

Minutes of the Meeting of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on the 16th May 2024 at The Conference Room Breckland Lodge Attleborough at 10.30am.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Mr I Walker, A Southgate, T Beevor, N Doig and Mr A Thornton. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the 24th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting of the 24th January 2024 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman and it was proposed by Mr Stammers and seconded by Mr Hall and carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

a. Attleborough Southern Urban Expansion

Mr Bingham reported that he was waiting to hear from Homes England with their further proposals. He had looked into the situation of a pipe under the Old Buckenham Road which was causing flooding outside the Board area and said that Highways needed to unblock the pipe. Mr Bingham explained Anglian Water's proposal for the main sewage pumping station and the detail the Board would require to remove its objection. Norfolk County Council are on board with this as the lead flood authority.

b. Developments within the Board

(i) Norwich Road Site – Developer Hill Group

Mr Bingham reported that the agreement with Hill was proceeding. The Board have removed a couple of trees from the stream on the north side of the dual carriageway. In respect of the October flooding there have been lots of meetings but the basic problem of the culvert under the private roadway has not been solved. The Board had responded to a request for information from solicitors acting for insurers through our own solicitors, Spire in Norwich.

(ii) Hargham Road Site (Attleborough 1) -Lovell

Mr Bingham said an agreement would be necessary again for this site and he was trying to agree Heads of Terms with the Developer. (Post meeting note - Lovell has advised they are the contractor for the development and Norfolk County Council as original landowner are responsible for the SWDC and discharge consent. AB to approach NCC for agreement).

(iii) Poplar Road Site (Attleborough 2) – Norfolk County Council/Lovell

Mr Bingham said he had had some contact with consultants acting for the Council and again an agreement would be required and a commuted sum payable. Discussions with the developer are continuing. (Post meeting note – following discussions with Lovell re Attleborough 1 Lovell has advised they will ensure responsibility for the discharge consent is notified to NCC).

(iv) Carvers Lane Site – Places for People

Places for People have requested to discharge into a ditch within the highway boundary. Mr Bingham has had discussions with National Highways, who have agreed that the ditch can come under the Board's control. He has prepared the memorandum of understanding and provided this to PfP, and notified Spire who are preparing the discharge consent. The National Highways agreement will need to be in place prior to the PfP Discharge Consent being completed.

(v) Taylor Wimpey

The Deed is with their solicitors for approval. AB has provided further information to TW clarifying the purpose of the Discharge Consent.

c. Old Buckenham Weir

Mr Bingham outlined the history. One thought is to enhance the lake and as a result of the improvements, put in a spillway for when water levels rise. The lake would have to be dug out for this to be effective. Ms Kester said she had some information of conservation projects for ponds/lakes and grants for these types of schemes which she would forward. Mr Bingham will approach Mr Morgan with the idea of a conservation project.

d. GIS Mapping System

The Water Management Alliance are working on the mapping.

e. Watercourse Management

Mr Bingham said the work at East Harling Weir has been completed. He had met Ms Kester at Quidenham Lows and agreed it had been left in a bit of a mess, which the Board will need to tidy up (Post meeting note – now completed). Mr Stammers said there were two trees in the Thet east of The Larling Angel which need to be removed and Mr Bingham said he would organise this.

4. Accounts

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

5. Any Other Business

1. The next AGM was arranged for 23rd January 2025.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.