

Minutes of a meeting of the Woodwalton Drainage Commissioners held on at The Admiral Wells, 41 Station Road, Holme, Peterborough, PE7 3PH at 11.00am.

Apologies for Absence J S Papworth, J Rule

Present J R Papworth (Chairman), A W Lensen, R L Price, Cllr S Bywater, L Parker, K Smith,

1/21 Declaration of members Pecuniary Interests

J R Papworth declared an interest in any discussion regarding drain works. All members declared interests in their land.

2/21 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th July 2020 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record.

3/21 Appointment of new member

The Board co-opted K Smith to join the Board after the resignation of C Evans.

4/21 Matters Arising

A Lensen told the Board he is looking to move gates to Higney and asked if any Board contributions were available. The Board agreed to look at this again when in the future.

a) Bap report – The Clerk report upon the 2021-2022 Bap report from the Environmental Officer. The report was accepted.

b) Badgers- R Price reported that MLC had been contacted about the badgers in the Monks Lode. J Papworth commented that he hadn't seen any action to date.

5/21 District Officer

J Papworth reported that on the wet Christmas of 2020. The pump ran over 720 hours, and extended drainworks were carried out to avoid flooding.

J Papworth felt that the pump could do with a service. R Price is to arrange this.

6/21 General Matters

a) A Health and Safety Audit was carried out. It concludes that new signage and a life aid is to be put on the Station.

b) R Price reported that ADA is addressing the issues that IDBs face with the potential loss of red diesel. They are currently in talks with DEFRA and HMRC Treasuries, providing analytics and information as to the massive cost increases for the industry.

c) The Board motioned, voted and passed to adopt the new model Bylaws once ADA had made them available.

7/21 Payments

The Commissioners considered and approved the payments made during 2020/2021.

8/21 Estimates of Income and Expenditure

R Price reported that to date income of £7,560.66 had been received whilst expenditure of £15,299.76 had been incurred. The Clerk presented the bank statement that showed the balance as at 31st March 2020 as £38,752.42.

9/21 Annual Accounts year ending 31st March 2020

R Price presented the Annual Government and Accounting Statement, which was approved by the board.

10/21 Rating and Levies 2021/22

Under Section 37 of the Land Drainage Act 1991, the appropriate proportions in which the net expenditure of the Board must be borne for 2020/2021:

- a) Proportion to be borne by Agricultural Sector 96.22%
- b) Proportion to be borne by Special Levy issued to Huntingdon District Council 3.78%

A rate in the £ on agricultural land and buildings of 12.00p.

RESOLVED – that a rate of 15p in the £ be levied.

That the Clerk/Consultant be authorised to collect any outstanding drainage rate through the appropriate court.

That the seal be affixed to the Record of drainage rate and special levies.

11/21 Date of next meeting

TBC.