MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
THORNTREE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
HELD ON TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2022
AT THE OFFICES OF TOWNEND CLEGG & CO, 4 BELGRAVIA, GOOLE
COMMENCING AT 09:00am

PRESENT
D. N. Hinchliffe – Chairman
R Hinchliffe
K F Fillingham
S Longthorp
D Backhouse
M J Townend - Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Mr S Hall.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2022

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 21st June 2022 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 Hinchcliffe.

3. MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising will come under the relevant Agenda items.

4. TO REPORT ON THE 2022 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 30th September 2022.

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

- Richard David 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 3rd October 2022 on the Board's website that the above named have been duly elected to stand as members of the Board for the ensuing 3 years.

All new members of the Board have been notified by post on the 10th October 2022.

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 D Backhouse, seconded Mr S Longthorp that Mr D N Hinchliffe should be the Board's Chairman, and this was unanimously carried by the meeting.

6. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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

7. CORRESPONDANCES

The Clerk reported that the Natural England report on the assessment of the Hydrological Impact of Peatland and Restoration at Thorne Moors SSSI on surrounding ground had now been received from Natural England and the Clerk would circulate a copy of this report ahead of the January 2023 Board meeting, so as it can be discussed at that stage.

8. TO APPROVE INVOICES PAID FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST OCTOBER 2022

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments for approval being invoices 1-7, together with direct debit payments and bank charge debits. It was proposed Mr R Hinchliffe, seconded Mr D Backhouse, that these be approved and this was carried the Board.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the various balances were as follows:

Current Account:	£28,656.55
Deposit Account:	£15,316.71
Total:	**£43,973.26**

The Clerk confirmed that all drainage rates for the current year have now been paid in full.

The Clerk advised the Board that as a result of a significant increase in electricity charges that the Budget be put to the January Board meeting for the year ending 31st March 2024, would result in a substantial increase in the rate in the £ charged to drainage rate recipients.

It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare 2 budgets to put to the January meeting, 1 to be an Interim budget, with a second being a full budget showing the implications of an increase in electricity charges for the year which was estimated going forward to be £15,000 per annum.

10. MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The Chairman reported that Mr Colwill had completed the bucket work to the various drains, a total of 198 chains of bucket work had been carried out to the Pumping drain and the Roadside drain adjoining Johnny Moor Long Lane.

The Chairman reported that the Pumping Drain Reservoir was in need of de-sludging, and the Chairman was to obtain a quote from Mr Colwill to carry out this work.

At the same time Mr Colwill was to be asked to check the river flap, as there has been some run back to the pump from the river.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Clerk reported that Vulcan had carried out annual inspection, and with the exception of a small gap in the new control board adjoining the handle everything was found to be in order.

12. THORNE MOORS WATER LEVEL MANANGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

It was agreed that the Clerk would forward a copy of the Rigare report commissioned by Natural England to all Board members ahead of the January Board meeting, so as it can be discussed at length and the time.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board meeting was to be held on Tuesday 17th January 2023, commencing at 09:00am at 4 Belgravia, Goole.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9:21am.