

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on the 31st May, 2019 at The Pines, 50 Connaught Road, Attleborough, Norfolk at 8.30 a.m.

Present: Mr D Stammers (Chairman)
Mr C D Wright (CEO and Clerk)
Mr A Bingham (Board Engineer)
Mr T Jolly
Mr P Hall
Mr A Southgate
Mr A Thornton
Mr I Walker
Mr T Charles

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Mr P Lee, Mr H Beevor and Mr S Askew

2. Minutes of Meeting of the 31st January, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the 31st January 2019 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman and it was proposed by Mr Walker and seconded by Mr Jolly and carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Developments within the Board

Mr Bingham gave a summary of the present situation.

Southern Urban Extension

Outline Planning Permission has now been granted subject to conditions and the dialogue between the Developers, the Town Council and the Drainage Board together with Breckland Council are continuing with a view to the Drainage Board looking after the blue areas and the Town Council looking after the green areas. It is anticipated that this will all be contained in a Section 106 Agreement and any subsequent documentation between the Drainage Board and the Town Council. Mr Bingham and Mr Wright will keep working on this.

Otherwise there have been some minor developments. A development is proposed in Carvers Lane on which Mr Wright and Mr Bingham have spoken to the Developers Agent and that discussion will be ongoing.

Norfolk County Council is proposing a development on Hargham Road on some of their former farmland despite the 4000 additional homes being provided under the Attleborough Southern Urban Extension. Mr Bingham will be commenting on this.

4. Accounts

1. The Clerk went through the Annual Statement of Governance and after due consideration it was proposed by Mr Thornton and seconded by Mr Hall that this be approved and the Chairman and Clerk then signed the same.
2. The Clerk went through the annual accounts and explained the variations between this years and last years accounts. It was then proposed by Mr Walker and seconded by Mr Southgate that the accounts be approved. The Chairman and Clerk then signed the accounts in anticipation of sending them off to the auditor. It was agreed that copies of the signed accounts would be emailed to all Board members.

5. Any Other Business

1. Mr Bingham said that he and Mr Stammers had met Mr Lee Pilkington and will carry out some bank repair work in the autumn subject to the water vole survey that is being carried out at the moment. The issues with Mr Pilkington have now been resolved.
2. Mr Bingham said that he had a complaint in respect of works at East Harling Mill. The works have not been carried out in the IDB District and had been carried out by the Parish Council. He and Mr Stammers had met with Mr and Mrs Rolands the owners of The Mill. Subsequently Mr Bingham had met with the Parish Council and explained the Parish Council's position in respect of drainage works and if they carry out any within the Board Area they need our consent. The Parish Council were fine with this.
3. Mr Bingham reported that in respect of the meetings relating to the Thet, Thetford Town Council is holding a River Day shortly if anybody is interested. He said that he was also trying to get Attleborough Town Council more involved in river works.
4. It was agreed that the By-laws should now be sent to Defra as they had now been approved by the Board.
5. Mr Wright raised the question of a business person for the Board and it was agreed that he would make an approach to the

Attleborough and Snetterton Business Group to see if somebody had an interest in joining the Board.

6. Mr Bingham said the website was coming on and Mr Wright said that the audited accounts would be put on the website once they had been received back from the Auditor.
7. Mr Thornton asked when will work be carried out on the Thet through his and Mr Southgate's land. Mr Bingham said that some work had already been carried out. He said he would meet with Mr Thornton and Mr Southgate together with Mr O'Malley to discuss further works.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.