

PRESENT

Mr J P Coverdale (In the Chair)  
Mr R A Armitage  
Mr M Cockerill  
Mr I Ridsdale  
Mr R J Burnett  
Cllr Mrs S Wiseman  
Mr D M Crossley  
Mr C Chambers  
Mr C Perrett

The Clerk – Mr W Symons  
Engineering Assistant – Mr N Culpan

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D R Brotherton, Mr P E Clark, Mr M Kemp and Mr G Tate.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest related to the items listed on the Agenda. The Clerk further informed Members that the Register of Members Interests was available at the meeting for inspection and update as required.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016, copy of which had been sent to all Members, be taken as read and approved with all in favour that they be forthwith signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING LOSS OF A MEMBER

There were no matters arising from the Minutes which were not covered under the Agenda Items.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The Clerk advised that there have been no reportable incidents to the Health and Safety Executive (RIDDOR) since the last meeting.

RATES

The Clerk reported that the total rates collected up to the 7 March 2016 are as follows:

(a) Special Levy - £263,866.87 (100.0%)  
(b) Direct Levy - £42,833.50 (100.0%)  
£306,700.37

## MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Clerk further reported that there were a few outstanding rate accounts with one account being progressed to court however most of the outstanding rates are of a low value. A few accounts were in credit where overpayments have been made.

The Clerk showing the Chairman a list of accounts with sums outstanding.

The Clerk confirmed that any outstanding rates will be pursued for payment and any remaining sums or credits at year-end will be included in next year's rate demands.

The Engineering Assistant had circulated a report with the Agenda on the Boards maintenance works. It was noted that ground conditions had been quite wet recently. A number of photographs were circulated at the meeting in reference to the Assistant Engineers report.

### Fangfoss Pollution

The Engineering Assistant reported that the pollution incident which had been on-going for some time at this location had been resolved. However it remained uncertain what was causing the problem.

### Tang Hall Beck

Mr C Perrett asked about the tree works carried out by landowners leaving debris in the watercourse which had recently been raised. The Engineering Assistant had investigated the matter and the location was outside the Boards Drainage District. The City Council however had been informed and were aware of the matter.

### Public Footbridge

Cllr Mrs S Wiseman on behalf of Earswick Parish Council has been in contact with the Assistant Engineer regarding a public footbridge over a watercourse which can no longer be accessed. She has also been in touch with the Councils Public Rights of Way Officer but was having problems trying to establish the responsibility for the repairs so the access can be restored. The Engineering Assistant will investigate the matter further.

## Outgang Drain

The Engineering Assistant reported that the culvert at this location was only very recently cleaned out of debris and silt under a capital scheme organised by the Board. Martins of York (skip hire company) however continue to allow material into the ditch causing silting of the watercourse which is likely in the longer term to fill the culvert up again increasing the risk of flooding at the location again. Photos of the problem were circulated at the meeting.

The Engineering Assistant reported he had written to the company to make them aware of the matter. He had also referred the matter to City of York Council for consideration.

Members asked if the Board could write to the company to ask them to remove the material with a view to enforcing its removal if required.

The Clerk reported that there were no matters concerning plant for consideration at the meeting.

## PLANT

The Clerk advised the Board that the precept has been confirmed by the Environment Agency in its letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at £13,796.00 for financial year 2016/17. This keeping the precept at the same level as financial year 2015/16.

## PRECEPT

The Clerk noted that nothing further had occurred about the Boards precept appeals with Defra but the Board is seeking payment for maintenance works carried out on the Bielby Beck from the Environment Agency.

## INSURANCE

The Clerk is scoping the Boards Insurance Covers, which are due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

The Clerk will be asking Towergate as the Boards Insurance Broker to seek covers to sustain the Boards policies. The Board at its next meeting will be able to review the covers and costs if required.

## CONSORTIUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that a Consortium Management Committee Meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting was attended by the Chairman and Mr D J E Sherry. The Clerk further thanked Mr D J E Sherry for chairing the meeting. A copy of the Consortium Agreement was made available at the meeting for Members to view if they wished.

The Clerk running through the items covered at the meeting.

## STAFF

### Consortium Staff

#### Planning Officer

The Clerk reported that the Board had been seeking a replacement Planning Officer following the notification from Mr J Perkins who has handed in his notice reported at the last meeting. The Board having now recruited a new Planning Officer, Mr J Spaul, who has started work today. It was also noted that Mr P Hey will be providing training and support to the new officer.

#### Staff Workforce

Nothing to report.

#### Pay Increase

The Clerk reported that the Board had not been made aware of any agreement on the current years pay increase with the ADA Lincolnshire Branch. The previous years (2015/16) pay agreement still has not yet been agreed with the Unions although the offer of a 1% increase has been included in last year's wages and salary payments to all the relevant Boards employees.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### ADA Northern Branch

The Clerk informed Members of the ADA 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Branch Conference to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Cave Castle hotel in South Cave. It is intended at this meeting to visit the recently completed Willerby and Derringham Flood Alleviation Scheme. This along with reporting on the items to be covered at the conference.

The Board Members considered this event and approved payment for the cost of any Member if they wish to attend.

### ADA Floodex

The Clerk informed Members of the ADA Floodex Conference to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Peterborough Show Ground.

The Clerk reported that beyond the above there had been no correspondence of significance received since the date of the last meeting.

## PLANS

The Clerk referred to the list of planning applications commented on since the last meeting of the Board, which had been circulated to all members with the agenda.

### **Planning Application on River Foss**

Mr C Chambers noted a Planning application for a plot close to the banks of the River Foss near the Tannery development is progressing. This is likely to be available for comment shortly which may be being based on utilising soakaways.

### **Foss Barrier – Increasing Flows through Development**

The Clerk noted that on-going development with quicker run off up stream of the Foss Barrier cumulatively is likely to be influencing the capacity required for pumping when the Barrier is closed.

The Clerk further noted a lot of this development is small scale and appropriately controlling the run off from a small site technically is very difficult to achieve because of the low flows. The technical issue is largely related to the small diameter orifices which are required to regulate the flow and the risk of blockage. The granting of a discharge in excess of the predevelopment discharge which is less likely to block is increasing the immediate run off from the site post development. This does not then appropriately utilise on site storage as larger than predevelopment flows are discharged.

### **Cadman Close Area**

The Clerk informed that a number of planning applications had progressed at this location. A specific application was due to be considered by the Planning Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The issue above applies to the current development seeking planning approval.

Members agreed that the Clerk should attend this meeting and highlight the Boards concerns as the proposed development is intended to discharge into a Yorkshire Water surface water sewer and then later into the Boards maintained watercourse. Yorkshire Water agreeing to accept a flow from the site in excess of its calculated predevelopment runoff.

Members further considered and discussed the practicalities of attenuating with low flow discharges. They further considered the cumulative effect of development and increasing flows and supported the Clerk in the approach proposed of trying to influence planning applications to reduce or make sites run off no worse than predevelopment.

**(SEE APPENDIX TO MINUTES)**

CONSENTS

The Clerk referred to the list of Consents granted since the last Meeting of the Board, which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

**(SEE APPENDIX TO MINUTES)**

BANK STATEMENTS

The Clerk produced the Bank Statements for the Board's Current Account and Business Premium Account showing an aggregate credit balance of £363,812.70 with Barclays Bank as at the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The Yorkshire Bank account has an additional credit balance of £83,480.00. The Board placing funds into a twelve month deposit account which is achieving 1.2% gross per annum.

The Nationwide Building Society account has an additional credit balance of £60,000. The Board placing funds into a twelve month deposit account which is achieving 1.4% gross per annum.

The total balance of the Boards funds held in these accounts is £507,292.70.

The Clerk further informed the Board that Barclays Bank are continuing free banking until February 2017.

ACCOUNTS FOR CONFIRMATION

The Clerk referred to the list of accounts paid since the date of the last Meeting which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** that payment of these accounts be confirmed.

**(SEE APPENDIX TO MINUTES)**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was directed that the next Meeting of the Board is to be held at the Memorial Hall, Huntington, York on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 commencing at 1.30pm.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS

River Foss Study following the Christmas Floods

The Clerk informed the Board the Environment Agency were going to be advancing a study following the Christmas floods on the Foss Barrier and Foss Catchment. It was hoped that the study should be completed in one year following the floods.

The Clerk had further informed the Agency at the discussions about this study that a greater understanding of the River Ouse downstream is also required and this should be carried out before any significant increase in the Foss Barrier pumping capacity is made.

There was no further business and therefore the meeting was closed.

**(APPENDICES TO FOLLOW)**

