

Minutes of the Meeting of the East Harling Internal Drainage Board held on the 1st June 2026 at The Conference Room Breckland Lodge Attleborough at 10.30am.

In attendance: **Mr T Beevor(Chairman)**
 Mr C D Wright (CEO and Clerk)
 Mr A Bingham (Board Engineer)
 Mr N Doig
 Mr A Southgate
 Mr T Jolly
 Mr I Walker

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Mr P Hall, Mr S Askew, and Mr D Stammers. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes of Meeting of the 21st January 2026

The minutes of the meeting of the 21st January 2026 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman and it was proposed by Mr Jolly and carried over to be seconded at the next meeting.

3. Matters Arising

a. Attleborough Southern Urban Expansion

Mr Bingham reported that there was nothing to report since January.

b. Developments within the Board

(i) Norwich Road Site – Developer Hill Homes

Mr Bingham reported that the agreement with Hill was just about to complete. They wanted a letter of comfort that the Board would enter into the second agreement and this had been sent.

Post meeting note: payment is expected from Hill at which point the Deed will be completed.

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

Mr Bingham said consent agreement was with solicitors to be agreed. Currently no progress from Lovells.

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

Mr Bingham said he was trying to agree the terms for a consent agreement. He was in touch with both Norfolk County Council and Breckland Council but no progress has been made yet. Mr Bingham has recently received information from a new consultant who is working on the scheme.

(iv) Carvers Lane Site – Places for People

Mr Bingham provided an update on the current situation. National Highways and PfP are progressing remedial works to the highway drainage – the IDB will not progress with adoption until the ditch has been satisfactorily restored and suitable access for the Boards maintenance contractor has been provided to allow access for future maintenance. Heads of terms have been sent out, but will not enter into a Deed of Easement with Highways Agency until the ditch has been properly reinstated and only then if satisfied with the arrangements.

(v) Taylor Wimpey

The Deed is waiting to be completed.

c. No further issues have been notified in respect of the October 2023 flooding.

d. Watercourse Management

Mr Bingham said Simon O'Malley was working at Old Buckenham Fen and through Leys Lane. He has done some work through Attleborough Hall land. We need to do some work through Caston, but needs a water vole survey first, for which a consultant is being organised.

Mr Bingham is talking to Simon O'Malley about the use of the flail and ensuring that the 'light touch' approach is followed in maintained works – with only necessary (to allow for access) trimming of vegetation above the watercourse.

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 Walker 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 Jolly and seconded by Mr Beevor that the accounts be approved. The Chairman then signed the accounts.

5. Any Other Business

- a) Policy Statement review.
After discussion the updated document was agreed, and it was proposed by Mr Doig and seconded by Mr Jolly and approved unanimously.
- b) Mr Bingham made a few comments on the new Form IDB1 which has to be completed each year. Matters to be addressed as follows:
- The bio-diversity plan is out of date and needs renewing. It was proposed by Mr Doig and seconded by Mr Beevor that we get quotes and pre-approved up to £2,000 otherwise to approve by email.
 - It was agreed to adopt the model anti-fraud and corruption plan. Proposed by Mr Walker and seconded by Mr Jolly and approved unanimously.
 - The Board needs a three year financial plan and for future AGM's will produce a three year budget. Proposed by Mr Doig and seconded by Mr Beevor and carried unanimously.
 - The Board needs a biosecurity process, and Mr Bingham will do this. Proposed by Mr Jolly and seconded by Mr Doig.
 - Health and Safety. Need to know that Simon has a remote worker process in place. Proposed by Mr Southgate and seconded by Mr Jolly and carried unanimously.
 - Board member training. Mr Bingham will forward information to Board members three monthly. Proposed by Mr Beevor and seconded by Mr Jolly and carried unanimously.
- c) Mr Bingham has met on site with Oxygen Conservation at Manor Farm Shropham. OC are undertaking re-wilding' work on the Boards stream and Environment Agency Maion River. Mr Bingham proposes a Board member site visit to view these works in the spring.
- d) The PSCA is due for renewal. Mr Bingham will progress this with the Environment Agency.
- e) Mr Walker said it was time for him to retire from the Board and that his son Ben would be willing to take his place. This was unanimously agreed.
- f) The AGM date was moved to the **7th January 2027**.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.