# BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

of the proceedings of a Meeting of the Board held remotely on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 2pm

#### **Members**

Chairman - \* Mr K C Casswell

*	Mr W Ash	*	Cllr T Ashton
*	Mr J Atkinson	*	Cllr R Austin
*	Mr V Barker	*	Cllr P Bedford
*	Mr J Fowler	*	Cllr M Cooper
*	Mr P Holmes	*	Cllr F Pickett
*	Mr R Leggott	*	Cllr P Skinner
*	Mr P Robinson	*	Cllr M Head
*	Mr M Rollinson	*	Cllr P Moseley
*	Mr N J Scott	*	Cllr S Walsh
*	Mr J R Wray	*	Mr M Brookes

\* Member Present

In attendance: Mr D Withnall (Acting Chief Executive)

Mr P Nicholson (Operations Manager)

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

#### 1719 RECORDING THE MEETING - Agenda Item 1

Board Members were informed that the meeting would be recorded.

#### 1720 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Agenda Item 2

There were no apologies for absence received.

#### 1721 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Agenda Item 3

There were no declarations of interest received.

#### 1722 MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING - Agenda Item 4

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were considered and it was AGREED that they should be signed as a true record.

#### 1723 MATTERS ARISING - Agenda Item 5

#### (a) <u>DUNSBY PUMPING STATION – Minute 1693(a)(v)</u>

It was noted that a further update will be given in relation to Dunsby Pumping Station later in the meeting (Minute No. 1725(a)(vi)).

### (b) POLICY No. 47 - BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN - COVID-19 - Minute 1693(b)

The Acting Chief Executive informed Board Members that a random spot check from the HSE has taken place to ensure the Board were complying with all COVID-19 regulations. The Inspector did not raise any concerns at the time of inspection and no correspondence has been received since, therefore assuming the HSE were satisfied with the measures in place.

Mr P Holmes, and the Board, wanted to note their congratulations for this, noting how difficult it must be given that all staff are not office based and are therefore working at various different locations. The Chairman added that ADA have adopted the Board's plan.

#### (c) RISK REGISTER - Minute 1693(b)(vii)

Mr R Leggott questioned whether there was any further update from the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the awaited document, which is increasing the risk level?

The Chairman responded that himself and the Chief Executive had a meeting with Norman Robinson (EA) at which they were told there wasn't any physical documentation, but that it is written into the system so that anybody can use it. However, since this meeting, the Operations Manager has found that there is some documentation consisting of 14 different emergency scenarios.

The Chairman next referenced the contingency plan for failure of an asset, which has not progressed any further.

Mr M Brookes expressed his concern that the Board should have a copy of this documentation to therefore enable the risk to be reduced.

The Operations Manager clarified that conversations will be ongoing to get a copy of the documentation and about the provision for a contingency plan.

#### (d) PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE - Minute 1693(d)(ii)

The Operations Manager noted that the investigations at South Kyme Pumping Station, Ewerby Pumping Station and Damford Pumping Station were to be completed on 1<sup>st</sup> February with the reports to follow.

#### (e) REMOTE MONITORING & CONTROL (H&S SCHEME) - Minute 1693(d)(i)

The Acting Chief Executive informed Board Members that the RFCC have approved the funding from the Local Levy for the installation of remote monitoring and control of pumping stations.

There is currently some ongoing work around whether it will be in the form of a grant or Local Levy, but the £110,000 contribution is forthcoming. The aim over the next few years will therefore be for all pumping stations to be automated and controlled remotely.

Mr P Holmes noted that the new gauge board at Dowsby Pumping Station is not visible when standing on the platform. Mr V Barker echoed this point. The Operations Manager responded that he will have it put on the other side so that it can be seen.

### 1724 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - Agenda Item 6

The Chairman presented the confirmed Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, copies of which had been circulated.

It was noted that a further update will be given in relation to Minute 1703(a), Byelaw Application, FX1707, AT Drainside South, Kirton later in the meeting (Minute 1703(a)).

The Board RESOLVED that the Minutes should be received.

# (a) CONFIDENTIAL - REPORT PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

### (b) <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u> – TO REVIEW THE SUSPENSION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

### 1725 TO RECEIVE THE UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - Agenda Item 7

The Chairman presented the unconfirmed Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, copies of which had been circulated.

The Acting Chief Executive referred to Minute 1712, informing the members of the Board that the electricity bill for December 2020 is £11,000 less than the estimate. The estimate for electricity for January 2021 is currently £96,600.

The Board RESOLVED that the Minutes should be received.

#### (a) 2021/22 BUDGET & TEN YEAR ESTIMATES REPORT

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Mr V Barker questioned whether the rate increase of 2.5% is enough, noting the two wet years and amount of work / repairs to be completed, noting that he has some neighbours that are not pleased with the water levels.

The Chairman noted that the Councils have already been told what to expect and that we should re-evaluate the penny rate level next year.

Cllr P Skinner noted that as Council Members, they are members of the Board and are not on the Board to represent the Council but are to represent the best interests of the Board. Cllr P Skinner supported Mr V Barker's point, also noting, that as leader of the Boston Borough Council, that he would be grateful if the Board stuck to their commitment as it is extremely important for fiscal planning.

The Operations Manager responded to Mr V Barker, noting that he is aware of his neighbours and have spoken with them, but unfortunately, the wet weather cannot be changed. The Operations Manager also noted that there are plans in place to bring in additional revenue over the next few years through Grant in Aid.

#### (i) **BUDGET WITH 10 YEAR ESTIMATES**

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### (ii) 2021/22 SUMMARY BUDGET BY MONTH

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### (iii) 2021/22 DETAILED BUDGET BY MONTH

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Mr V Barker noted that he struggles to read the print with it being black on blue background. The Acting Chief Executive noted that he will amend to white text on a blue background in the future.

#### (iv) 10 YEAR CAPITAL SCHEMES

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### (v) 2021/22 WAGES ON-COST RESERVE BUDGET

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### (vi) 10 YEAR PLANT REPLACEMENT BUDGET

This report was included for information as it was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Operations Manager explained that the pump had to be removed at Dunsby Pumping Station, a single pump station. Mobile pumps were brought in to cover. However, during the emergency event in December 2020 the pumps could not cope, additional capacity was brought in. However, this has brought to attention that the Board is quite under capacity in respect to the Board's own mobile pumps.

The Operations Manager outlined the two options of the 12" pump or 8" pump, noting that the 12" wouldn't be as versatile as the 8".

Mr P Holmes added that he would like the thanks of the Board to South Holland IDB for the loan of the pump during the December 2020 event to be noted. All AGREED to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Board.

Cllr P Skinner expressed his support for the purchase of another mobile pump, also noting that Lincolnshire Fire Service have purchased another four pumps. The Acting Chief Executive noted that the Fire Service's definition of a high volume pump is far less than what the Board would consider as high volume.

Mr R Leggott questioned whether the size is enough and whether it will be able to do what is expected of it?

The Chairman noted that the pump will be used in times of emergency, if purchased, the Board would then have two 6" pumps and one 8" pump, which puts the Board in a much better position. When trying to hire another 8" pump during the December 2020 event, one wasn't available and so South Holland IDB lent us theirs.

Mr V Barker noted that some of the sites are interconnected between pumping stations, questioning if Dunsby Fen could be interconnected with Hacconby Fen? If interconnecting was possible, there wouldn't be so much reliance on large pumps. The Operations Manager noted that it is something that would have to be looked at in an emergency situation, it would require machine intervention. Mr V Barker suggested it might be something to discuss at the Southern Works Committee meeting.

All AGREED to purchase the 8" hush pack pump, at a cost of approximately £60,000.

### 1726 <u>FINAL BUDGET WITH 10 YEAR ESTIMATES (AMENDED PENNY RATE) - Agenda Item 8</u>

The Acting Chief Executive explained that the Penny Rate calculation is done as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, hence this updated budget with ten year estimates including the amended Penny Rate.

The Acting Chief Executive next referred to the figure of 23.31% appearing twice, the reason for this being because of the grant money earlier in the first four years which reduces the percentage due to the expenditure increase, therefore showing a more realistic figure. With the additional income over ten years, it has pushed it up to 23.31%.

The Acting Chief Executive further noted the impact that the electricity bills from December 2020 and January 2021 will have when paid.

Mr M Rollinson referred to the red diesel rebate being removed in March 2022, questioning if this has been accounted for in the figures?

The Acting Chief Executive responded that it is not included yet, it being hoped that there may be an exemption due to being a public authority or deemed to be for agricultural use. It will increase expenditure by an estimated £43,000, which is another 2% increase in the rate, not included within the figures presented.

### 1727 PERIOD 09 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS & QUARTER 3 FORECAST - Agenda Item 9

The Acting Chief Executive highlighted the following in relation to the Period 09 Management accounts;

- Income of the 33 accounts that summonses were applied for, 8 have gone to the bailiff. There are a couple more that were on payment plans and have defaulted and so a court date for those is being arranged.
- Electricity estimate for December 2020 was £11,000 less.

The Acting Chief Executive next presented the Quarter 3 Forecast, with the summary forecast being displayed on screen. The Acting Chief Executive explained that, at the point of writing, £77,000 was needing to be found from the reserves. There was £11,000 gained from the December 2020 electricity bill, however, there is now £43,000 to be found for the January 2021 electricity bill. There is an additional £40,000 added in for Pumping Station Maintenance to cover some of it. All in all, there will be another £112,000 to find at the end of the year.

### 1728 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON RECENT INCIDENTS, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON PUMPING STATIONS - Agenda Item 10

The Chairman informed the members of the Board that there has been three emergency incidents in the last six weeks.

The Acting Chief Executive presented another telemetry graph on screen, demonstrating that the emergency plan has had to be invoked for a fourth time, although it didn't get to a height where pumps had to start being turned off.

The Acting Chief Executive explained that within hours of breaking up for the Christmas break, the emergency plan was invoked. It has always been said in the past that it takes 24 hours for the water to hit the South Forty Foot Drain (SFFD) and react. However, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 it took around 6 hours and in the more recent events has got down to 4 hours from the rain falling to the SFFD reacting. Therefore, bringing a whole new dynamic around how the emergencies work.

The Acting Chief Executive noted that he deliberately included the graph shown on page 53 of the agenda to demonstrate the 4 hour delay between the Sluice working and the Nav Lock opening during the first event. In the more recent event in January 2021, there was no delay in the Nav Lock opening as the Environment Agency (EA) put the door onto free float mode.

Photos of the Nav Lock door were displayed on screen, with Mr J Fowler explaining that he took them in January 2021 when the Nav Lock was on free float mode as opposed to hydraulic control. Mr J Fowler expressed his concern that they are approximately 50% restricting the water flow out through the Nav Lock. Next was a photo displayed of the struts that open the gates semi open, so that the tide can get behind it and close it as the tide changes.

Photos were next displayed of gates on hydraulic control, the difference being that they are almost fully open and there is no restriction in water flow. Mr J Fowler continued that, through the Operations Manager, there have since been answers from the EA regarding this and that they are on the case, designing a system that when the doors are on free flow they will open further.

Mr V Barker noted that when the enquiry was ongoing regarding the barrier, there were five working pumps and was no mention at the time of enquiry that the pumps would be switched off, feeling that the EA did not relay their future intentions. Mr V Barker next suggested that consideration be given to the original navigation channel that has the two newest pumps in, everything below ground level be taken out, and appropriate doors be put on the sea end so that the channel can be used again as a way of discharging water out of the SFFD and into the Haven.

The Chairman noted that this suggestion has been made to the EA.

Mr V Barker also questioned whether there would be a legal case regarding the enquiry stage, noting that, as a Board Member, he would not have agreed to the barrier if he knew the pumps were not going to be operational.

Mr R Leggott questioned whether any discussion has taken place with the EA regarding improving their performance of the exit of water? The Operations Manager noted that he has spoken with them and that this a temporary measure in place to protect their asset whilst the rams have been taken off and they are working on a more modern and efficient system.

Cllr P Moseley expressed his support for the point raised by Mr V Barker, noting that it seems that we are approaching a consistently repeating event, which is perhaps increasing the probability of flooding. Cllr P Mosley next noted that he struggles to interpret the telemetry graphs as there is no key outlining what is what. He further noted that it would be useful to see the rate at which the water arrives in the catchment and has to get out of the catchment in relation to the rainfall, further adding that he wonders what the telemetry graph would like if the pumps were still in operation, finally adding that it was originally argued that it was too costly to operate the pumps.

The Acting Chief Executive explained that on all the telemetry traces, the red line is Quadring Fen Pumping Station, the blue line is Dowsby Fen Pumping Station, Chain Bridge is the green trace and Black Hole is the black trace. The Acting Chief Executive also noted that if the pumps were operational, the peaks would probably not be as high and the level of 2.7 (level at which the Board start to turn pumps off) would probably not be reached as frequently.

Mr V Barker questioned why the Quadring trace appears to be running higher than Dowsby when Quadring is lower downstream, noting it doesn't make sense? The Acting Chief Executive confirmed that in two of the events Quadring was higher than Dowsby, perhaps due to the amount of water coming from the highland carriers was putting more water into the centre of the system.

Mr R Leggott noted that he does not feel there will be any funding available to bring the pumps back to operation.

The Chairman informed the Board Members of a meeting attended by himself and the Acting Chief Executive with ADA and other IDBs, with everybody remarking about the speed of which the water is hitting their systems. The Chairman added that he believes it could be related to cropping.

Cllr T Ashton also added that he has noticed that the amount of sediment in the drains and dykes seems to have increased, with them running brown with mud, more so than before.

The Chairman noted that this has also been noted by others.

The Acting Chief Executive added that the Executive Committee asked about having access to the CCTV at the Nav Lock so that officers can be assured it is open when it should be. There is now access to three live webcam cameras, which are both live and archived. These are also available to the public, the link will be circulated following the meeting.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, noted their thanks to the Acting Chief Executive, Operations Manager and Workforce during these events.

Mr V Barker referred to Water Resources East (WRE) and that they were looking into the possibility of a reservoir in the Fens. Mr V Barker suggested that consideration be given for the reservoir to be between Black Hole and the Bourne Spalding road, the pumps at Black Hole can pump into the reservoir to hold it and, if required, could be discharged back into the SFFD when the levels are low.

The Chairman noted that the sites will be narrowed down to a few possibilities within the next six months, noting that wetlands may also be used to store water.

Mr M Rollinson further noted that whilst he has sympathy for the points raised by Mr V Barker and Cllr P Mosley, he also wanted to note what a good job the Board are doing; there has been two extraordinary winters and we haven't flooded, it being a great credit to all those involved and noting that the desilting most probably helped. He also added that the EA are reactive as opposed to proactive.

It was noted that there are ongoing negotiations around the possibility of the next tranche of desilting.

### 1729 TO CONFIRM THE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED DATES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NEW BOARD IN NOVEMBER 2021 - Agenda Item 11

The Acting Chief Executive presented the proposed arrangements and dates for the election of the new Board in November 2021.

All AGREED to appoint Daniel Withnall, Acting Chief Executive, as the Returning Officer.

All AGREED to the Election Timetable as below:

4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Print Register of Electors by 4/05/21	
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Advertise Inspection of Register for 14 Days on Website 11/05/21 to 25/05/21. Include details of election in Drainage Rate leaflet.	
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Close inspection of Register	
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Give 5 Days notice of Hearing for Objection to Register (If any) on Board's website.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2021	Hear Objections to Register (if any)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2021	List of objection inspection for 14 days on the Boards Website 02/06/21 to 16/06/21 (if any)	
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Inspection of objections list closed (if any)	
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Give 5 days Notice of Hearing for Objection of claims (if any)	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021	Hear Objections to Claims (if any)	
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Dth June 2021 Board Meeting (Board to approve the register)	
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Advertise approval of Register on website.	
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Advertise Notice of Election giving last date for receipt of nominations.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Last Day for the receipt of nominations by the returning Officer.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Notice to be sent to any candidates whose nomination papers were invalid.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	If a poll has to be taken - Publish notice of election on Boards Website, affix notice to door of office. Notify candidates of nomination.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	If insufficient nominations received notice given to such number of retiring members to make up number and declare such number of members elected on the Boards Website.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	If no poll, advertise notice that no poll to be held and declaring candidates elected on Boards Website. Inform each person of his/her election.	
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Last day for receipt of notices of withdrawal of nominations (5:00pm).	
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Printing of voting papers (if necessary).	
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Dispatch voting papers.	
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Election Day. If poll to be taken, all voting papers received by 12:00 noon.	
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Advertise on Boards Website results listing Board Members.	

## 1730 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE LONGHURST HOUSING ASSOCIATION COMMUTED SUM REQUEST - Agenda Item 12

The Operations Manager noted that himself and the Planning & Byelaw Officer have been working on a proposal for a commuted sum.

The commuted sum is in relation to an ongoing development adjacent to Wyberton Low Road and Slippery Gowt Lane. The 9 metre byelaw is being respected. Some of the site will be block paved driveways or similar and it has been agreed, in principle, three maintenance visits per annum and the potential for three visits per 25 years to complete desilting works.

The Operations Manager noted that since the agenda was printed, Longhurst have said that they would not be prepared to pay a commuted sum in its entirety, therefore questioning whether the Board would be willing for Longhurst to pay the commuted sum on an annual basis.

The Chairman felt that if it was paid on an annual basis, and Longhurst went out of business, it would be very difficult to recover the remaining costs, expressing that he would rather have the commuted sum, or a very high percentage of it, at least.

It was clarified that this money is for the additional costs of putting mats down to protect their surface, and also to transport the spoil from site when desilting is completed, rather than for the work. The work will be carried out anyway, the commuted sum is for the cost of placing the provided mats down and picking them back up again to protect the driveways etc.

Cllr M Cooper felt that as much of the commuted sum as possible should be sought because it will be very difficult to reclaim the money further down the line, with housing associations frequently taking over each other etc., which will make getting the remaining money difficult.

Cllr R Austin noted that quite a lot has been tarmacked right up to the boundary and sloping down towards it. Cllr R Austin raised his concern about the amount of litter getting into the dyke, and the possibility of children getting into it also, emphasising that it is a hazardous situation that requires mitigation. Cllr R Austin noted that he will discuss with the Operations Manager further after the meeting.

All AGREED that Longhurst Housing Association should pay the full value of the commuted sum up front.

#### 1731 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT ADA LINCS BRANCH MINUTES - Agenda Item 13

The Board RESOLVED that the draft Minutes be received.

#### 1732 TO RECEIVE THE ADA IDB BULLETIN - Agenda Item 14

The item regarding red diesel was highlighted, noting the amount of red diesel used across all the IDBs is quite shocking, noting that some run diesel pumps. The EA also use a lot of red diesel.

The item regarding remote meetings was also highlighted, with the Acting Chief Executive noting that he has responded to advise that we would want remote meetings to continue being available after the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as well as a hybrid option. This will have to be changed to a permanent point within the Standing Orders.

The item regarding Health, Safety and Welfare Awareness Modules was highlighted, noting that there are videos online which seem to contain beneficial information. The link for these module videos will be circulated following the meeting.

#### 1733 REVIEW THE RISK REGISTER - Agenda Item 15

The Acting Chief Executive explained that the Internal Auditor has suggested that consideration be given to three items, as follows:

- 1.1(d) Flooding from sewers or riparian watercourses the Internal Auditor feels this could be a high impact.
- 1.8 Loss of Senior Staff the Internal Auditor feels this could have a higher likelihood score.
- 5.3 Fraud by senior Officers the Internal Auditor feels this could be a high impact.

All AGREED for the Audit & Risk Committee to review these suggestions in detail at their next meeting in May 2021.

The Chairman also noted that the internal audit has been completed and substantial assurance achieved, expressing his thanks to the Acting Chief Executive and all involved. Mr V Barker and Mr M Brookes echoed these thanks.

#### 1734 REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING: - Agenda Item 16

- (a) MONTHLY ACCOUNTS (NOVEMBER 2020 JANUARY 2021)
  The Board's monthly accounts, inclusive of November 2020 January 2021, were circulated. The Board RESOLVED that this report be noted.
- (b) <u>SCHEDULE OF CONSENTS (NOVEMBER 2020 JANUARY 2021)</u>
  The Acting Chief Executive presented the Schedule of Consents, consisting of November 2020 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated. The Board RESOLVED that this report be noted.

#### (i) BYELAW APPLICATION - FX1707 - DRAINSIDE SOUTH, KIRTON

The Operations Manager noted that this has been discussed at two meetings prior to this, giving an overview as follows. The property owner applied for permission for an extension which the Board refused as it would have been too close to the existing Board maintained piped watercourse. They have now applied for permission to take down the existing unconsented conservatory and build a single storey extension where it was. The applicant was told previously that the Board would accept a minimum of 3.5 metres from the centre line of the pipe, the application for the single storey extension, will only be 3.1 metres.

The opinions of the Board were invited, around whether the new application, which will be 3.1 metres, should be accepted.

Mr R Leggott expressed that he would not be happy to allow it, but if it is allowed, it should be explained that it is entirely at the property owner's risk.

Mr V Barker added that if this is allowed, will it set a precedent for future applicants.

It was clarified that the existing conservatory is within permitted development rights and so the Board not aware of it until now. However, it is still breaching the Board's 9m byelaw as relaxation of the Byelaw was not applied for or consented. It was clarified that the new application is for a single storey extension for a toilet and cloakroom.

The Operations Manager noted that alternative suggestions have been made such as building and extension on the side of the property away from the piped watercourse.

Proposed by Mr P Holmes, seconded by Mr R Leggott, all AGREED that by elaw consent be refused for the new application.

#### (c) RAINFALL

The rainfall figures at Swineshead and Black Hole Drove were presented, copies of which had been circulated. The Board RESOLVED that this report be noted.

#### 1735 AUTHORISE THE SEALING OF THE RATE FOR 2020/21 - Agenda Item 17

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman and Finance Manager be authorised to seal the Drainage Rate and Special Levies for the year 2021/22 as follows:

#### (a) **DRAINAGE RATES**

	Rate in the £	Estimated Amount of Drainage Rates Payable
<b>Sub-District No 1</b> – Being so much of the said Internal Drainage District as comprises the area of the Borough of Boston as constituted and in existence immediately before 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1974.	6.58p	
Sub-District No 2 – Being the remainder of the Internal Drainage District.	13.16p	
		£1,097,203.81

#### (b) SPECIAL LEVIES

Boston Borough Council	£ 842,837.86
South Holland District Council	£ 134,532.30
North Kesteven District Council	£ 71,228.24
South Kesteven District Council	£ 60,696.02
	£1,109,294.42

There being no additional business the meeting closed at 15:45.