

Ainsty IDB

MINUTES of Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016 at Copmanthorpe Methodist Church, Main Street, Copmanthorpe.

PRESENT

Mr S E Jackson (In the Chair)
Mr A P Sykes
Mr R F Hildreth
Mr J Sanderson
Mr A Percy
Mr J Bramley
Mr G H Smith
Cllr D Carr
Cllr D Mackay

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Haigh, Mr C E Mills, Mr J B Blacker, Mr C Clayton, Mr R Burniston and Cllr J Galvin.

MEETING

The Clerk informed Members that, with nine members in attendance, a quorum of ten members was not present. As all of the items on the Agenda were of a non-urgent nature then the meeting could continue. The Members present could make recommendations as to their position on the issue. These recommendations to be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and can then be considered at the next Meeting of the Board for acceptance or approval as required.

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 recommended that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th January 2016, a copy of which had been sent to all Members, be taken as read and should be approved at the next meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

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

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 rates collected up to the 13th March 2016 are as follows:

(a) Special Levy	-	£301,881.49	(100%)
(b) Direct Levy	-	£ 61,955.98	(100% +)
		<u>£363,837.47</u>	

The Clerk also advised that rates collected since the date of the last meeting were in the sum of £54.66.

The Clerk noted a few accounts were in credit where overpayments have been made. Any outstanding rates will be pursued for payments and any remaining sums or credits at year-end will be included in next year's rate demand.

MAINTENANCE WORK

The Engineering Assistant had sent a report to Members with the Agenda prior to the meeting. The report was presented and considered by Members. The period of time from the last meeting being quite short so limited work has occurred.

Members discussed the marking of drain ends to avoid damage with the Boards maintenance works.

PRECEPT AND PRECEPT APPEAL

The Clerk advised the precept has been confirmed by the Environment Agency in its letter dated 10th February 2016 at £43,272.00 for financial year 2016/17. This keeps the precept at the same level as the last four financial years. The payment is required in two instalments on or before 1st August 2016 and 1st December 2016.

The Clerk further 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 Old Fleet Foss from the Environment Agency. If this is achieved the Clerk will consider paying the outstanding sum of unpaid precept.

INSURANCE

The Clerk is scoping the Boards Insurance Covers, which are due for renewal on 1st April 2016. The Clerk will be asking Towergate, as the Boards Insurance Broker, to seek covers to sustain the Boards policies. If however any changes are required these can be put in place after the start of the policies.

CONSORTIUM
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE
MEETING

The Clerk reported that a Consortium Management Committee Meeting was held on 16th February. The meeting being attended by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. A copy of the agreement was made available at the meeting for Members to view if they wished.

The Clerk ran through the items covered at the meeting. Members discussed some of the topics including the office rent and sums allocated for wider IDB projects.

The Chairman reporting on some of the higher level meetings that the Consortium were involved with and the importance of the Clerk promoting IDBs and the work of the York Consortium at these meetings.

Members discussed the perceived effectiveness of the Environment Agency and the maintenance works carried out.

STAFF

Consortium Staff

Planning Officer

The Clerk informed the Board a new Planning Officer had been recruited who had started last week; arrangements are in hand with Mr P Hey to give an appropriate hand over and training.

Boards Workforce

The Engineering Assistant reported the Board has recruited a new Member, Mr Robert Walker, who comes from the Crockey Hill area. This following some recently held interviews. The recruitment is on the basis of a six month probation period. It was suggested by Members when he has settled in the Board should progress his training.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADA Northern Branch Conference

The Clerk informed Members of the ADA 68th Annual Northern Branch Conference to be held on 10th 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 18th and 19th 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.

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 Clerk reported that a number of difficult planning applications, some quite large, are were being dealt with currently.

(SEE APPENDIX TO MINUTES)

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.

River Ouse Downstream of York

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.

The Clerk discussed the problems which had occurred following the Christmas floods downstream of York and the lack of a catchment strategic approach to better plan for the future overall. This being similar to integrated approach recently carried out on the River Hull.

Members discussed this matter in detail.

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)

PLANS

CONSENTS

BANK STATEMENTS

The Clerk produced the Bank Statements for the Board's Current Account and Business Premium Account showing an aggregate credit balance of £402,256.19 with Barclays Bank as at the 26th 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 1.3% gross per annum.

The Nationwide Building Society account has an additional credit balance of £70,000. 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 £ 555,736.19.

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 recommended that the Board should RESOLVE that payment of these accounts be confirmed.

(SEE APPENDIX TO MINUTES)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was recommended that the next Meeting of the Board would be held on Monday 13th June 2016 at the Copmanthorpe Methodist Church, Main Street, Copmanthorpe, York 6.30pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future dates for meeting at the same venue to be held at 6.30pm on:

Monday 19th September 2016

Monday 7th November 2016

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

(APPENDICES TO FOLLOW)

