

LINDSEY MARSH DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board held at Wellington House, Manby, on Wednesday, 27th September 2017.

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| * Messrs | P.W. Pridgeon (Chairman) | * Cllrs | T. Aldridge |
| * | G. Crust (Vice-Chairman) | * | D. Andrews |
| * | W. Cooper | | D. Buckley |
| * | T.H. Heys | | S. Dennis |
| * | J.M. Mowbray | * | A.J. Howard |
| * | R.H. Needham | | T.J. Knowles |
| * | D.R. Tagg | * | R.J. Palmer |
| * | R.A.D. Unsworth | * | W. Parkinson |
| * | O. Shooter | * | J. Swanson |
| | Vacancy | * | Mrs P.F. Watson |
| | | * | Mrs W. Bowkett |

* *Present*

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| * Messrs | A. McGill (Chief Executive) |
| * | D.J. Sisson (Engineer) |
| * | A. Dale (Operations Manager) |
| * Mrs | J.D. Watson (Operations Director) |
| * | L. Parker (TVIDB Ratings Officer/Accounts Assistant) |

* *In attendance*

The Chairman welcomed Mr O. Shooter and Cllr Mrs W. Bowkett to their first Board meeting.

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr G. Billings. Mr G. Billings had joined the Board in 1987, serving as the Vice-Chairman for many years and showing a particular interest in the Board's plant.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R.A.D. Unsworth and Cllr T.J. Knowles.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr P.W. Pridgeon - agenda item 16.
Cllr J. Swanson - agenda items 14 and 16.

Cllr Mrs P.F. Watson arrived.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

Mr P.W. Pridgeon reported that the vacancy in the Anderby/Boygriff/Trusthorpe electoral district had been advertised on the Board's website and one expression of interest was received from Mr S. Eyre who had previously served on the Board.

It was proposed by Mr G. Crust and seconded by Cllr Palmer that Mr S. Eyre be appointed to the vacant position on the Board. Members voted and approved the appointment.

RESOLVED

That Mr S. Eyre be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Anderby/Boygriff/Trusthorpe electoral district.

4. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 1293 to 1305)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 28th June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5:1 Minute 14, Page 1299 - Telecommunications Mast - Manby Park

Following approval at the last meeting work was underway to upgrade four pumping stations to radio communication stations and was expected to be completed by January 2018. East Lindsey District Council and Compass Point had made alternative arrangements, so once the new system was in place the existing mast would be decommissioned and removed.

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5:2 Minute 18, 1304 - Culverting and Adoption of Watercourse Off Burgh Old Road Skegness

The Engineer updated members on the partnership scheme to alleviate surface water flooding around the Welcolme Inn; Officers have been unable to identify the owner of this piece of land.

The estimated cost of the scheme was £36,000 and it was proposed that the cost would be split equally between the partners: Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Anglian Water and the Board.

Cllr W. Parkinson arrived.

RESOLVED

That the Board contribute £9,000 towards the above scheme.

5:3 Minute 20, Page 1305 - Health and Safety

Mr R.H. Needham arrived.

In response to Cllr Mrs P.F. Watson the Operations Director reported that near misses were not nationally recorded so no comparison could be made. The monitoring of near misses was however encouraged by the Health and Safety Executive as good practice.

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5:4 Minute 20, Page 1305 - Staffing

The Chief Executive presented an update on staffing changes for information.

The Chief Executive reported that the Lincolnshire Pay and Conditions Committee had met with the Unions on 20th September 2017 to discuss the annual cost of living pay increase for 2018/19. He stated that although the Government directive to restrict this to 1% did not directly apply to IDBs, the Treasury would expect IDBs to take this into account. It was agreed that any cost of living increase should be in line with the 1%

recommended by Government. Should the cap be lifted by the Government, the average working earnings rate published in the Sunday Times on the third week in January would be used to calculate the cost of living increase; this was currently between 1.4% and 1.9%.

It was noted that the Lincolnshire Boards direct labour organisations were on different terms and conditions and the Union seemed keen for a job evaluation to be carried out as the rates in the White Book had dropped behind the private sector. The Chief Executive suggested that an external evaluation of pay be undertaken for the three boards in the Consortium to ensure that the rates were comparable to the private sector. The review would investigate the possibility of paying a salary rather than an hourly rate which would reduce the amount of paperwork.

Work was already underway on the implementation of electronic working and a further report would be presented at a future meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Board contribute £2,000 towards a job evaluation of wages for the direct labour organisations across the Consortium.

6. CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Chairman explained the set up of the Consortium to the new members, stating that the arrangement allowed the boards to have dedicated specialist staff by sharing the cost.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th September 2017 be approved.

7. PROVISION OF SERVICES TO OTHER BOARDS

In accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business being discussed, this item is not for public record and details are therefore recorded on Pink Paper.

Mr R.H. Needham suggested that a visit to the other boards areas be arranged for the future.

RESOLVED

That the method of recharging be reviewed and the Chief Executive prepare a report for consideration at a future meeting.

8. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

A total of £367,499.14 remained outstanding in respect of drainage rates at 11th September 2017. The collection rate for the year to date was 52.70%, slightly higher than previous years.

Cllr R. Palmer expressed his displeasure at the disproportionately high rate at which poultry units were charged in comparison to other farm land.

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9. FINANCE

The Accounts Assistant presented a report showing the income and expenditure up to the end of August 2017 which showed a surplus to date of £265,710.

She further reported that the forecast for the year end was for a deficit of £1,585,043 which was £34,784 adverse to budget; this was largely due to increased pumping station costs.

A total of £2,582,019 was currently invested and the Chief Executive reported that he had consulted two financial brokers (Forrester Boyd and St James' Place) for advice on alternative institutions with which to invest to ensure compliance with the limits set in Board's Financial Regulations. He had also discussed the matter with other boards. Cllr Mrs P.F. Watson cautioned that the costs charged by some brokers were very high. The Chief Executive confirmed that all options would be reviewed and he would keep the Board informed.

£124,299.08 remained outstanding on two loans with the Public Works Loan Board.

The attached schedule of payments over £500 was circulated. Mr T.H Heys queried the cost of training and Officers confirmed that the majority of this was for the DLO to ensure compliance with health and safety. It also included some training for other boards in the consortium, the cost of which would be recharged. Training was usually undertaken prior to the weedcutting season which meant a higher concentration of payments at this time of year.

Cllr J. Swanson queried the monthly payments to Lincolnshire County Council and Officers confirmed this was related to pension contributions for current and former staff.

The Operations Manager agreed to investigate the cost of the Land Rover service and report back. It was also agreed that Barclaycard payments would in future be shown in more detail.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Board's financial position be noted.
- (b) That the attached schedule of payments over £500 be approved.

10. OPERATIONS REPORT

The Operations Director presented a report showing the status of the Board's assets; all pumping stations were operating satisfactorily with just one pump at Boygriff Pumping Station being refurbished.

Summer maintenance work was progressing well with 48% of flailing and 38% of weedcutting complete; all work should be completed by 10th October 2017. Spoil spreading following winter works had been undertaken on a number of watercourses.

The New Holland tractor had been delivered and was working well.

Work had started on the River Steeping but had been delayed due to low oxygen levels in the water, these were being monitored daily and work would recommence as soon as possible. The Operations Director would be meeting with the Environment Agency (EA) after the Board meeting to try and find a solution to the problem. In response to Cllr Mrs W Bowkett, the Engineer reported that there were no plans for silt removal but some of the silt would be taken out when weedcutting. Cllr Mrs W. Bowkett stated that this was

not what had been agreed and Officers therefore agreed to query this at the afternoon meeting.

Mr J.M. Mowbray raised the issue of Notices of Entry for Summer Maintenance and the volume of paperwork which had been created. The Chief Executive stated that it was a legal requirement to serve notice on owners/occupiers but that he was aware of an issue with the existing system which generated an individual notice per landowner for each watercourse. He agreed that this was not ideal but until such time as the system was updated, it was the most cost-effective method of undertaking the task; he hoped that the new system would be in place before next year's cutting season. Mr J.M. Mowbray stated that the Board's operators had done an exceptional job removing thick reeds on the Huttoft Main Drain.

The Operations Director informed members of a fault with one of the Board's 6inch Betsey pumps, it had been sent away for service and they identified that it required a new vacuum valve. The cost to repair the pump was just under £6,000 and a new replacement would cost £33,000. Officers recommend repair and the implementation of a service programme.

In response to Cllr R.J. Palmer the Engineer confirmed that tenders would be sought from different manufactures should the mobile pumps be replaced in the future.

The Operations Director reported that the doors at Strubby depot were in a poor state of repair and quotations had therefore been sought for replacement and/or repair. Replacement had come in some £7,000 cheaper than the repair of one of the existing doors and therefore it was recommended that the Board to consider accepting the quotation of £13,465 to replace the existing two doors with four sliding doors. This would be funded from the £100,000 depot refurbishment budget. If approved, the new doors would be maintained annually to ensure they were kept in good working order.

In response to Mr P.W. Pridgeon the Operations Manager confirmed that the doors would be more than sufficient for the Board's use.

A tour for the Plant and Compensation Committee originally scheduled for May had been cancelled due to the unavailability of members. Officers therefore proposed to hold a tour following the November Board meeting to give members the opportunity to view the depot and machinery and also some of the winter works projects.

The average rainfall during June was 100.55mm, July 72.95mm and August 57.00mm. Pump run hours for the period were also reported for information.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the operations report be noted.
- (b) That the Betsey 6inch pump be repaired and serviced at a cost of £6,000.
- (c) That the hanger doors at Strubby depot be replaced at a cost of £13,465.

11. COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Officers reported on one compensation claim totalling £1,432.84 which had been paid in accordance with the Board's approved rates since the last meeting.

RESOLVED

That the attached schedule be approved.

12. ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT PROJECTS

The Engineer gave the following update on projects:

12:1 Howdales Pumping Station Refurbishment (C16351)

Ducting work for the new weedscreen cleaner had been carried out by the Board's Direct Labour Organisation (DLO) and the weedscreen cleaner and control panel would be installed by the end of October. The new submersible pump set would be installed in Spring 2018.

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12:2 Ludney Pumping Station - Automatic Weedscreen Cleaner (C17304)

Preparation work for the installation of the new automatic weedscreen was due to commence shortly. The work, to be undertaken by the DLO, would include cable ducting, installation of new gates and the removal of a redundant culvert which restricted conveyance in the approach drain. The new weedscreen cleaner would be installed in early in 2018.

RESOLVED

12:3 Strategy 2025 Pumping Station Refurbishments (C16300)

Work continued at Wainfleet Sea Lane Pumping Station. Outstanding work included improvements to site security fencing due to be completed this month and new security doors which were due to be replaced in Spring 2018.

At Nursery and Boothby Pumping Stations, new panels were being manufactured and were planned to be installed in October 2017.

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12:4 Boygriff Pumping Station Refurbishment (C17352)

An Outline Business Case had been submitted for grant aid on the above Scheme estimated to cost £314,000.

The original application for reserved funding had been for a scheme of total cost of £397,000 with Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) of £297,000, however, detailed design work and value engineering had reduced the scheme cost to £314,000. Following more detailed scrutiny, the benefits (properties at risk of flooding) originally identified as potentially receiving benefits from the works had not been realised and the Board's proportion of funding had increased by £36,000 but this could be offset by the increased grant received for Howdales.

Officers reported on the tenders received for refurbishment of the three pumps. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had, under delegated authority, approved the tender in the sum of £46,864 and work had commenced.

Officers reported on the tenders submitted for the external structural repairs. It was noted that the tender had been accepted in the sum of £41,734.00 and work was due to commence in early November.

All work was within the approved budget.

RESOLVED

That the actions of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Officers be approved and that the additional cost of £36,000 be noted.

12:5 Ingoldmells Pumping Station - Building Repairs 2017 (C15306)

Following the structural inspection of the station which identified some minor remedial works, tenders were sought for a new roof covering. The tender had been accepted in the sum of £20,570 and work was due to commence in early November.

RESOLVED

That the Officers actions be approved.

12:6 Beacon Way Drainage Improvement Scheme (C15027)

All outstanding highway reinstatement works had been completed. The scheme was expected to cost £30,967 which was under the approved budget of £36,000 giving a small saving to the Board.

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12:7 Maltby Le Marsh Village Improvement Scheme (C15535)

Phase 1 which involved remedial and upgrading works on culverts that conveyed water from the affected area along the A1104 down to the Board maintained Causeway Bank Drain culvert were complete. Phase 2 to improve the watercourse that provided internal drainage around the affected properties had been designed and was being priced by local contractors on East Lindsey District Council's select list. It was hoped that work would commence in the autumn and be completed by the end of the year. Expenditure to date totalled £30,010. It was expected that the scheme would be completed within the budget of £125,000 the cost of which was split between the Board and East Lindsey District Council.

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12:8 Burgh Sluice Flood Wall Raising (C15304)

Work to raise the flood wall at Burgh Sluice Pumping Station was complete. Outstanding works to improve the pedestrian access from the compound to the Board's footbridge over the outfall were on hold pending the outcome of negotiations relating to the National Long Distance Coastal Footpath.

Officers confirmed that the bridge would not be used until the repair work had been undertaken.

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12:9 Porters Sluice Pumping Station – Repairs to deck slab and wing wall (C16304)

An order had been placed to repair the corroded weedscreen at a cost of £12,400. The delayed work to repair the deck slab and wing wall were due to recommence in early October. A flow splitter had been installed and had reduced vibration and noise from the pump.

Overall costs were expected to be within budget.

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12:10 Replacement bridge structure on Anderby Main Drain (C17008)

Following reports that recent reforming and de-silting works carried out by the Board on Anderby Main Drain at Cumberworth had potentially undermined an important bridge structure, an inspection had been undertaken. This showed that reforming works had exposed brickwork and foundation structures and surveys had therefore been undertaken and plans drawn up to repair the structure. Costs were estimated to be a maximum of £65,000 and the landowner had indicated that he would be willing to contribute towards the work. The Board's newly appointed Civils Project Manager had experience of similar structures and would be leading the project. In response to members the engineer confirmed that the work would consist of piping under the bridge as a full replacement of the structure would cost in the region of £250,000.

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12:11 Reforming Works

The attached table detailing the status of the 2016/17 reforming works was presented. A five-year schedule of work was being compiled to enable any spare capacity in the workforce to be used to complete the additional work.

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13. LAND DRAINAGE BYELAWS

Following the implementation of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, DEFRA had prepared and published new model Land Drainage Byelaws for adoption by Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs). At the time of publication there was no general requirement for Boards to adopt the new model but there was now a requirement for IDBs to be able to demonstrate good governance and environmental performance and to report on their progress annually via the IDB1 Report form. Officers therefore recommended that the Board adopt the new model Byelaws which would extend the control distance either side of a Board maintained watercourse from eight metres to nine metres.

The Engineer reported that the other main difference to the Board's existing Byelaws was that application of the Byelaws had been extended from 'Securing the efficient working of the drainage system in the district', to include:

- (a) regulating the effects on the environment in the Board's district of a drainage system, and
- (b) securing the effectiveness of flood risk management work within the meaning of Section 14A of the Flood and Water Management Act.

The reason for this change was to give more certainty that enforcement would be successful where an environmental or flood risk management condition had been imposed as part of a consent.

Other changes were made to reflect titular changes of organisations, legislative updates and ministerial references that had come into being since the previous Byelaws were adopted.

The process to update includes by implication, a decision to revoke any current Byelaws on the day that the Secretary of State signed them off and they came into force.

Members queried how the byelaws would be publicised in order to ensure that the public were aware of the increase in the control distance. Officers confirmed that they would be advertised in the local press and on the website and a note would be included in the annual newsletter.

Following a vote members agreed to adopt the new model byelaws; Cllr R.J. Palmer abstained from voting.

RESOLVED

That the Board adopt the DEFRA Model byelaws and increase the Board's control distance to 9 metres.

14. NATIONAL GRID - VIKING INTERCONNECTOR

The Engineer presented a detailed report on the Viking Interconnector proposed cable route. Officers were being included in the consultation process.

It was noted that the proposed cable would be underground with the only infrastructure above ground being small marker posts which would be installed at field boundaries and crossing points to highlight the presence of the cable. The cable would cross four Board maintained watercourses and several riparian watercourses and trenchless methods would be used for crossings. The depth of the pipe was still to be agreed but Officers had indicated that this would need to be a minimum of two metres plus a safety factor of 0.9 metres. A ten metre easement had been agreed for any works adjacent to a Board maintained watercourse.

The Board's Officers were preparing a joint response with Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board and Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board in respect of the planning application which was due to be determined by East Lindsey District Council in January 2018. The installation of the cable was expected to take between two and three years.

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15. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

15:1 Glyphosate and Weedwipers

The Engineer presented an update on the use of Glyphosate. It was understood that the European Union was proposing that approval of the use of Glyphosate be extended for ten years. A further update would be presented to the Plant and Compensation Committee meeting in November.

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15:2 Barn Owl Nest Boxes

The Engineer reported that the Board's nest boxes had been very successful with Barn Owls, Kestrels, Stock Doves and Jackdaws breeding this year.

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15:3 The Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009

The Board had been operating a number of pumping station sites under compliance exemptions granted in January 2015. These exemptions were time limited but allowed continued operation until such time as a major refurbishment or renewal works were undertaken.

The Engineer stated major works were now due at pumping stations across the Water Management Consortium's area (Kelfield, Southfield, South Street, Boygriff and Torksey) resulting in the need to reach agreement with the Environment Agency Fisheries over the measures required to attain legal compliance. Discussions were underway but were not without challenges due in part to the UK Government's unilaterally imposed condition that screening be installed in front of pumps to prevent all eel and fish mortality. Officers stated that this was a major concern as the only available screens that met Eel Regulations compliance would significantly impede the water flowing to the pumps, severely impacting on pumping station efficiency.

Discussions at the local level had so far failed to agree pragmatic and cost effective ways forward and the matter had been referred to the National Eel Liaison Group (of which the Board's Environmental Officer was a member) via the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA). The Engineer stated that if the Group could not find an affordable solution to the problem, the Boards would have to take the matter up themselves. A consultant had already been employed by the Board to undertake an independent engineering appraisal of the 'Best Practice Screening' to provide evidence to seek an exemption for Boygriff Pumping Station. This could then be used as evidence for moving forward with other pumping stations that were due for refurbishment across the Consortium.

The Chief Executive stated that he and the Engineer would put together a brief for local MP's to raise this matter with them.

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16. DELEGATED MATTERS - PLANNING, BYELAWS AND SUPERVISORY ROLE

16:1 Byelaw Applications

The Chairman declared an interest in LMDB/LDC/2017/025.

The Engineer reported on the following Byelaw applications that had been dealt with under delegated authority since the last Board Meeting:

LMDB/LDC/2017/025 Installation of one 80mm diameter land drainage outfall, and one 150mm diameter land drainage outfall into the south bank of the Board maintained Middle Ings Drain East Branch at national grid reference TF51713 370657 and TF 52062 70806 at O.S. field number 0055 in the parish of Willoughby with Sloothby.

LMDB/LDC/2017/026 Installation of an access culvert on the Board maintained Town Common Drain, off Skegness Road at national grid reference TF53542 71729 and installation of an outfall into the Town Common Drain from a Hydro Brake Chamber at national grid reference TF 553610 371697 in the parish of Hogsthorpe.

LMDB/LDC/2017/030 Installation of two demountable type bollards in the paved area/access between the railings, less than eight metres from the Board maintained Trusthorpe Pumping Station off A52 Seaholme Road at national grid reference TF 51415 84099 in the parish of Mablethorpe.

LMDB/LDC/2017/023 Installation of a widened access culvert (18 metres) on the Board maintained Wedlands Drain off Skegness Road at national grid reference TF 50988 64832 in the parish of Skegness.

LMDB/LDC/2017/028 Installation of 18, 80mm diameter land drainage outfalls into the right bank of the Board maintained Common Drain between national grid references TF 51243 63717 and TF 51567 63551.

LMDB/LDC/2017/029 Installation of a 189 linear metre temporary fence within eight metres of Bank Sewer watercourse between national grid references TF41036 97098 and TF 41220 97081 in the parish of North Somercotes.

LMDB/LDC/2017/034 Erection of a nine metre length picket fence along the southern boundary of the property adjacent to a culvert on the Board maintained Church End Land Drain Branch No. 2 between national grid references TF 42014 957147 and TF 42004 95715.

LMDB/LDC/2017/036 Extension and alterations on the pre-existing buildings footprint at 19 Ancaster Avenue within eight metres of the Board maintained Sea Road Drain Branch No. 5 culvert at national grid reference TF 56053 72378 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

LMDB/LDC/2017/038 Installation of a six metre access culvert and gate on the Board maintained Addlethorpe North Branch Drain off High Street between national grid references TF 55432 68889 and 55432 68883 in the parish of Ingoldmells.

LMDB/LDC/2017/039 Erection of 0.9 metre high post and two rail wooden fence within eight metres of the Board maintained Addlethorpe North Branch Drain between national grid references TF 55563 68905 and TF 55436 68898 in the parish of Ingoldmells, and planting of occasional trees and shrubs no closer than eight metres from the bank top.

LMDB/LDC/2017/040 Erection of a replacement fence 1.5 metres high by ten metres long within eight metres of the Board maintained culverted Sandilands Connection Drain at 14, Bluestone Way, between national grid references TF 52528 80335 and TF 52521 80330 in the parish of Sutton on Sea.

LMDB/LDC/2017/041 Installation of nine 80mm diameter land drainage P.C.V. pipes with associated outfalls and headwalls into the left bank of the Board maintained Brickpit Drain O.S. field number 9859 between national grid references TF54976 64758 and TF 54849 64830 in the parish of Skegness.

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16:2 Section 23 Applications

The Engineer reported that the following Section 23 consents had been granted under delegated authority since the last meeting:

LMDB/LDC/2017/031 Installation of 47 linear metres of culvert within the riparian dyke adjacent to O.S. field number 7728, Beacon Way, Winthorpe, Skegness between national grid references TF 54897 65368 and TF 54935 65394 and infill riparian dyke between national grid references TF 54966 65328 and TF 54898 65366 in the parish of Skegness.

LMDB/LDC/2017/033 Infilling of a riparian dyke between O.S. field numbers 0021 and 2100 land adjacent to Board maintained Sandworth Drain D460500 between national grid references TF 38234 95156 and TF 38058 95061 within the parish of Grainthorpe.

LMDB/LDC/2017/027 Improvements to drainage including the infilling of 313 metres of riparian drain between two fields and mitigation measures of enhancements to existing farm channels at national grid reference TF51458 63763 in the parish of Burgh le Marsh.

LMDB/LDC/2017/037 Extension of an existing access culvert already consented reference C16038, by a further five metres for a separate access within the riparian watercourse west of Westbrook Farm at national grid reference TF 29879 98637 in the parish of North Thoresby.

LMDB/LDC/2017/043 Extension of an existing culvert by approximately 25 metres within a riparian watercourse off the A52 Skegness Road at national grid reference TF 56662 68123 in the parish of Skegness.

The following application had been dealt with on behalf of the Lead Local Flood Authority since the last Board Meeting:

LMDB/LDC/2016/047 Installation of a 40 linear metres of 300mm diameter access culvert within the riparian watercourse off Peppin Lane between national grid references TF 31694 91502 and TF 31710 91504 in the parish of Fotherby.

LMDB/LDC/2017/044 Infilling of a riparian drain between O.S. field numbers 1352 and 1644 between national grid references TF29242 97520 and TF 29104 97473. Installation of a drainage culvert at national grid reference TF 29015 97454 and the upgrade of an existing riparian watercourse for an alternative drainage route between national grid references TF 29032 97535 and TF 29000 97536 in the parish of North Thoresby.

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16:3 Planning Applications

Officers had consulted on 98 planning applications since the last Board meeting and appropriate comments relating to surface water drainage had been made and the following objections made:

N/110/00642/17 Erection of a dormer bungalow and detached single garage It was unclear from the information provided the distance between the Board

maintained culvert and the proposed building; The planning application had since been refused.

N/208/00957/17 Change of use of land for the siting of 7 no. holiday lodges, excavation of land to form a lake and provision of internal access roads and associated landscaping within 8 metres of a Board maintained watercourse.

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17. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The Engineer reported that a public meeting would be held at Wainfleet Coronation Hall in November to inform the public of the proposed works on the River Steeping.

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18. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Operations Director reported on ten health and safety Incidents recorded since the last meeting and two near misses; fortunately no injuries had been sustained.

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19. ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES

The Chief Executive raised the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) Annual Conference which was due to be held in London on the 16th November 2017 and asked the Board to nominate delegates.

RESOLVED

That Messrs P.W. Pridgeon, G. Crust, T.H. Heys and O. Shooter attend the ADA Conference on the 16th November 2017.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIRMAN