Adam (Vice-Chairman)  
\* A. Barker  
\* P. Bradwell  
\* G.R.J. Bramhill  
\* J. Coggon  
\* P. Cornish  
\* K. Durdy  
\* R. Mason  
\* M. Wagstaff  
\* S. White  
\* M.T. Smith

Nominated by North Lincolnshire Council

\* Cllr R. Allcock  
\* Mr N. Arrand  
\* Cllr J. Briggs  
\* Mr R. Chapman  
\* Cllr Mrs J. Reed  
\* Mr J. Smith  
\* Cllr D. Robinson  
\* Cllr D.J. Rose  
\* Mr G. Wilson  
Two vacancies

Nominated by Bassetlaw District Council

\* Cllr Mrs H. Brand  
\* Cllr Mrs J.M. Sanger

\* *Present*

\* Messrs A. McGill (Chief Executive)  
\* D.J. Sisson (Engineer)  
\* S. Thackray (Director of Finance)  
\* R.A. Brown (Engineering Manager)  
\* Mrs J.D. Watson (Operations Director)  
\* *In attendance*

The Chairman introduced the new Operations Director, Mrs J.D. Watson.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs A. Barker, G.R.J. Bramhill, J. Coggon, , Cllrs J. Briggs, D.J. Rose and D. Robinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R. Mason - agenda items 16 (2016/003 and 2016/005).

Cllr R. Allcock - agenda item 16.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Engineer would report on Southfield Main Drain under agenda item 10.

4. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 296 to 302)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 28th June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Consortium Committee held on 14th September 2016 be approved as a correct record and the recommendations be adopted by the Board.

6. MATTERS ARISING

None.

7. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

The Director of Finance reported that drainage rates and special levies collected at 19th September 2016 totalled £711,894.54, leaving a balance of £429,785.48 outstanding.

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8. FINANCE

The Director of Finance presented a report detailing income and expenditure to date of £535,544. The forecast for the year end was expected to be as budgeted.

A total of £1,744,298 was currently invested and interest rates were due to fall again from October 2016. A total of £430,163.96 remained outstanding with the Public Works Loan Board.

Officers were pleased to report that the Board had received a clean unqualified audit report for the year ended 31st March 2016.

The attached schedule of payments over £500 was circulated.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Board's financial position be noted.
- (b) That the attached schedule of payments over £500 be approved.

9. OPERATIONS REPORT

The Engineering Manager reported on the summer maintenance works which were 55% complete and expected to be finished at the end of November within budget. Officers had been asked by the Environment Agency to scope out enhanced maintenance works on Snow Sewer and the River Idle with a view to these being undertaken by the Board under the PSCA arrangements over the next four years; the works may also be extended to include North Soak Drain and South Engine Drain. Officers would keep members informed of progress.

Officers reported on problems with plant and machinery which had resulted in a significant period of downtime during the cutting season. These would be considered in more detail by the Plant and Compensation Committee in November.

Rainfall figures were noted.

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## 10. ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT PROJECTS

The Engineer presented the attached report for information. It was noted that the Bewcarrs Pumping Station Upgrade and Greenholme Pumping Station Refurbishment Scheme would be complete by the end of October within the approved budgets.

The Engineer reported that issues had been identified in the Southfield Pumping Station catchment which required the desilting of the pumping station basin and Southfield Main and Kelfield East Drains. He reported that savings in the reforming budget would allow the desilting of the basin and Southfield Main Drain during the current year and suggested that provision for the desilting and possibly improvement of the Kelfield East Drain be made in the 2017/18 estimates.

### RESOLVED

- (a) That the progress and costs on the Bewcarrs and Greenholme works be noted.
- (b) That Officers continue with their investigations into the Kelfield/Blackdyke catchments and report back their findings to a future meeting for consideration.
- (c) That the desilting of the basin and Southfield Main Drain be undertaken during the current financial year at an estimated cost of £12,188 to be funded from savings in the reforming budget and that provision be made in the 2017/18 estimates for work on the Kelfield East Drain.

## 11. PROPOSED NEW OFFICE AND DEPOT

The Chief Executive reported that discussions were ongoing with the Environment Agency regarding the purchase of an alternative site for the new office/depot.

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## 12. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Engineer presented the attached report for information.

Members expressed their concern about the lack of progress regarding the River Idle. The Engineer confirmed that the outcome of the modelling was due to be reviewed at the end of October 2016.

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## 13. HEALTH AND SAFETY

There were no matters to report.

## 14. ISLE OF AXHOLME FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Officers confirmed that the governance structure for implementation of the Strategy was in place. The Board had representation on the Executive Board (Chief Executive), the Advisory Group (Chairman) and Asset Management Delivery Group (Engineer). The Finance subgroup was still being set up.

The Asset Management Delivery Group had been tasked to produce a programme to take forward projects due for completion from years 0 to 11 and was considering improvement projects for individual Environment Agency (EA) assets including some enhanced maintenance work proposals to be undertaken under the PSCA that were being funded by additional Government funding, as well as a programme for asset transfers. The Engineer reported that this was a pilot area for demaining and currently some 11 pumping stations and 100km of watercourse were being reviewed, some of which would have a massive impact on the Board's area. Officers presented the attached extract from the overall programme of works showing those assets identified for potential transfer in the Board's catchment. The Board's Officers would be attending a meeting with representatives from the EA to discuss Snow Sewer and Bull Hassocks Pumping Station on 10th October 2016; the outcome of these discussions including funding etc would be presented to the November Board meeting. The Strategy had signed off all those projects listed but the funding mechanism had still to be agreed. The Director of Finance would detail all the costs and the impact on the Board for consideration at the November Board meeting.

The Chairman stated that there would be a significant cost in returning the rivers to a satisfactory condition. The Board had put aside funds to undertake maintenance on some main rivers that affected its systems should the EA not get sufficient funding for the work, however, Officers were pleased to report that this had not been necessary as funding for these had not been cut by the EA this year. In response to Mr P. Cornish, the Engineer reported that Bull Hassocks and Snow Sewer pumping stations were in a satisfactory condition.

Cllr R. Allcock confirmed the support of North Lincolnshire Council and stated that he was now more comfortable that progress was being made. The EA was undertaking a review of all pumping stations with a view to transferring responsibility of some and would be preparing a report detailing those for consideration. The Board's Officers were liaising with the Doncaster East Drainage Board regarding two stations which affected both Boards' areas.

In response to the Vice-Chairman, the Engineer stated that the Board's maintenance programme and staffing levels were being reviewed to ascertain what resources were available to undertake any additional PSCA work should this be forthcoming.

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#### 15. ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association of Drainage Authorities Annual Conference would be held on Thursday, 17th November 2016 in London.

The Annual General Meeting would be held in the morning followed by Question Time and guest speakers from the Environment Agency, National Farmers' Union and the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board attend the Conference together with the Chief Executive, Engineer and Operations Director.

#### 16. DELEGATED MATTERS - PLANNING, BYELAWS AND SUPERVISORY ROLE

##### 16:1 Byelaw Applications

The following consents had been issued under delegated authority since the last Board meeting:

IOANN/LDC/2016/003 Construction of seven 80mm diameter land drainage outfalls from O.S. field number 3759 into the Board maintained Common Carrs Drain at national grid reference SE 78389 5507 in the parish of Crowle and Ealand.

IOANN/LDC/2016/004 Culverting of 16 metres of the Board maintained watercourse IOA811800 at the rear of Rivers Edge at national grid reference SK 71204 79201 in the parish of Retford.

IOANN/LDC/2016/005 Erection of one metre high stock proof fencing within nine metres of the bank top of the Board maintained Paupers Drain in O.S. field number 5904pt at national grid reference SE 78824 4181 in the parish of Crowle and Ealand.

Cllr Mrs H. Brand queried a previous byelaw contravention at West Woodside where a fence had been erected without consent. The Engineer agreed to investigate what action had been taken and to update members at the next meeting.

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16:2 Section 23 Applications

The following consent had been granted under delegated authority since the last Board meeting.

IOANN/LDC/2016/001 Construction of a six metre long access culvert within a riparian watercourse to the rear of Haxey Lane at national grid reference SK 77258 99294 in the parish of Haxey.

The Engineer confirmed that Officers would be considering the Bassetlaw Local Plan which was out for consultation and relevant comments would be submitted.

In respect to the proposed scheme at Hallcroft Industrial Estate, the scheme drawings had now been prepared, application for consent was being made to Natural England to work in the SSSI, application for a new outfall had been prepared for submission to the Environment Agency and application would then be made in conjunction with the District Council for Local Levy funding.

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16:3 Planning Applications

Officers had objected to planning application number 16/00568 in the parish of Retford as the application included planting within nine metres of the Board maintained Carr Dyke North. Amended plans had since been submitted by the applicant that complied with the byelaw distance and the objection had, therefore, been withdrawn.

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