

The Board are, subject to finance, considering the current mix of directly employed labour and contract and a proposal for replacement of equipment will be considered at the next meeting.

- 10 **Insurance** The Clerk reported on the negotiations for renewal of insurance and insurers are wanting an inspection to include a review of Health & Safety documentation.
- 11 **Association of Drainage Authorities** The Clerk attended the recent Northern Branch meeting on behalf of the Board where concerns were expressed to ADA National over the increasing costs to Boards for power, fuel, insurance etc.
- 12 **Audit** The Clerk confirmed that an unqualified opinion had been issued in respect of the Board's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022. Internal auditors had attended for the interim visit and their report was awaited.
- 13 **Direct Labour** The Clerk reported that ADA White Book increase was 2.5%, as a result of regrading the effective increase was 6.1% with effect from 1st April 2022. No further information has been received from ADA in respect of an interim award. The Board approved the award.
- 14 **Accounts for Payment** Accounts for Payment Schedule numbers 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 were approved in the amounts of £15,553.13, £76,224.01, £19,524.36, £24,393.98, £43,274.81 and £61,475.65 respectively.
- 15 **Next Meeting** The Clerk reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 6th February 2023 at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

.....Chairman

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