

Minutes of the Meeting of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Attleborough Hall Attleborough at 1100am.

**In attendance:**        **Mr I Walker (Chairman)**  
                                 **Mr C D Wright (CEO and Clerk)**  
                                 **Mr A Bingham (Board Engineer)**  
                                 **Mr T Jolly**  
                                 **Mr S Askew**  
                                 **Mr A Southgate**  
                                 **Mr P Hall**  
                                 **Mr D Stammers**  
                                 **Mr A Thornton**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Mr P Lee, Mr T Beevor and Mr A Westby. There were no Declarations of Interest.

**2. Minutes of Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The minutes of the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman and it was proposed by Mr Askew and seconded by Mr Jolly and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising**

a. Attleborough Southern Urban Expansion

Mr Bingham reported that there had been no progress as he was trying to agree fees with the Developer for the Board's work.

b. Developments within the Board

Mr Bingham reported that work had now commenced on the land formerly owned by MR Walker and that he would agree Heads of Terms with the Developer, Hill Homes, and then a draft consent agreement could be produced. Players for People have revived the plans to develop land off Carvers Lane and this is being looked at as well.

c. Old Buckenham Weir

Mr Bingham reported that he had designed a structure and was obtaining quotes from contractors He has spoken to Mr Richards and agreed access for the works to be carried out. The Board delegated the Chairman and CEO authority to accept a quote for the work. This was proposed by Mr Thornton and seconded by Mr Hall and carried

unanimously. It was agreed that the sluice gates would be locked in place.

d. GIS Mapping System

Discussions have taken place with the Water Management Alliance about installing a GIS Mapping System for the Board. They have quoted an estimate of £2.50 per assessment, although it was thought that this would not be the realistic amount. It was proposed to proceed with this with a budget of £10,000.00 and this was proposed by Mr Jolly and seconded by Mr Thornton.

e. Taylor Wimpey

Mr Bingham is pursuing this.

f. Problems at North End Snetterton

This issue had been raised by Mr Askew on behalf of Mrs Skinner. Mr Bingham had considered this and said it was a riparian issue and not the responsibility of the Board. Mr Askew will report back to Mrs Skinner.

g. Stacksford

Some works have been carried out but Mr Askew said there was further work to complete and Mr Bingham will look into this.

h. Work on the River Thet

This work has been partly done, but fuel and insurance issues had meant that this part of the works had not been completed. Mr Bingham reported that further works would be carried out moving upstream. However only limited works could be carried out until the nesting season had finished.

#### **4. Accounts**

1. The Clerk went through the Annual Statement of Governance and after due consideration it was proposed by Mr Southgate and seconded by Mr Stammers 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 Hall and seconded by Mr Thornton that the accounts be approved. The Chairman then signed the accounts.

## **5. Any Other Business**

1. A discussion to place on the discharge of nutrients and the effects it was having on developments.
2. Mr Jolly asked when Mr O'Malley's rates had last been reviewed. It was agreed that Mr Bingham would discuss new rates with Mr O'Malley and the Board delegated the Chairman and the CEO to approve the new rates. This was proposed by Mr Askew and seconded by Mr Jolly and carried unanimously.
3. Mr Stammers said he would speak to Mr Lewin about his non payment of rates.
4. Mr Askew asked if work could be carried out at Old Buckenham Fen where previous works had stopped and not been restarted as the works needed to be carried out on the other side owned by Mr Crawford. Mr Bingham will look into this.
5. Mr Southgate reported that on the Swangey to Rocklands Road, some pipes were blocked at the concrete ford. Mr Bingham will have Mr O'Malley look at this.
6. The next AGM was provisionally arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.