

Minutes of the Meeting of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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**  
                                 **Mr T Beevor**  
                                 **Mr P Hall**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

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

**2. Minutes of Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**

The minutes of the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman and it was proposed by Mr Stammers and seconded by Mr Beevor and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising**

a. Attleborough Southern Urban Expansion

Mr Bingham reported that it was very quiet at the moment. They are redesigning a roundabout at the moment as a pipe connecting Banham Poultry's two sites is conflicts with the original roundabout design. Anglian Water discharge consent is yet to be agreed.

b. Developments within the Board

(i) Norwich Road Site – Developer Hill Homes

Mr Bingham reported that the agreement with Hill was just about agreed. They want two agreements, which has been agreed in principle, but now agreeing when payments will be made. It was agreed to impose a longstop completion deadline.

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

Mr Bingham said consent agreement was with solicitors to be agreed.

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

Mr Bingham said he was awaiting the development drainage layout and details for preparing the Heads of Terms for the Consent Agreement.

(iv) Carvers Lane Site – Places for People

Nothing has been heard from National Highways, so have advised NH that the IDB consider we have deemed consent to control the High Level Drain inside the highway boundary.

Heads of Terms for the Discharge Consent Agreement are being prepared.

(Note: subsequent to the Meeting NH has been in contact and now wish to progress the agreement).

(v) Taylor Wimpey

The Deed has been amended to reflect that the development is now complete, amended version is with TW solicitors for approval. Waiting agreement. If not forthcoming will impose deadline and threaten injunction proceedings.

The Board discussed the problem of getting developers signed up to agreement and making payments and it was proposed by Mr Beevor and seconded by Mr Jolly that in future we would not allow any discharge into our watercourses until the agreement is signed and payment made. This was unanimously agreed.

c. Old Buckenham Weir

Mr Bingham said he was waiting quotes before we could discuss further.

d.

Mill Lane area October 2023 flooding – currently nothing further on this

e. GIS Mapping System

Mr Bingham updated the position. He brought up on screen the mapping to date, which showed areas where owners had not been identified. He is in the process of obtaining access to the GIS system for the clerk and access for printing. Mr Beevor volunteered to be a guinea pig to test the system and agree his ownership and acreage.

e. Watercourse Management

Mr Bingham said he would check with Simon O'Malley in respect of the rates he was now charging.

Mr Hall said there were trees down at Lower Stow Bedon.

Mr Askew said the remaining part of the stream at Old Buckenham needs clearing.

Mr Stammers said the stream at Harling Road station needs clearing.

Mr Bingham said he would deal with all of these.

Mr Jolly said that he had visited Swallow Aquatics and the manager said he would not pay the rates. The Clerk will instruct solicitors in respect of all overdue payers.

#### **4. Accounts**

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

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

1. Mr Hall raised the question of responsibility for drainage under the highway at Caston. Mr Bingham said that Highways would do their best to deny responsibility for the drain, saying it was the adjoining landowner's responsibility.
2. Manor Farm Shropham – Oxygen Conservation. Mr Bingham has met them to discuss their proposals and what consents they need from the IDB. The proposals are to re-wild the stream to benefit ecology whilst not negatively impacting on the land drainage function. Part of their proposed is on the EA Main River and not our responsibility although Mr Bingham is seeing if EA will allow the IDB to deal with consents under our PSCA. EA are going through their processes.
3. Mr Beevor is in discussions with EA and Natural England about his proposals for re-wilding .
4. The next AGM was arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.