

Minutes of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at The Pines, 50 Connaught Road, Attleborough, Norfolk at 8:30 am.

**Present:** Mr D Stammers (Chairman)  
Mr C D Wright (CEO and Clerk)  
Mr A Southgate  
Mr G Ellis (Attleborough Town Council)  
Mr A Bingham (Board Engineer)  
Mr H Beevor  
Mr I Walker  
Mr T Jolly  
Mr P Lee  
Mr A Thornton  
Mr S Askew

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Drake, Mrs E Jolly and Mr T Charles.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr P Drake tendering his resignation as he approached his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This was noted and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Drake expressing the Board's gratitude for all of the hard work he had done for the Board over the years when he had been on it.

**2. Minutes of Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 having been previously circulated were approved and it was proposed by Mr Southgate and seconded by Mr Beevor and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising**

**A. Old Buckenham, Weir**

Mr Bingham set out the position as he saw it in respect of the Weir. He said that Snetterton Farm land is within a flood plain. The Board could consider modelling of water flows including under the road bridge adjoining Snetterton Farm. To do so, he felt would cost in the region of £10,000 which is a very expensive exercise. The Board could consider putting in an additional sluice on the north side of the Weir which would potentially be able to lower levels in Winter and act as an additional run off in high water. This could be just putting a spillway which would widen the Weir at times of increased water flow. Additionally the Board could look at the possibility of lowering the side of the Weir if a Grant is available. It was agreed that consent would not have been necessary for works on the side of the Weir as this would only have been required for the main Weir as that is on the stream. The Board felt that no works had been carried out to the Weir and that in fact the problems at Snetterton Farm can not be necessarily directly attributable to the Weir because the stream between the road bridge and the Weir would act as a holding channel in any event because of the way the stream is and further the

road bridge would actually determine whether or not there was flooding at Snetterton Farm. This road bridge culvert is very low.

The Board felt, taking everything into consideration, that in the current circumstances there was nothing further the Board was able to do.

#### B. The Policy Statement

It was agreed that the draft document needs to define that property means dwellings within the Board. It was agreed that members are prepared to have their email addresses on the website.

It was proposed by Mr Lee and seconded by Mr Thornton and carried unanimously that the draft Policy Statement be approved as amended.

#### C. Developments within the Board

It was noted that the development next to the Skoda garage has not yet been passed. It was agreed that Mr Ellis and Mr Bingham will look at the problems in Flowers Lane although this is not within the Board area.

Mellor Metals have applied for planning permission in Great Ellingham and this will be looked at by the Board and Mr Bingham said that he was dealing with an application for a single plot at Pixie Paddocks.

#### D. PSCA Agreements

It was noted that £5,000 is available from the EA to do works on the Thet in the current year and the Board will be looking to have addition agreements with Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council.

### **4. Approval of the Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

- I. After due consideration it was proposed by Mr Walker and seconded by Mr Beevor that the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be approved and this was agreed unanimously.
- II. It was proposed by Mr Thornton and seconded by Mr Lee that the annual governance statement be approved and this was agreed unanimously.

### **5. Any Other Business**

- I. The Chairman reported that Mr Lewin would be paying his drainage rates and arrears shortly. However he said that there are some works near Larling Fen that needed to be looked at for harvest time and Mr Bingham agreed to do so.
- II. Mr Bingham confirmed that Board maps have been sent to Breckland Council.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:05 am.