

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
THORNTREE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
HELD ON TUESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2021
AT THE OFFICES OF TOWNEND CLEGG & CO, 4 BELGRAVIA, GOOLE
COMMENCING AT 08:30am

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr D Backhouse

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING HELD ON 19th JULY 2021

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 19th July 2021 having been previously circulated to all Board Members, it was proposed Mr J E Hinchliffe, and seconded Mr K Fillingham 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

There were no matters arising.

4. RELEVANT CORRESPONDANCES

The Clerk had reported that relevant correspondences had been dealt with or would be raised other items in the Agenda.

5. TO APPROVE INVOICES PAID 1st APRIL TO 31st OCTOBER 2021

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments for approval, these being invoice numbers 1-6, together with direct debits and bank charges.

It was proposed Mr S Hall, seconded Mr S Longthorp that these accounts be approved, and this was carried by the Board.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported the various balances were as follows:

Current Account:	£18,026.59
Deposit Account:	£15,310.22
Total:	<u>£33,336.81</u>

The Clerk reported that all Drainage Rates had now been paid.

The Clerk reported that he had received the remittance advice notification that £5,000 from Natural England was due to be paid into the Board's account before the end of November.

7. MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The Chairman reported that Mr Colwill has done a total of 383 chains of bucket work in The Board's drains, and that his invoice was awaited.

It was reported that there was a small leak back from the river, and Mr Colwill was to take a look at this with regards to repairs.

The Chairman had raised concerns with regards to the condition of the control panel for the main pump at the last meeting, and had received the Board's instructions to get quotes for the replacement of the panel.

The Chairman had obtained a quote from Welvent approximately 12 months ago at a cost of £4,720 + VAT , but it was anticipated that this would have risen by an additional 15%.

A quote had also been received from Interlec for £5,200 + VAT.

In view of Intelec's speciality in providing control equipment for pumps it was agreed that the best Quote to consider was that from Interlec.

It was proposed Mr S Longthorp, seconded Mr J E Hinchliffe that the Board should accept Interlec's Quote for a new control panel in the sum of £5,200 + VAT, and this was duly accepted by the Board.

8. THORNE MOORS WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Clerk confirmed that Natural England had agreed to make the payment of the £10,000 sum, which had been agreed on a without prejudice basis by way of 2 x £5,000 instalments, one prior to the 31st March 2022 and the other one after the 1st April 2022.

The Clerk had received remittance advice that the first payment of £5,000 was due to be paid into the Board's bank account by the end of November.

The Chairman advised the Board that he had attended the ADA conference recently, at which time he had opportunity to speak with Robert Caulwell, Chairman of ADA and also Chairman of the Low Peatland Task Force.

The Chairman had expressed his concerns with regards to the re-wetting of the Thorne Moors, and the effect that this was having on adjoining farmland, and Robert Caulwell together with Innes Thompson had agreed to meet with Board Chairmen from the Drainage Boards adjoining the Thorne Moors, and have a discussion and possible site meeting to look at the problems being experienced as a result of the re-wetting of the Moors, such a meeting was planned to take place in February 2022. The Hydrology Survey of the Moors commissioned by Natural England was still ongoing, and it was hoped that this would have an interim report available in Summer 2022.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Nothing to report.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business for the meeting, with the exception of the confirmation of the next Board which is to take place on Tuesday 25th January 2022, commencing at 09:00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 08:52am.