

## LINDSEY MARSH DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Board held at Wellington House, Manby, on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, at 9.00 a.m.

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| * Messrs               | G. Billings (Vice-Chairman)            | Cllrs | H. Marfleet (Chairman) |
|                        | W. Cooper                              | *     | T. Aldridge            |
| *                      | G. Crust                               | *     | Mrs J.P. Bradley       |
| *                      | J.L. Dodsworth                         | *     | S. Dennis              |
| *                      | T.H. Heys                              | *     | A.J. Howard            |
| *                      | J.M. Mowbray                           |       | T.J. Knowles           |
| *                      | R.H. Needham                           | *     | E.P. Mossop            |
| *                      | P.W. Pridgeon                          | *     | R.J. Palmer            |
| *                      | D.R. Tagg                              | *     | W. Parkinson           |
| *                      | R.A.D. Unsworth                        | *     | M. Preen               |
|                        |  |       | Mrs P.F. Watson        |
| * <i>Present</i>       |  |       |                        |
| * Messrs               | A. McGill (Chief Executive)            |       |                        |
| *                      | D.J. Sisson (Engineer)                 |       |                        |
| *                      | R.P. Mitchell (Director of Operations) |       |                        |
| *                      | S. Thackray (Director of Finance)      |       |                        |
| * <i>In attendance</i> |  |       |                        |

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

The Chief Executive was appointed Chairman pro tem to conduct the election of Chairman of the Board.

The Chief Executive reported that forms requesting nominations for the post of Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been sent out prior to the meeting and two forms had been returned nominating Cllr H. Marfleet as Chairman of the Board and Mr G. Billings as Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Mrs J. Bradley queried whether it was necessary to send out paper forms prior to the Board meetings when nominations could be made at the meeting. Mr R.H. Needham stated that this gave members a chance to think about nominations and voting prior to the meeting. Mr R.A.D. Unsworth stated that it also meant that members could nominate someone if they were not able to attend the meeting. It was agreed to continue to send out nomination papers prior to the Annual General Meeting.

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J. Bradley and seconded by Cllr S. Dennis that Cllr H. Marfleet be elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Chief Executive reported that Cllr H. Marfleet was unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that he would be happy to continue as Chairman if re-elected.

RESOLVED unanimously

That Cllr H. Marfleet be elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

### 3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr R.A.D. Unsworth and seconded by Mr R.H. Needham that Mr G. Billings be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED unanimously

That Mr G. Billings be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr G. Billings took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

*Cllr W. Parkinson arrived.*

#### 4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W. Cooper, Cllrs T.J. Knowles, H. Marfleet and Mrs P.F. Watson.

#### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr J.M. Mowbray declared an interest in agenda item 16.

Cllr E.P. Mossop declared an interest in agenda items 16 and 22.

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#### 6. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr R.J. Palmer reported that the car park at Donna Nook was like a quagmire following the Environment Agency (EA) works and asked officers whether they could take a look to ensure that the surface water was being drained properly. The Engineer agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the EA when discussing the Board's access to the pumping station and to offer technical land drainage advice if required.

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#### 7. ELECTION

The Chief Executive reported that the election of members to represent the agricultural drainage ratepayers, to come into office on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013, had been held in accordance with the Land Drainage (Election of Drainage Boards) Regulations 1938 as amended by the Land Drainage (Election of Internal Drainage Boards)(Amendment) Regulations 1977. The attached Statement of Members was circulated for information.

It was noted that elected members would hold office until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Members expressed concern about the lack of interest from new candidates at the recent election. The Chief Executive stated that this matter had been raised by the Chairman and, although the election had been advertised in the local newspapers, he had suggested that the Board should consider how to advertise for members more widely. Mr P.W. Pridgeon asked members to let the Board know if they knew of anyone who may be interested in joining the Board. Mr J.L. Dodsworth knew people who would be able to contribute well to the Board but did not have the time. A couple of the longer serving Board members stated that they would consider stepping down should a suitable candidate be found.

RESOLVED

(a) That the attached Statement of Members be noted.

- (b) That members encourage interest from people within the district, particularly before the next election.

8. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 1020 to 1038)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9:1 Minute 5:2, Page 1021 - Mobile Phone Use

The Chief Executive reported that the first part of the driver training had been undertaken and the practical session would be completed before the end of the financial year. He stated that only low-risk driving would be acceptable and, if necessary, further training would be given to staff to achieve this.

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9:2 Minute 18:5, Page 1036 - Tritton Knoll Onshore Cable Route

In response to Mr D.R. Tagg, the Engineer reported that he understood that there had been objections to the proposed location of the sub-station and he was awaiting the outcome.

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9:3 Minute 18:6, Page 1036 - SMartWind Ltd Onshore Cable Route

The Engineer reported that SMartWind Ltd had agreed to pay the Board's legal fees but had set a limit of £5,000. The Board's solicitor had confirmed that this would be sufficient.

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10. PLANT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

The attached minutes of a meeting of the Plant and Compensation Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were presented. These were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting by Messrs P.W. Pridgeon and R.H. Needham.

Minute 5:3, Page 2 - Main River Maintenance

Mr R.H. Needham stated that he was appalled at the alleged miss-use of public money by the Environment Agency (EA), e.g. expenditure of £8.6m on the Donna Nook Scheme when there were insufficient funds to maintain main rivers which were vital to protect the local community and also impacted on the Board's systems. He further stated that the precept money paid by the Board was being spent in Louth which was outside the Board's area and, although he supported the scheme, it should not be to the detriment of rivers that affected the Board's systems. Mr Needham emphasised that money was not being spent in the right direction.

The Chief Executive reported that he had met with the EA to discuss maintenance in the Trent area as the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board had requested a plan detailing work that would be undertaken by the EA. The Chief Executive stated that a similar exercise was being undertaken for LMDB as it was essential for all internal drainage boards to know what works were planned by the EA to ensure that, if necessary, provision could be made in the estimates for any additional work to be undertaken by them. Although with the current restrictions on possible rate increases this might prove difficult to achieve.

Mr T.H. Heys thanked Officers for arranging the last Committee meeting at Strubby as this had given members an opportunity to view the depot and some of the items of plant and equipment. He stated that the Board should continue to have at least one meeting a year at the Strubby depot and this was agreed.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Plant and Compensation Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and the recommendations made be adopted by the Board.

11. STAFFING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

The attached minutes were presented and were confirmed as a correct record by Mr P.W. Pridgeon and Cllr R.J. Palmer.

RESOLVED

The attached minutes of the Staffing and Resources Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and the recommendations made be adopted by the Board.

12. MEETING DATES 2014

Mr R.A.D. Unsworth highlighted that some of the proposed dates could adversely impact on a member's ability to attend the Newark market.

RESOLVED

- (a) That Board meetings be held at 9.00 a.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Wellington House.
- (b) That Plant and Compensation Committee meetings be held at 9.30 a.m. on 5<sup>th</sup> March at Strubby depot and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Wellington House.
- (c) That Staffing and Resources Committee meetings be held at 11.00 a.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Wellington House.
- (d) That a meeting of the Standards Committee be held at 10.00 a.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Wellington House.
- (e) That Consortium Committee meetings be held at 10.00 a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> April and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at a venue to be confirmed.

13. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs T.H. Heys, J.M. Mowbray, R.H. Needham, P.W. Pridgeon, Cllrs S. Dennis, E.P. Mossop and R.J. Palmer be appointed to the Plant and Compensation Committee.
- (b) That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs G. Crust, P.W. Pridgeon, D.R. Tagg, Cllrs T. Knowles, R.J. Palmer and Mrs P.F. Watson be appointed to the Staffing and Resources Committee.
- (c) That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs G. Crust, R.H. Needham, Cllrs E.P. Mossop, R.J. Palmer and Mrs P.F. Watson be appointed to the Standards Committee (the Chairman would not attend hearings in order for him to hear an appeal if necessary).
- (d) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be appointed to represent the Board on the Consortium Committee and that Mr G. Crust be appointed as substitute.
- (e) That the Senior Officer Performance Review Committee be dissolved and the duties be transferred to the Consortium Committee.
- (f) That the Chief Executive review the Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee and report back to the next Board meeting.
- (g) That the Health and Safety Committee be dissolved and that a less formal working party be set up of officers and staff.

#### 14. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

##### 14:1 Rate Collection

The Chief Executive gave a detailed breakdown of drainage rates and special levies for the year 2013/14. He reported that 77.60% of drainage and 74.93% of special levies had been collected at 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Eight liability orders had been requested and granted for drainage rates outstanding and two summonses remained unpaid. The level of collection to date was slightly less than the same time last year.

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##### 14:2 Valuation List Amendments

A schedule detailing amendments to the Valuation List was circulated for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the Valuation List amendments be approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 15. FINANCE

The Director of Finance presented the attached report on income and expenditure to date which was £21,640 favourable to the revised budget to date. This was largely due to delayed phasing of capital projects and above budget rate income to date but was mitigated by overspends on plant and drain maintenance. The forecast for the year showed a deficit of £213,554 compared to budget.

Officers gave a detailed breakdown of the budget. These included an overspend to date of £134,430 on drain maintenance due to additional piling and culverting works necessary because of slips and additional compensation payments due to the late harvest, and £75,896 on plant costs due to increased fuel costs and unbudgeted repair costs. Pumping Station costs were below budget to date, however, the Director of Finance stated that unbudgeted works were necessary at several pumping stations although any less urgent work would be postponed until the next financial year.

In response to Mr J.L. Dodsworth, the Director of Finance reported that the operational cost of running eel and fish screening was significant, e.g. at Porters Sluice Pumping Station the cost was estimated to be between £5,000 and £10,000 per annum; this included electricity costs and cleaning of the screen. The Chief Executive stated that the Board would not adopt the eel pass until it had proved successful as the running costs were so high.

Mr P.W. Pridgeon asked officers to keep a close watch on spending for the remainder of the year.

It was noted that a clean bill of health had been given by the Auditor for the 2012/13 Final Accounts.

The Director of Finance reported on cash reserves totalling £2,081,690.83 which were invested in four bank/building society accounts and loans totalling £270,322.60 which were outstanding with the Public Works Loan Board. One HP loan of £11,950 remained outstanding in respect of plant and equipment.

Mr R.A.D. Unsworth asked staff to be aware that winter fuel additive was not usually added to red diesel until the beginning of November annually.

#### RESOLVED

That the Board's financial position be noted.

#### 16. COMPENSATION CLAIMS

A schedule detailing 33 compensation claims totalling £7,637.61 was presented for information. These had been paid in accordance with the Board's approved rates.

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#### 17. OPERATIONS REPORT

The Director of Operations presented the attached report showing works undertaken by the Board's Direct Labour Organisation since the last Board meeting.

The Engineer reported that works undertaken to repair slips etc. had in previous years been reported separately whereas this year the cost of £69,500 had been taken from the maintenance budget. Officers' proposed to include an emergency drain repairs budget of £50,000 in the 2014/15 estimates.

Pump run hours for September totalled 133 and for October 482. The average rainfall recorded at Manby and Strubby was 29.10mm in September and 100.25mm in October.

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18. ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT

18:1 Mablethorpe Town Lane Drain

The Engineer reported that the full cost of the scheme had not yet been approved for Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) although indications were that this would be achievable. Officers had estimated the scheme would cost £570,000 and confirmation had been received that FDGiA reserved funding of £375,000 had been allocated in 2013/14 and £295,000 had been indicated for 2014/15. To assist the Environment Agency in demonstrating that some contributions had been received for the scheme, the Board's "in-kind" costs had been shown as a contribution; these costs included the CCTV survey and preparation of tender documents.

The Chief Executive reported that due to delays in the formal FDGiA process, to ensure that the project remained on schedule and to avoid the contractor having to return to site and further costs being incurred, the Board would need to provide continuity funding for the scheme. Members agreed that, because of the location of the works, it was essential that they were completed before the Easter holidays.

The Chief Executive assured members that the scheme would not commence until confirmation had been received that the funding for 2014/15 had been reserved.

RESOLVED

That the Board approve up to £100,000 to provide continuity to the project and therefore reduce any potential overrun costs, subject to reserved funding being confirmed by DEFRA.

18:2 Grainthorpe Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Engineer reported that works were substantially completed.

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18:3 CCTV Surveys 2013/14

ADC (East Anglia) Ltd had commenced work in September 2013 and the surveys were expected to be completed within six weeks. The Engineer stated that the cost of this work was £64,000 and additional priority works would, therefore, be undertaken to fully utilise the budget of £75,000.

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18:4 North Fitties Doors

The new timber doors had been fitted and all site works completed at a cost of £25,000.

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18:5 Yarburgh Fen

Due to higher priority work and the delay in reaching an agreement with the landowners, the ideal time to undertake this work had passed and the Engineer recommended that works were, therefore, postponed until after harvest 2014.

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18:6 Porters Sluice Pumping Station - Environment Agency (EA) Works at Donna Nook

Structural works were due to be completed by J.E. Spence and Son Ltd shortly. The major site works had been completed and commissioning was underway. A site visit had taken place for Board members to meet representatives from the EA the previous week.

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18:7 Telemetry Improvements

The Engineer reported that quotations had been received against a list of requirements prepared after consultation with all users of the system. These had been assessed and prioritised and work would commence in November. Expenditure would be within the 2013/14 budget allocation.

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18:8 Pumping Plant and Ancilliary Equipment Strategy 2025 / Asset Management Strategy and Forward Capital Programme / Long Term Investment Plan

Officers stated that information had been collected and a DRAFT Long Term Investment Plan had been compiled. Refinement of data continued with regard to financial, legislative, maintenance, environmental and technological changes. This would be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

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18:9 Medium Term Plan (MTP) Indicative Allocations 2014/15 Onwards

The Engineer reported that indicative funding allocation for Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) in 2014/15 had been issued and there was no change to the Board's planned expenditure in that year. It was noted that the Board had been allocated the funding requested; £295,000 for Mablethorpe Town Lane Drain and £40,000 for the design of works for eel compliance at eight pumping stations. The final allocation would be issued in December 2013 to be confirmed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee in January 2014.

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18:10 Cowbank Sluice Refurbishment

The Engineer reported that the existing wooden doors were beyond economical repair and had been redundant for a number of years, however, the requirement for increased water level management in the Burgh Sluice catchment necessitated the need for the doors to be replaced. This structure was used to regulate levels in the Cowbank and Wedlands systems.

A budget provision of £50,000 had been made in the 2013/14 estimates for this work to be undertaken and three tenders had been sought for the work in the sums of £36,050, £34,500 and £77,380.50.

RESOLVED

That the Board proceed with the refurbishment of the wooden doors on the Cowbank Sluice and that the tender submitted by Aquatic Control Engineering Ltd be accepted in the sum of £34,500.

19. PROPOSED SOLAR PARK, CROFT - COWCROFT SOKE DYKE

As requested at the last Board meeting, Officers had visited the site and confirmed that the Board's annual maintenance would not be impaired should the fence be erected. The Engineer further stated that future reforming operations could be undertaken from the land between Cowcroft Soke Dyke and the Environment Agency's Little River Lymn and Cowcroft Main River.

RESOLVED

That consent be granted for the erection of security fencing a minimum 0.75 metres from the bank top along a 240 metre section of the watercourse and for the construction of elements of the solar park no closer than six metres of the bank top of the Cowcroft Soke Dyke in the parish of Croft subject to the applicant agreeing to enter into a Deed of Indemnity to be attached to the title deeds to the property including the following:

- (a) the left bank of the watercourse to be reformed to the Board's specification at the applicant's expense prior to works commencing,
- (b) guaranteed access for the Board in perpetuity along the right bank of the watercourse, and
- (c) agreement from the applicant to temporarily remove the fence at his expense should this be required by the Board.

20. PARTNERSHIP WORKING - ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA)

A map was circulated to members showing what the EA considered to be high, medium and low risk areas.

The Engineer reported that within the last month officers had been advised that EA revenue budgets for 2014/15 would be severely curtailed for 2014/15. An example was in the Trent region where the budget had been cut from £7m to £4m and £3.5m of this was for statutory obligations. It was likely that there would be money to undertake work in high priority areas but only to 95% of current standard. It was unlikely that any work would be undertaken in medium or low risk areas and this could severely impact on the Board's systems. Once confirmation had been received on what works the EA would be undertaking, the Board's officers would assess the impact on the Board's systems.

The Board's Engineer had attended a local choices meeting organised by the EA where possible future expenditure of the monies available to the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee i.e. local levy, general drainage charge and precept, were discussed. During the discussions the Engineer had suggested that any spare precept money should be added to maintenance budget to allow more maintenance to be undertaken within the appropriate Board's area. It was agreed that Local levy money would most likely be allocated to works that did not receive a FDGiA grant.

With regard to the impact of the possible reduced EA maintenance in the Board area, officers were evaluating what this would cost in financial terms should the Board undertake this work and agreed to attempt to establish an accurate picture and cost to be reported to the January Board meeting.

The Chief Executive clarified that most of the highland water carriers fell into the medium to high category, therefore, in theory, were scheduled to receive 95% of the funding required to maintain assets to the basic statutory requirement. It must be borne in mind that this would see maintenance to no more than the current standard.

The Engineer stated that the bulk of EA revenue came from central Government. Government had agreed that it would continue to fund capital but that revenue would be cut.

Mr R.H. Needham stated that the Greyfleet was in a deplorable state and that Howdales relied on this to pump into. If the EA was not prepared to clean this, he suggested that the Board should consider taking it over up to Grimoldby bridge. Concern was also raised over the housing development for 970 houses which will drain via Stewton Beck into the Greyfleet. The Engineer assured members that his investigation would include, what was at risk and what systems relied on which main river. Officers stated that it would be challenging to complete this work prior to the estimates due to the late notification of the intentions of the EA; it was understood the local EA representatives were only recently notified of the impact of the financial restraints that they would be working under in 2014/15.

Mr R.A.D. Unsworth enquired whether the proposed work on the River Steeping would include raising of banks etc. to take into account the impact of rising sea levels and climate change. The Chief Executive reported that currently the costs had been calculated on putting the watercourse back into its original design standard only. The Chief Executive reported that a further meeting had been held with officers from the EA to discuss progress regarding cleaning out the River Steeping. It was planned to phase this work over three years and the scheme would cost in the region of £900,000. One of the initial issues to overcome was the one of access and the stability of the banks from which machinery would operate. Officers reported that in the new year work would commence jointly with the EA to clear sections of the bank. Consideration was being given to creating a two-stage channel in the bed of the river to retain the velocity and modelling of this was being undertaken by the EA, the results of which should be available in May 2014.

Cllr S. Dennis stated that the EA was under pressure to cut costs and the Board must be careful in their approach towards their EA partners as it was essential to retain a good working relationship, particularly should the Board intend to undertake more work in the future.

#### RESOLVED

That negotiations continue with the EA regarding the future maintenance of main rivers and that the Chief Executive lobby local M.P.s for support.

## 21. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

### 21:1 Environmental Stewardship and Cross Compliance

An article had been published in the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) Gazette detailing the information provided to the Board at its last meeting on environmental stewardship. ADA was seeking a meeting with Natural England to further examine this issue.

The Engineer reported that discussions were taking place on the interpretation of the Agriculture (Cross Compliance) (No. 2) Regulations 2009 (Amendment) Regulations 2010 which extended the existing exemption to all statutory works and connected activities. It was believed that this covered the Board's works which were undertaken by virtue of the Land Drainage Act 1991. The specification for the strip alongside the watercourse (GAEC 14) was described as "green cover" and Officers were of the opinion the Board's maintenance mowing which deposited mid channel vegetation on the green strip did not conflict with this requirement although confirmation was being sought.

The Engineer understood that Natural England would be developing new guidance to be issued to all inspectors confirming when landowners might be at risk.

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21:2 Winthorpe Flood Storage Area

The Engineer reported that work on site was now complete with the exception of the fencing which had been delayed due to the weather. A claim for the works to date would be made shortly and an extension had been agreed by Natural England for the fencing part of the project.

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21:3 North Outmarsh Drain Diversion

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust had awarded the contract for the work which was due to commence shortly. The Engineer reported that once the new watercourse had been constructed to the Board's specification, the adoption approved at the January meeting would be implemented. Agreement had been received from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust to pay the commuted sum requested for the Board to undertake maintenance of the watercourse in the future.

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21:4 Floating Pennywort

The Engineer reported that Floating Pennywort was probably the most detrimental of the invasive species to flood risk management as it spread rapidly over watercourses and in flood conditions floated downstream in huge quantities causing a danger of blockage in culverts and other structures. Confirmation had been received that Floating Pennywort had been found in a watercourse near Lincoln and the Board's operational staff had been notified and asked to report any occurrences.

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22. DELEGATED MATTERS - PLANNING, BYELAWS AND SUPERVISORY ROLE

22:1 Byelaw Applications

The following Byelaw consents had been issued under delegated authority since the last Board meeting and all works carried out to specification and satisfaction of Officers:

B068-2013 - Installation of an underground fibre optic cable within eight metres of the Board maintained Catchwater Drain at national grid reference TF 51636 63191 in the parishes of Burgh le Marsh and Croft.

B069-2013 - Installation of an underground electricity cable within eight metres of the Board maintained Common Drain, off Billgate Lane at national grid reference TF 50669 64069 in the parish of Burgh le Marsh.

B072-2013 - Installation of one 200mm diameter land drainage outfall and one 160mm land drainage outfall within the left bank of the Board maintained Bull Bank Drain at national grid references TF 35111 97354 and TF 35103 97369 in the parish of Fulstow.

B074-2013 - Installation of one 160mm diameter outfall and one 200mm diameter outfall within the bank of the Board maintained Toll Bar Drain at national grid reference TF 53834 60459 in the parish of Croft.

B078-2013 - Infilling of an existing road culvert within eight metres of the Board maintained Tuttle Drain West at national grid reference TA 34541 01183 Lock Road in the parish of Tetney.

B079-2013 - Construction of a manhole to enable access to the highway culvert (Structure No. 58/14/24) on the Board maintained Sands Drain culvert at national grid reference TF 51227 - 84415 at Seaholme Road in the parish of Mablethorpe.

B080-2013 - Construction of a 500mm diameter water main crossing the Board maintained Reeds Drain at national grid reference TF 51847 74618 in the parish of Mumby.

B094-2013 - Installation of a 500mm diameter water main by directional drilling beneath the Board maintained Anderby Main Drain at national grid reference TF 52568 74173 in the parish of Mumby.

B081-2013 - Construction of a 500mm diameter water main crossing the Board maintained Mickleberry Drain at national grid reference TF 53606 73761 in the parish of Mumby.

B082-2013 - Installation of a 335mm diameter water main by directional drilling beneath the Board maintained Wigg Lane Drain at national grid reference TF 55125 73404 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

B083-2013 - Construction of a 335mm diameter water main crossing the Board maintained Cocking Pit Drain culvert at national grid reference TF 55784 73217 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

B084-2013 - Increased flow of surface water to the Board maintained Langham Drain from commissioning water from the Mumby to Chapel St Leonards Water Main replacement scheme at national grid reference TF 52712 74110 in the parish of Mumby.

B085-2013 - Increased flow of water to the Board maintained Mickleberry Drain from commissioning water from the Mumby to Chapel St Leonards water main replacement scheme at national grid reference TF 53612 73755 in the parish of Mumby.

B086-2013 - Increased flow of surface water to the Board maintained Wigg Lane Drain from commissioning water from the Mumby to Chapel St Leonards water main replacement scheme at national grid reference TF 54226 73428 in the parish of Hogsthorpe.

B087-2013 - Increased flow of water to the Board maintained Wigg Lane Drain from commissioning water from the Mumby to Chapel St Leonards water main replacement scheme at national grid reference TF 55351 73356 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

B088-2013 - Increased flow of water to the Board maintained Cocking Pit Drain from commissioning water from the Mumby to Chapel St Leonards water main replacement scheme at national grid reference TF 55777 73195 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

B103-2013 - Construction of a new access and associated works within eight metres of the Board maintained East Mar Drain and Mardyke Drain at national grid reference TF 46156 92155 within the parish of Saltfleetby.

B104-2013 - Construction of a five linear metre culvert in the Board maintained Langham Lane Drain at national grid reference TF 52717 74156 in the parish of Mumby.

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22:2 Section 23 Applications

The following Section 23 consents had been issued under delegated authority since the last Board meeting and all works carried out to specification and satisfaction of Officers:

LMDB/LDC/2013/010 - Eradication of approximately 1,190 linear metres of private watercourse at national grid reference TF 34865 97219 in the parish of Fulstow.

LMDB/LDC/2013/011 - Infilling of 920 linear metres of private watercourse between national grid references TF 53832 60462 and TF 53344 60800 and between national grid references TF 53181 60069 and TF 53002 60421 in the parish of Croft.

LMDB/LDC/2013/013 - Installation of a 500mm diameter water main by open cut method within a private watercourse along the eastern side of Langham Lane at national grid reference TF 52717 74156 in the parish of Mumby.

LMDB/LDC/2013/014 - Installation of a temporary five linear metre culvert within a private watercourse east of Langham Lane at national grid reference TF 52817 74112 in the parish of Mumby.

LMDB/LDC/2013/015 - Installation of a 500mm diameter water main by open cut method within a private watercourse east of Langham Lane at national grid reference TF 52817 74112 in the parish of Mumby.

LMDB/LDC/2013/016 - Installation of a temporary five linear metre culvert within a private watercourse off Langham Lane at national grid reference TF 52911 74069 in the parish of Mumby.

LMDB/LDC/2013/017 - Installation of a 500mm diameter water main by open cut method within a private watercourse east of Langham Lane at national grid reference TF 52911 74069 in the parish of Mumby.

LMDB/LDC/2013/018 - Installation of a temporary five linear metre culvert within a private watercourse east of Chestnut Farm, NGR TF 54227 73420 in the parish of Hogsthorpe.

LMDB/LDC/2013/019 - Installation of a 335mm diameter water main by open cut method within a private watercourse east of Chestnut Farm at national grid reference TF 54225 73412 in the parish of Hogsthorpe.

LMDB/LDC/2013/020 - Installation of a temporary five linear metre culvert within a private watercourse west of Landseer Avenue at national grid reference TF 55664 73187 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

LMDB/LDC/2013/021 - Installation of a 335mm diameter water main by open cut method within a private watercourse west of Landseer Avenue at national grid reference TF 55664 73187 in the parish of Chapel St Leonards.

LMDB/LDC/2013/022 - Installation of a five linear metre culvert in a private watercourse along the western side of the A1031 at national grid reference TF 46176 92283 in the parish of Saltfleetby St Clement.

No Section 23 applications had been dealt with on behalf of the Lead Local Flood Authority since the last meeting.

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#### 22:3 Planning Applications

The Engineer reported that officers had commented on 27 planning applications since the last Board meeting. Objection had been raised to planning application number S023/01833/13 (erection of dwellings at Burgh le Marsh) as it was not clear from the plans whether the proposed development would restrict access to the Board maintained culverted Chestnut Farm Drain. Advice had also been given to the applicant on the importance of regular maintenance of two private watercourses on the site.

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#### 23. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The attached minutes of a Health and Safety Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were noted. The Chief Executive confirmed that, as agreed under agenda item 13, although the Committee had now been dissolved, regular meetings would be held with staff and Health and Safety would continue to be a standing agenda item at Board meetings.

The Chief Executive reported that an incident had occurred at one of the Consortium Boards. Fortunately no-one was injured but the incident was reported to the Health and Safety Executive. The Chief Executive stated that this incident had prompted an independent review of Safe Systems of Work and training across the Consortium and this was fully supported by members.

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24. ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES

The Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) Annual Conference was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in London. The Chairman, Messrs G. Crust and P.W. Pridgeon attended on behalf of the Board together with the Chief Executive and Engineer.

Speakers included Mrs A. McIntosh, MP (Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee), Mr M. Cullen (Policy Advisor: Flooding, Association of British Insurers) who gave a presentation on the Future of UK Flood Insurance, and Mr E. Kraaij (Secretary General of EUWMA and Director of Unie van Waterschappen).

Members of the Question Time panel were Messrs L. Baker (Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team at DEFRA), R. Cathcart (Senior Specialist Freshwater and Wetlands, Natural England), P. Fox (Head of FCERM Strategy and Investment, Environment Agency), and Mrs J. Venables (Chief Executive of ADA).

One of the main topics for discussion was Partnership Working.

The Chief Executive reported that the Chairman of ADA had advocated openly that it was necessary for IDBs to become larger in order to comply with the Water Management Act. He further reported that ADA was to write to all IDBs to confirm the options available for running the Board e.g. stand-alone, amalgamation, consortium working or by contractor etc. and stating that Consortium working did comply with EU Regulations.

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25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr E.P. Mossop stated that a large proportion of Board meetings seemed to be spent discussing minutes of previous meetings and enquired whether the agenda could be streamlined. He suggested that actions from the minutes should be sent out with the agenda to save members asking at the meeting. Officers agreed that actions from all minutes would be included on a 'Matters Arising' sheet to be circulated prior to the Board meeting.

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