

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
THORNTREE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2022
AT BANK HOUSE FARM, RAWCLIFFE BRIDGE
COMMENCING AT 08:30am

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

All Board Members were present.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2021

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 30th November 2021 having been previously circulated to all Board Members, it was proposed Mr K Fillingham, and seconded Mr S Hall 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

The Clerk confirmed that the order for the new control panel had been ordered from Interlec's at a sum of £5,200.00 + VAT, and this work was proposed to be carried out in Spring 2022.

4. RELEVANT CORRESPONDANCES

The Clerk had dealt with any relevant correspondences, there having been no specific items of correspondences to be brought to the meeting.

5. TO APPROVE INVOICES PAID 1st NOVEMBER TO 31st DECEMBER 2021

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments for approval, consisting of direct debit payments for electricity and bank charges, as well as Mr Colwill's accounts, and it was proposed Mr J E Hinchliffe, Seconded Mr S Longthorp that the accounts be approved, and this was carried by the Board.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported the various balances as at the date of the meeting were as follows:

Current Account:	£22,844.45
Deposit Account:	£15,310.60
Total:	<u>£38,155.05</u>

The Clerk confirmed that all drainage rates had been paid, and the first payment of £5,000 had been received from Natural England.

7. MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that Mr Colwill's account for maintenance work for 2021 had been paid, together with the repair costs to the flap to the river outfall.

There were no other specific items of maintenance required, other than routine annual maintenance works.

8. TO AGREE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

The Clerk provided a copy of estimated costs for the current year, and the proposed budget for the year 2022/2023. The accepted budget for 2022 had been £18,050.00 with estimated actual costs likely to be in the region of £15,565.00.

The draft proposed budget for 2022/2023 was presented and discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk's remuneration should be increased from £2,000.00 to £2,250.00 per annum.

It was agreed that the Pump Reserve Account should remain at an annual payment of £1,000.00 to build up funds, for as and when the pump will need further refurbishment in the future.

It was proposed Mr S Hall, seconded Mr D Backhouse, that the proposed budget for 2022/2023 be a sum of £18,200.00, and this was approved by the Board.

9. TO FIX DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVY FOR 2022/2023

The Clerk reported that in view of the proposed budget for 2022/2023 having only been increased by £150.00 from the previous year's budget, that it would not be necessary to increase the drainage rate from the current level of 13.5p in the £.

It was proposed Mr J Hinchliffe, seconded Mr K Fillingham that the drainage rate for the year ending 31st March 2023 should be fixed at 13.5p in the £, and this was approved by the meeting.

Taking into account the special levy rateable value which stood at a rateable value of £17,952.00, and based on a rate of 13.5p in the £, this would give an amount for the special levy of £2,423.52

It was proposed Mr S Longthorp, seconded Mr J E Hinchliffe that the special levy should be fixed at £2,423.52, and this was approved by the Board.

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that there was nothing to report to the meeting.

11. THORNE MOORS WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Chairman, Mr D Hinchliffe reported that there was a meeting to be held with the Chairman of ADA, and the Chairman of the low Peatland Task Force, Mr Robert Caudwell together with Mr Innes Thompson of ADA, and the Chairman of the Board and this meeting had provisionally been fixed for Tuesday 15th February 2022.

The Chairman confirmed that he would report back at the next Board Meeting.

Mr J E Hincliffe advised the Board that there had been water running off the Moors into the Boundary drains during the week commencing 17th January 2022, and this position should be Monitored particularly in view of the forthcoming hydrology survey being carried out on the Moors by Natural England.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reminded Board Members that 2022 was an election year, and as such nomination papers would be sent out in September, and that the election would be advertised on the Board's website.

The Clerk was in the process of updating information of on the website, and hopefully this will be up to date within the next month or so.

The forthcoming Board Meetings were fixed as follows:

Tuesday 21st June 2022

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Tuesday 24th January 2023

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:45am.