

BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of a Meeting of the Board

held at the Offices of the Board on
29th November 2017 at 2pm

Members

Chairman - * Mr K C Casswell

Mr W Ash	* Cllr R Austin
* Mr J Atkinson	* Cllr P Bedford
* Mr V Barker	* Cllr C Brotherton
* Mr J Fowler	* Cllr M Brookes
* Mr P Holmes	Cllr R Clark
* Mr R Leggott	* Cllr M Cooper
* Mr P Robinson	* Cllr C Rylott
* Mr M Rollinson	* Cllr B Russell
* Mr N J Scott	Cllr P Skinner
* Mr J R Wray	* Cllr Mrs S Waring

* Member Present

In attendance: Mr I Warsap (Chief Executive)
Mr D Withnall (Finance Manager)
Mr P Nicholson (Operations Manager)

1196 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Agenda Item 1

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W Ash, Cllr P Skinner and Cllr R Clark.

The Chairman expressed the Board's condolences to the family of Cllr Alan Lee who passed away this week. He served on the Board 2013/14.

1197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Agenda Item 2

There were no declarations of interest.

1198 MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING - Agenda Item 3

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on the 13th September 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were considered. It was AGREED that they should be signed as a true record.

1199 MATTERS ARISING - Agenda Item 4

(a) Asset Transfer Financial Projections

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

1200 MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING - Agenda Item 5

The Northern Works Committee Chairman presented the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on the 8th November 2017, copies of which had been circulated. The Board RESOLVED that the minutes should be received.

(a) Water Resource East Case Study (WRE) - Minute 1191(d) & (g)

Mr V Barker referred back to this item which he believed needs to be discussed. He referred to "the EA are taking banks down to let it flood". He stated that with this transfer of water, understanding the volumes involved, and understanding the water that normally goes through the SFFD, and what the sluice pumps can face, and what new pumps might need to be put in position. He believed there is a lot to discuss around this and it should be a special item in the next Structures Committee agenda. The Chairman responded that it has not got to this position yet, currently the EA are just talking about it and no serious work has been done yet on what might be required.

The Chief Executive firstly wanted to correct Mr V Barker hoping that he had not read this in the minutes somewhere that "the EA are taking the banks down" this is an incorrect statement. The Chief Executive then clarified the paragraph in minute 1191(g) stating that the EA are armouring the existing low spots so if the water runs over that low spot it does not wash the bank away and breach. In EA terminology, they are protecting those low spots to the level they currently are. Mr V Barker feels there is a slight conflict between that and improving the banks and widening.

The Chief Executive explained that he has requested the EA identify the low spots they are going to armour because he believes that it is imperative the landowners/residents adjacent to those low spots deserve correspondence about what is going to happen. In the future it's going to run over the low spot and not breach - it will flood the land in that area and he believes the landowners/residents deserve the right to know this. He acknowledged that the Board would in turn, following the release of water from the SFFD, pump that water back into the SFFD. He reminded Members of the 2016 Southern Works tour whilst travelling down the east side of the SFFD from Mallard Hurn we had to disembark the trailer whilst the tractor negotiated a dip, this may not be one of the low spots, along the entire 32 kms there may be several spots lower than that.

The Chief Executive added that there are other concepts about transferring water down the SFFD which could mean moving one of these banks altogether – all the low spots could be on that one bank so all that investment is wasted but if we don't armour those banks the other concept may never be taken to fruition.

Mr V Barker thanked the Chief Executive and agreed it might be the right choice now but it will be better for the future.

(b) SFFD De-silting Works - Minute 1191(h)

The Chief Executive stated that at Black Hole Drove pumping station there is a phenomenon at the moment. The gravitation valve is gravitating for the first time that anybody can ever recall, maybe since the first day the South Forty Foot drain

was constructed. This is purely because of the silt that has been taken out of the top end of the South Forty Foot. The operatives have been able to get to the valve and manually clear out debris.

Mr V Barker asked where the water is coming from at Hacconby pump we know there is spring water coming into that pump. He stated he has seen in the last week the amount of water coming down there and it is not rainwater its very clear positive water.

The Chief Executive responded that at Black Hole Drove it is water from the Bourne North Fen. If there is water being introduced, as there is no rain as such and it's of a good quality then we should be investigating, in all probability there is something we are not aware of. Mr V Barker added that he was at Black Hole and saw the amounts of water running out good quality water and good flow - where is it coming from? Have we got something coming back from the Glen? The Chief Executive responded that he would get operatives to investigate.

Mr J Atkinson stated there is a spring at the west end of the fen. Mr V Barker agreed that yes at Hacconby, but Hacconby does not feed into Black Hole. The Chairman concluded that perhaps it's an Anglian Water burst, he suggested an email with the results of the investigation be sent to Members to inform them of the outcome would be a good idea.

The Chief Executive concluded regarding the South Forty Foot desilting works he would introduce further detailed information in the financial section. He reported that he has recently received an email from the EA to explain there is a process they are going through for a project of this nature which will allow them to proceed with further phases with ease. There is still the commitment to continue all phases which in all probability is going to be pushed back a bit in programme timeframe but there is still the intention to continue in various phases to the A17 Swineshead Bridge.

The Chairman added that it shows that desilting can do some good and obviously, if it was not venting out through the sluice the Board would be pumping.

Mr V Barker made an observation if you look over the Kingston Bridge, you can see rib bones everywhere the dredger arms have gone over and sucked between each one there is a raise in the silt every half metre now the water has gone down you can see it.

Mr P Holmes moved that these minutes and resolutions contained therein be accepted by the Board. All AGREED.

The Chairman concluded that this was a very good meeting, with a lot of Members attending with many questions - a very positive meeting and the Chairman of the Northern Works should be commended.

1201 TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE ADA MODEL OF THE LAND DRAINAGE BYELAWS -
Agenda Item 6

The Chairman introduced this agenda item; stating that all IDBs are having to do this and ADA are instrumental in getting this out to all IDBs.

The Finance Manager introduced this ADA model for the byelaws to the Board meeting today, usually it would have been an agenda item at the next Audit & Risk Committee meeting. He explained that this is part of one of the pilot projects for the Rationalisation of the Main River network and these byelaws are to be in place before the Board can progress any further.

Mr R Leggott asked Members to consider whilst going through this document, stating there are a lot of paragraphs describing individual byelaws which are going to be a matter of judgement. He asked that Members look at these and ask themselves who the judgement will be by - the one who predominates them? and putting in wording that the Officers of the Board should judge these matters. He could envisage a whole load of litigation coming out of these if not worded properly.

The Finance Manager stated these are the model byelaws we have been asked to adopt that's not to say that we cannot vary them when they go to Ministerial level if there are variations obviously they will have to be reviewed.

The Chief Executive commented that he didn't understand the full implication/mitigation but these are the Boards' byelaws so he assumed the Board are the organisation that will be implementing them. The Finance Manager added that they can be challenged legally. Mr R Leggott added that it may be sufficient to put a note at the beginning "if judgement is to be made it will be a judgement by the Officers".

The Finance Manager began by explaining that some amendments have been made for legislation so where one act has been reviewed and updated, it is the new names and the Ministers become Secretary of State etc. Likewise a definition has been changed, I will cover it the once rather than the dozen time it changes in the document.

- Preamble these new sub paragraph have been added

 " (b) regulating the effects on the environment in the Board's District of a drainage system, or
 (c) securing the effectiveness of flood risk management work within the meaning of Section 14A of the Act."
- Byelaw 3 it previous stated, 'without the previous consent of the Board,' which has been moved to the end of the paragraph and insert below for the new Planning legislation;

 'as a result of development (within the meaning of Section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended ("the 1990 Act")) (whether or not such development is authorized by the 1990 Act or any regulation or order whatsoever or none of them)'
- Byelaw 4 previously used to state 'slacker, floodgate, lock, weir, dam, pump, pumping machinery or other structure' and now it is a 'water control

structure' and this definition has been moved to the end of the byelaw document it is still included, rather than be in that format it is now detail as 'water control structure' as an abbreviation.

- Byelaw 4 this previous sentence was deleted 'the prevention of flooding or any shortage in the flow or supply of water and to the efficient working of the drainage system in the District' and insert 'securing or furthering one or more of the Purposes'
- Byelaw 8 where it states 'any vegetation including trees, growing on land' this replaced the sentence 'trees, willows, shrubs, weeds, grasses or any other vegetable growths'
- Byelaw 9 in the title used to be 'Vegetable Growths' and insert 'Vegetation'

Mr R Leggott made reference to byelaw 5 and asked Members to refer to the sentence 'in such a manner as to cause damage to or endanger the stability of the bank of the watercourse or to affect or impede the flow of water' - this first who's judgement is this going to be and thinking the Board should place something into saying who's judgment should it be the affect.

The Chairman stated that this is how it was written originally in the current byelaws.

The Chief Executive understands the viewpoint as to say the Chief Executive judgement could be challenged by the affected person. Mr R Leggott added that there is a system which allows the offender to appeal and asked could this wording be looked at.

- Byelaw 12 'any other wild animal' was replaced with 'any other wild mammal' then it further goes to say an animal listed in Schedule 5 or 6 to the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, and added the line 'but excluding the water vole from such control'

Mr V Barker asked to refer to byelaw 19 – Interference with sluices we have had problems in the past with a certain person operating a sluice in the Glen letting the water into the Boards system. He asked because the sluice is in the Glen can we have control of it as the water comes through all the way to the Gosberton pump. The Chairman responded that it is not in the Boards area. The Chief Executive added that the Board can impose byelaws on the actions that he is undertaking as he is introducing flows into the Boards system although it is not a Boards asset. The Chief Executive believes this is his interpretation of this byelaw he answered Mr V Barker that yes we could and have, in fact, in that particular scenario.

Mr N Scott made reference to byelaw 3 but the change to this now makes it meaning the Officers cannot use because it is only as a result of development now rather than 'for any purpose' he feels this restricts the Board. The language previously 'no person shall for any purpose by means of any channel, siphon, pipeline or sluice or by any other means whatsoever introduce any water into any watercourse in the District' if you put in the language 'no person shall as a result of development' – it means that it only refers to as a result of development saying it is specifically as a result of development not anything else. He stated it is too narrow now in this format.

The Finance Manager responded that he will enquire with ADA.

- Byelaw 23 this has been added after 'speed' insert 'over the bed of the watercourse'

The Chairman added, that if the Board felt there was a need, then speed limits could be placed on all Boards watercourses.

- Byelaw 27 all Bodies have been updated with their new titles and those Bodies added that have been taken into privatisation.
- Byelaw 28 this is a completely new sub-paragraph;
'(b) Nothing contained in any of the foregoing Byelaws should be deemed to be or shall operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of the foreshore below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over such foreshore, or any part thereof, nor shall anything contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights and interests of the Crown in such foreshore, or prevent the exercise thereon of any public rights or prejudice or injuriously affect any right, power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in over and in respect of the seashore.'
- Byelaw 31 sub paragraph (a) used to read;
'the efficient working of the drainage system of the District or to refrain from doing any act, the doing any act, the doing of which does not adversely affect the efficient working of the drainage system of the District'

and insert
'or furthering one or more of the Purposes or to refrain from doing any act, the doing of which does not affect the environment or adversely affect either the efficient working of the drainage system of the District or the effectiveness of flood risk management within the District'
- Byelaw 31(b) this is the main driver we have been asked to review these byelaws it used to refer to 'Section 22 of the Water Act 1973, as amended by Section 48 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (which relates to the Board's duties with regard to the protection of the environment, nature conservation and amenity), the said Act shall prevail.'

and this has been updated for the new legislation and insert
'(i) Sections 61A to E of the Land Drainage Act 1991 (which relates to the Board's duties with respect to the environment), or

(ii) the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 the said Act and the said Regulations shall prevail.'

- Byelaw 33 under the “Relevant Railway Asset” meaning this has been updated for the privatization of the railways.

and insert

“Relevant Railway Asset” means;

- (a) a network, operated by an “approved operator” within the meaning of Section 25 of the Planning Act 2008,
- (b) a station which is operated in connection with the provision of railway services on such a network, or
- (c) a light maintenance depot;

Expressions used in this definition and in the Railways Act 1993 have the same meaning in this definition as they have in that Act, (“railway” not having its wider meaning) and a network such as is described in (a) above shall not cease to be such a network where it is modified by virtue of having any network added to it or removed from it.

“The Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs;

“Vegetation” means trees, willows, shrubs, weeds, grasses, reeds, rushes or other vegetable growths;’

- Common Seal this would normally be signed by the ‘Clerk’ but in this Board the Finance Manager is the Clerk therefore it has been updated and inserted ‘Chief Executive’ as ADA required the most Senior Officer to sign it.

The Chairman asked Members if they were happy with the amendments highlighted in the agenda papers and invited questions.

The Finance Manager stated that these will not be able to be signed until the questions raised can be reported on a definition. Could there be an agreement to delegate this to the Executive Committee on the 13th December 2017. Mr R Leggott asked would the wording be changed to protect the Board before we sign. The Chairman responded “who’s judgement” yes we will seek advice on this as well. Mr R Leggott added that this applies to the byelaws numbered 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22.

Mr N Scott added the point within the definitions terms should be in capital letters in the body of the document, so that vegetation, water control structures should be capitalised within the document so it is a defined term within the document.

The Chairman concluded that this will be brought to the Executive Committee then hopefully signed at that point. ALL AGREED.

1202 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON FINANCE AND RATING - Agenda Item 7

(a) Drainage Rate Account 30-2445-9 Gosberton Clough

The Finance Manager reported that this drainage account has come to the Board for the third occasion. The owner of the property's drainage assessment has not changed but the owner is on the third tenant and this tenant has now gone into receivership as well. There is a requirement due to this company being struck off to write off £589.72 of drainage rates for this year, which is outside the Finance Manager Delegation of Authority. He added that going forward we will look at the property as being split up. The one element, which does not appear to be let out is the glasshouses. These are where the majority of the drainage rate value of the property is. This will need to be kept under review from the 1st April 2018 or when the Board levy the rates the owner will become liable for the rates for that year from that point until it is let out again.

The Chairman asked the Board if they agreed to this drainage rate being written off. The Board AGREED to write off the sum of £589.72 in respect of drainage rate account No 2445-9.

(b) Drainage Rate Write Offs/Revaluations

The Finance Manager stated this is a list of drainage rates that have been authorised under the Delegation of Authority to write off in this year. The limit of the Delegation of Authority is £250.00.

(c) New Drainage Rate Reduction Valuations

The Finance Manager stated these are new rate reduction valuations and moving of values from agricultural land to special levy which will be covered in more detail at agenda item 8. He stated 24.55 acres of commercial land at Marsh Lane, Boston – 5 acres at Kirton Business Park and a housing development at Station Road, Swineshead.

(d) Q1 Quadrant Development

The Finance Manager stated given the sums involved with the Q1 Quadrant Development this is going to be a considerable increase for Boston Borough Council (BBC). The Finance Manager confirmed that a meeting has been held with the Council Officers at BBC and stated they were very pleased that we have met at this early stage and that the Black Sluice IDB Officers were engaging with them. The Finance Manager has agreed to work with them to tie up when the Board will move agricultural rates to residential or commercial rates so there is no undue hardship for the Council. This is due to moving to special levy before BBC collect their rates. He concluded that BBC Officers will be engaging with the developer to make sure when BSIDB do the penny rate calculations, as at the 31st December the BSIDB are including what we need to include from both the Councils and the Boards point of view.

The Finance Manager stated this is a considerable transfer of land and in agenda item 8 this will give the Members an idea of what affect this will have on the Board.

(e) Period 07 Management Accounts

The Finance Manager stated he had reviewed Period 06 management accounts at the Joint Works Committee. He is going to review the items which stand out and the variations.

- Income – the rates North Kesteven District Council paid early is the reason this has gone from £30,000 behind budget to £11,000 up. Some of the drainage rate income has been pulled back but not the whole amount yet.
- Rates – we took seven cases to court on the 20th November 2017 for a total value of £3,205.98. The largest of these was for £1,109.80 and smallest was for £14.49 with the charge of £25 for the summons that bill has now become a lot more.
- Interest – interest rates have started to rise by a quarter of a percent so the Finance Manager will start monitoring the market again to see if there is anything the Board can find some interest investment.
- Expenditure – there is an error on these accounts, the pumping station maintenance is not £70,000 favourable on budget, the insurance was deferred in Period 7 and not paid until Period 8 therefore this is understated by £50,484 it is a reduction £264 favourable against budget and should read £20,479.
- Pumping Station Schemes – money spent budgeted for has been spent in advance for Gosberton weedscreen cleaner and the South Kyme electricity panels.
- Overall the Board is £115,946 favourable against budget.

(f) South Forty Foot Scheme

A further funding is required from the EA for £260,409. This is going to be covered by the Chief Executive who notified Members earlier that a £100,000 order is expected immediately which will leave the exposure by the Board for £160,409 and this will be coming in the New Year and that is to cover costs moving forward.

(g) Income & Expenditure

The rechargeable income is up £452,000. The amount of recharges therefore is up by £129,000 which is the additional works the machines and labour have been able to achieve. This additional work is funding the additional plant and the money for the labour recharges is going into a reserve.

(h) Balance Sheet

A large number on rechargeable 'work in progress' £126,000 for the EA SFFD works, there is also £79,000 which is waiting to be invoiced for the other PSCA works for the Environment Agency.

The Chairman invited questions from the Board. There were none forthcoming and he thanked the Finance Manager.

1203 TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE BOARDS MEMBERSHIP - Agenda Item 8

The Chairman referred the Board Members to the agenda papers regarding Special Levies, the Finance Manager has gone through this and presented a report.

The Chairman believed it would not be beneficial to adjust the elected Members regions. He felt the best way forward when the agricultural land is transferred to special levy would be to increase the Board Members from the Councils. This would take the Board membership to 23 members, which is still manageable. The Chairman invited opinions.

CLlr Mrs S Waring questioned the paragraph detailed on page 61 referring to the Land Drainage Act 1991 it talks about "the of appointed members of an IDB shall not exceed by more than one the number of other members of the board" the Chairman responded because the special levy will be producing slightly more income - than the ratepayers it turns it on its head.

The Finance Manager added that the way the Act is written if it was 99% special levy and 1% agricultural you could only have one more appointed member than an elected member. Once this has changed, assuming it does not go back to agricultural land, he could not see commercial land ever going back to agricultural it will only ever stay one appointed member more. The Finance Manager concluded unless there is a change in the law.

Mr R Leggott believed this is the only way forward within the meaning of the Act. I do wonder where the two extra members come from. The Chairman responded the Councils have the ability to appoint members who are not actually councillors if they know of anyone interested. The Finance Manager stated that it has to be split on where the income is coming from therefore it will be one from Boston Borough Council and one from South Holland District Council.

Mr N Scott had an opinion regarding the numbers of Members on the Board that 21 Membership was 10 too many and 23 is 13 too many. He agreed that he had not been involved with the Board historically but there seems to be too many members on the Board. The Chairman responded that previously the Board was made up of 40 members and it was a very contentious issue, currently on the elected areas there are two members from some elected areas within the catchment. To cut this down would be quite difficult, if you had members off sick your quorum would be in balance and we did lose many members with a lot of historical experience.

Mr P Holmes expressed it is a case of 'striking a balance' between the historical members who have the experience – which you cannot replace that experience and it takes a number of years to gain that experience. The Board prides itself in its planning in succession with young members coming through the Works Committees and he believes a smaller board would take away that opportunity for succession because there would not be the opportunities for younger board members.

The Chairman pointed out that at the ADA AGM it was mentioned that there are a lot of IDBs smaller than the Black Sluice who have far greater numbers on their respective Boards some in the range of 30/40 members and the problem this makes is that the Councils are not able to fill all the vacancies. He acknowledged that Black Sluice IDB is lucky that the Councils around this Board fill the spaces available.

Mr V Barker believes it is good to have the Councillors on this Board, they bring a different level of interest to it and it is most important to spread balance between the farming communities.

Cllr M Cooper asked if all the development is in the Boston area, why is South Holland District Council getting another member? The Finance Manager responded that it is a percentage of the special levy income at the moment South Holland is rounded down, Boston is 7.83 members and South Holland will be at 1.25, SKDC and NKDC are 0.6.

Proposed by Cllr P Bedford, seconded by Mr M Rollinson and Mr N Scott abstained. All AGREED.

1204 TO REVIEW THE INSURANCE RENEWAL REPORT - Agenda Item 9

The Finance Manager stated this insurance renewal is included for the Board's information due to it being a large expenditure and also there has been a lot of changes in cover over the last 5/6 years. He reported, that if you ignore the government taxes there is a reduction in premium of £1,500 following an increase in cover. Last year the Board added the substructures of the pumping stations with an additional £5 million cover on public liability insurance and an additional £5 million on employer's liability insurance. Next year the Finance Manager will be looking to move the engineering inspection from Allianz, due to an 80% increase in premium this year - this was unavoidable because of the inspection timetable being in October and the new company not having any availability which would have meant a 2/3 month gap. We are ahead of the game for next year, if we carry on as recommended we will get booked in with AXA or whomever the combined insurance will be placed with. This is still £18,000 less than NFU 2015/16 renewal price quote. He confirmed that the cover for all the pumping stations revaluations, the substructure costs and the additional cover the quote is only £5,500 more than the 2014/15 premium.

The Chairman invited any questions from Members, and thanked the Finance Manager for all his hard work he puts in getting these covers and such like, stating it's a good result. Towergate have done very well and seem to be experts in this field.

The Finance Manager asked if there was agreement amongst the Members to look at a further three years stability agreement. The Chairman believes that if the Finance Manager recommends the best pricing will be obtained than he would recommend a three year stability agreement.

Mr P Holmes added with hopefully the future introduction of the Black Sluice (Boston) Pumping Station and asked would this have an effect on the three year stability agreement? The Finance Manager felt that with the addition of the £25 million cover for the substructures of the Boards pumping stations, Towergate have managed to keep the level of premiums at a certain level. He trusted Towergate that there could be looking at a figure of £25 million insurance cover for the BSPS.

Mr M Rollinson asked should you enter an agreement when the Board has had two claims this year? The Finance Manager responded that this is taking into account the claims. He clarified that Towergate have 40 IDBs and they put all these premiums/covers together which is why when we have put in £60,000 of claims our premiums has only gone up by £2,400 in the year. The claims is for all 40 IDBs, a claim for £60,000 is not a huge amount but if another board or every board has a

£60,000 claim then this could be different. It is because its on a bulk deal it does not impact to individual IDBs. The Chairman added the three year deal will be from September 2018, if Members prefer not then the Finance Manager would have to be planning for a renewal in September he would have to request companies quotations in April/ May 2018 and there is a lot of work in getting like for like.

The Chairman summed up the general feeling shall we look and see how we are getting on in six months and if we have not had any surprises and then are able to put the BSPS insurance cover on and see what affect this has.

Cllr M Brookes there is no harm in asking what the price is for a three year stability agreement then you could look at both options. He asked was it possible to have the agreement and ask what is the cost and discount, also what would be the alternative if we decide to go year by year, what would be the cost of a one year agreement and then we have all the facts and can make the decision.

1205 TO REVIEW THE RISK REGISTER - Agenda Item 10

The Chairman presented the risk register on page 64.

Mr N Scott left the meeting.

Mr R Leggott pointed out that cyber attack was still 'high' he thought the Board had put in place certain precautions. The Finance Manager responded that it will remain at this level until the next Audit & Risk Committee meeting by which time he will be able to report back that all recommendations have now been completed. It will then be upto the Committee to look at the score and make recommendations.

Cllr Mrs S Waring asked would it be expected to have action plans in place for any risk in the region of 3/4 going forward. The Finance Manager responded that the '4' are always reviewed by the Audit & Risk Committee. He stated a full risk strategy and policy document goes to the Audit & Risk Committee each year and this Committee reviews the risks and the recommendations brought back to the Board. This document is available on the Boards website.

The Board RESOLVED that the Risk Register be accepted.

1206 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE ADA LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH AGM AND BRANCH MEETINGS - Agenda Item 11

The Chairman presented the ADA Lincolnshire Branch and AGM minutes which were circulated with the Agenda for information.

1207 REPORTS - Agenda Item 12

(a) Monthly Accounts - Agenda Item 12(a)

The Board RESOLVED that the Board's monthly accounts, which included September and October 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were noted.

Cllr Mrs S Waring asked a question regarding the amount paid monthly to the Window Cleaner – Noel Evans.

The Finance Manager responded that this is for the pumping stations he does 3/4 times a year all of the 34 pumping stations. Cllr Mrs S Waring responded right ok.

(b) Schedule of Consents - Agenda Item 12(b)

The Chief Executive presented the Schedule of Consents on pages 77 - 80.

(c) Rainfall - Agenda Item 12(c)

The rainfall figures at Swineshead and Black Hole Drove were presented, copies of which had been circulated.

The Board RESOLVED that these reports be noted.

1208 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Agenda Item 13

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15:10.

