

Minutes of the Meeting of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on 17th June 2013 at The Pines, 50 Connaught Road, Attleborough, Norfolk at 11.00am.

Present:	Mr D Stammers (Chairman)	Mr C D Wright (CEO and Clerk)
	Mr A Southgate	Mr H Beevor
	Mr P Lee	Mr A Thornton
	Mr J Nelstrop	

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E Jolly (District Councillor) and Mr J Cantrill
2. It was proposed by Mr H Beevor and seconded by Mr A Thornton and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the 5th February 2013 be approved.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a) Mr Thornton reported that he had met one of Mr Bingham's employees doing the survey of the river Thet. The result of the survey has not yet been received.
 - b) Mr Nelstrop queried what the position was in respect of commuted sum payments for properties outside the board and the clerk explained that these would still be payable if the water drained through the Board. Mr Beevor said that the large Biomass Snetterton plant would drain through his land into the drainage board and the clerk would need to look into this further.
 - c) It was pointed out that the website needed updating as it was now showing incorrect Board Members. The Clerk said he would speak to Mr Bingham about this.
4. **Accounts to the 31st March 2013**

The Clerk went through the position with the Board members and answered queries.

 - a) It was proposed by Mr Nelstrop and seconded by Mr Southgate and carried unanimously that the accounts to the 31st March 2013 be approved.
 - b) It was proposed by Mr Beevor and seconded by Mr Thornton that the Annual Governance Statement for 2012/13 be approved and this was carried unanimously.
5. **Any other Business**

- 1) Mr Nelstrop said the water in the stream at Roudham was high and he felt that something must be done as clearly it is not draining away. After discussion he agreed to have a look at the problem and walk the area and then report back to the Board. However, it was felt that some work would need to be carried out there after harvest. He also reported that part of the problem was at Roudham Hall where Mrs Martin has not cleared her ditch but even if she did at the moment the water could not go anywhere. The anomaly is that this is part of a non-maintained stream where rate payers are draining through it.
- 2) Mr Southgate reported that the former nurseries in Great Ellingham have been developed as a care home and extended and were draining into his ditch and into the Board area and this should be looked at as to whether or not the commuted sum payment should be made.
- 3) Mr Nelstrop said there were new units going up at the Roudham Industrial Estate which were being discharged into the Board stream and Mr Bingham should look at this to see if there should be a commuted sum payable.
- 4) Overa Poultry Farm - It was noted that one of the buildings had been burnt down and as this was no longer in use the Board could consider a reduction of one eighth of the rates.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting.