

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
THORNTREE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018  
AT THE OFFICES OF TOWNEND CLEGG & CO, 4 BELGRAVIA, GOOLE  
COMMENCING AT 08:30am**

**PRESENT**

D. N. Hinchliffe – Chairman  
J E Hinchliffe  
D Backhouse  
S Hall  
S P Longthorp  
K Fillingham  
M J Townend - Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

All Board Members were present

**2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 having been previously circulated to all Board Members, it was proposed Mr S Longthorp, and seconded Mr D Backhouse that these were a true record of the meeting. This was carried and the minutes were signed by the Chairman Mr D N Hinchliffe.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

All matters arising will come under the relevant Agenda items.

**4. TO REPORT ON THE 2018 ELECTION**

The Clerk reported that nominations for election to The Board had been advertised on The Board's website, inviting nominations to stand for The Board on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The Clerk reported that there had only been a total of 6 nominations, nominations having been received from the following:

James Edward Hinchliffe  
David Norman Hinchliffe  
Keith Fillingham  
Stuart Hall  
David Stephen Backhouse  
Simon Peter Longthorp

As there has only been 6 nominations, and this was the number of members on The Board, the Clerk declared by Notice dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – on The Board's website that the above named had been duly elected to stand as Members of The Board for the ensuing 3 years.

**5. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman of The Board for the ensuing 3 years, and it was proposed Mr S Hall, seconded Mr K Fillingham that Mr D N Hinchliffe should be The Board Chairman, and this was unanimously carried by the meeting.

**6. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

The Clerk requested nominations for Vice-Chairman of The Board for the ensuing 3 years, and it was proposed Mr D N Hinchliffe, seconded Mr D Backhouse that Mr S Longthorp should be The Board's Vice- Chairman, and this was unanimously carried by the meeting.

**7. RELEVANT CORRESPONDANCES**

The Clerk had dealt with routine correspondences, and there was no specific correspondences to be considered by the meeting.

**8. TO APPROVE THE INVOICES PAID 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

The Clerk presented a Schedule of payments for approval being invoice numbers 1-4, together with direct debit payments and bank charges. It was proposed Mr J Hinchliffe, seconded Mr K Fillingham that these be approved, and this was carried by The Board.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that the various balances were as follows:

Current Account:	£23,649.80
Deposit Account:	<u>£15,255.46</u>
Total:	<u>£38,905.26</u>

The Clerk reported that there were 2 outstanding rate payers being Mr Holt and Mr Goodfellow, and that the necessary account renders would be forwarded to them.

**10. MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

The Chairman reported that Mr Colwill had carried out cleaning and de-weeding to approximately 160 chain of the The Board ditches, and the invoice was awaited.

The usual flail mowing had been carried out by Martin Richardson, and again the invoice was awaited.

The Chairman raised the question of consideration of refurbishment of the main pump, which was last refurbished in 2009 – and it was agreed that this matter should be looked into over the next 12 months.

**11. THORNE MOORS WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Following a meeting earlier in the year between Tim Kohler of Natural England, and the Chairman and Clerk, the Clerk had now received a letter from Natural England's Agent asking for additional supporting evidence in respect of The Board's request for a contribution towards the cost of running the pump, as a result of water coming off the Moors. The Chairman reminded The Board that there was approximately 200 HA of Moors within The Board's boundaries, and it was now taking an extra month to bring The Board's ditches back to normal water levels during the winter months, this being clearly evident by the amount of brown water being shown in the ditch, and as such he considered that The Board's expenses in running the pumps had been increased by approximately 20%.

The Chairman and Clerk had already met to discuss this matter with a view to submitting a formal letter back to Natural England's Agents, and this would be done shortly.

**12. BIO-DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**

Mr J Hinchliffe reported that a number of surveys had been carried out upon the Moors by Martin Warne, Helen Kirk and Dirk, together with himself and the results are shown below:

**ADDER RECORDS 2018**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sighting</u>	<u>Area</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2	Alder Bank
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1	Alder Bank
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2	Alder Bank
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1	Alder Bank
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2	Alder Bank
9 <sup>th</sup> March	9	Alder Bank
9 <sup>th</sup> March	17	Alder Bank
13 <sup>th</sup> March	13	Alder Bank
21 <sup>st</sup> March	7	Alder Bank
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	16	Alder Bank
25 <sup>th</sup> March	8	Alder Bank
25 <sup>th</sup> March	18	Alder Bank
26 <sup>th</sup> March	8	Alder Bank
29 <sup>th</sup> March	22	Alder Bank
1 <sup>st</sup> April	1	Alder Bank
7 <sup>th</sup> April	16	Alder Bank
9 <sup>th</sup> April	25	Alder Bank
25 <sup>th</sup> April	3	Alder Bank
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1	Dead at Creykes Sidings

**LARGE HEATH BUTTERFLY RECORDS 2018**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sighting</u>	<u>Area</u>
31 <sup>st</sup> May	1	Section 4
10 <sup>th</sup> June	4	Section 4
	3	Section 5
	9	Section 6

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman requested that the next Board Meeting should be moved to 9am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019, this was approved.

There being no further business the Board Meeting closed at 09:20am.