

Ouse and Derwent
Internal Drainage
Board

MINUTES of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October
2016 at the Village Club, Escrick, York

PRESENT

Mr R E Britton (In the Chair)
Mr K W Terry
Mr W A Jacques
Mr J R Bramley
Mr J Daniel
Mr B Smith
Cllr B Marshall
Cllr Mrs K McSherry
Cllr J Deans
Cllr J Brooks

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

APOLOGIES FOR
ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Hopwood, Mr I Ellwood, Cllr J Cattanach, Cllr K Ellis, Cllr R W Bramley and Mr A Vevers.

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
MEETING

It was proposed by Mr W A Jacques, seconded by Cllr B Marshall and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th June 2016, a copy of which had been sent to all Members, be taken as read and approved and that they be forthwith signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no further matters arising from the Minutes that were not covered in the main agenda.

FINANCE SUB-
COMMITTEE
MINUTES

4th OCTOBER 2016

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on the 4th October 2016, a copy of which had been sent to all Members with the agenda.

The Chairman ran through and summarised the items included in the Minutes of the Meeting. The Chairman giving an overview of the Germany Beck Developer's Agreement being progressed as covered in the minutes.

The Chairman proposed acceptance and approval of the recommendations with the change above contained within the Finance Sub-Committee Minutes. The proposal was seconded by Mr J Daniel and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED by the Board.

RATES

The Clerk reported that up to the 17th October 2016 the following rates had been collected:

(a) Special Levy -	£ 199,660.21	(50.0%)
(b) Direct Levy -	<u>£ 82,145.12</u>	(98.6%)
	£281,805.33	

The Clerk advised the Board that final reminders have been issued and legal proceedings will be progressed shortly in accordance with the Boards policy.

The Clerk provided a list of outstanding accounts to the Chairman at the meeting. £10,890.67 having been raised since the date of the last meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Engineering Assistant reported on the work which had been carried out since the date of the last meeting. This was included in a Maintenance Report circulated with the agenda.

The Board Members discussed the problems with the replacement work for the tidal flaps at Kelfield Ings. The supplying contractor being unable to attend on site to install as suggested times have been inappropriate because of tides and ground conditions etc. The Board supporting the Engineering Assistant considering the use of a local civil engineering firm if the installing contractor cannot progress the work.

The Engineering Assistant asked Members to reconsider the purchase of the second hand forklift truck for the depot which was considered at the Sub Committee meeting. The Chairman noting concerns about the risk of usage outside of the Boards shed with a solid wheel machine and varying ground conditions.

Members decided they did not wish to purchase the machine at this time. This was because it was considered the Board needed to investigate its requirements in greater detail. The options including if the Board should purchase equipment just for loading and unloading buckets and accessories for the excavators. The alternative is making a larger investment in equipment such as a Bob Cat or an all-terrain forklift which could have wider benefits and be used in the yard.

STAFF

Work Based Pensions

The Clerk confirmed that the first letters had been sent to staff to confirm the Boards position with Work Based Pensions and informing of the Boards Work Based Pension Staging date.

2016/17 Lincolnshire Branch Pay Agreement

The Clerk reported he had included the 1% pay increase as proposed at the last meeting from 1st April 2016. It however remained that this has not yet been agreed by the Lincolnshire Clerks Pay Committee.

PUMPING STATIONS

The Clerk reported that the Pulsar telemetry and pump control systems are now installed on five UK Coal/Coal Authority Pumping Stations. One station, Halfpenny, is not working because of the 3G network signal. It is hoped the signal will be improved in the future which will enable the system to transmit. It remains Riccall Dam and Scorce Bridge have not been installed but they are likely to be refurbished in the near future and equipment could be included as part of this work.

PRECEPT

The Clerk advised the Board that the precept has been confirmed by the Environment Agency in its letter dated 10th February 2016 at £92,369.00 for financial year 2016/17. This keeping the precept at the same level as financial year 2015/16.

UPLAND WATER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EA

The Clerk advised that claims had been made to the Environment Agency for 2015/16 upland water ditch maintenance works. This was made on the basis of the sum of £4,160.17. An overall payment has been made of £3,702.55 which is a percentage of 89.0% of the Boards claim. This being an increase on the percentage paid in the year prior at 70% in the sum of £1,332.86.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Clerk advised that there had been no reportable incidents (RIDDOR) to the Health and Safety Executive.

ADA LONDON CONFERENCE

The Clerk informed the Board that he was making travel arrangements and booking for Members wishing to attend the London ADA Conference on Wednesday 17th November 2016. A copy of the meeting information was circulated with the meeting agenda. The Board AGREED to pay for the travelling costs and conference fees for any Members wishing to attend. The overall cost per Member for travel and conference fees are likely to be about £200 per head.

The Clerk informed he will be attending on behalf of the York Consortium and the Chairman noted he was likely to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised Members that 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 upon since the last meeting of the Board, which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

The report on the planning responses were received by the Board Members and noted.

Cllr J Brooks raised concerns about the minimum surface water flows being allowed in planning on small scale development. This causing an increase in the speed of run off of surface water with the development.

The Clerk confirmed this is a problem which is created due to the practical difficulties of blockage in low flow devices.

Cllr J Brooks noted this was of particular concern in Dunnington because of the cumulative impact of increasing flows with new development.

Cllr B Marshall raised the long term issue of dealing with the top water from the Greencore proposed development site which is presently farmland off the A19 near Selby. This along with the site potentially requiring the diversion of the Boards watercourse. This along with Yorkshire Water having sewage pumping problems currently in Barlby.

(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.

Cllr J Deans asked about the consent to drain Cliff playing fields and the drainage proposals.

The Clerk explaining the Boards current position and the technical proposals made to the Board.

The report on the consents granted were received by the Board Members and noted.

(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 in Barclays of £860,715 as at the 7th October 2016.

The Yorkshire Bank account has an additional credit balance of £85,057.46 in a twelve month deposit account which is achieving 1.0% gross per annum.

The Nationwide Building Society account has an additional credit balance of £86,201.53 in a twelve month deposit account which is achieving 1.2% gross per annum.

The total balance of the Boards funds held in these accounts is £1,031,973.99.

The Clerk noted that these funds include the UK Coal and Coal Authority balances and deposits for the on-going and rechargeable works, which are £58,886.50.

NEXT MEETING

It was directed that the date of the next Meeting of the Board is to be at the Escrick & Deighton Club on Tuesday 31st January 2017 which will be the Annual General Meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 13th June 2017

Tuesday 17th October 2017

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

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

(APPENDICÈS TO FOLLOW)

