

# Rea Internal Drainage Board

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE VICTORY HALL, YOCKLETON on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7:30pm

### Present:

D Dale (Chairman)  
P Jetson  
C Sandells  
A Jones  
J Morris  
RLR Jones (Clerk and Surveyor)

### 1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

### 2 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (previously circulated), were accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### 3 Matters arising from the Minutes

The Clerk confirmed that the culvert beneath the A488 at Cruckmeole had been jetted.

### 4 Maintenance Report

The Surveyor confirmed that David Bishop, contractor, had completed all the work that was possible to do from the 2014/15 programme. He and the Chairman had inspected part of the work undertaken and had spent a day in March looking at water courses in preparation for the maintenance programme for 2015/16.

The Chairman confirmed that the vegetation and tree growth at the bottom end of Noatmoor had been cut back and it should now, therefore, be possible to clean this watercourse in Autumn 2015.

The account from the contractor had not been received as yet for this year's maintenance.

## 5 Maintenance Programme 2015/16

The proposed schedule for maintenance 2015/16 was considered.

- Watercourse 1, Aylesford Brook – the Surveyor was to seek the views of the ratepayer, A Wainwright.
- Watercourse 3, Vicarage, Marton – the Surveyor would liaise with J Dale regarding the cutting back of trees and bushes on the lower section. The top section had been done.
- Watercourses 33, 34 and 35 – the Surveyor would speak with David Evans, Board Member, over these.
- Watercourse 36, Boycott – the Surveyor was asked to speak with Richard Davies, the farmer concerned to see if he wishes this to be done. It will require some cutting back at the bottom end.
- Watercourse 41, Halston – this would be included as it was not done in 2014/15.
- Watercourse 43, Cruckmeole and 49, Hanwood – following clearance of the road culvert, it was recommended that this be included. C Sandells was keen for a length through his pasture land to be done at an early date. This would probably assist with the drying of the field. The contractor to be warned of the potential for silt to re-settle in the road culvert as a consequence of his work.
- Watercourse 23, Hem extension No 1 – the Chairman confirmed this was badly in need of cleaning. The Clerk was asked to liaise with J Evans, The Hirst, to seek to obtain his agreement for this watercourse to be cleaned. If it was not cleaned, it could well impact on neighbouring ratepayers' land.
- Watercourse 23, Hem extension No 2 – the Clerk had inspected this and recommended that the whole length be cleaned.
- Watercourse 44 – Cruckton Brook – only small discrete areas dotted along the length, needed cleaning. It was recommended that Andrew Bebb be asked to show the contractor on site the areas concerned.
- Watercourse 46 – Cruckton New Cut (bottom end) – the Chairman explained that as long as the bottom end was regularly maintained, it seemed that the upper lengths stayed relatively clean. Weed growth was the real problem in this watercourse. Contractor be asked to see if he could cut this rather than using a desilting bucket.

In addition it was agreed to look at the Sludge Brook. J Morris would speak with David Smith to see if he wished for this to be added to our schedule. D Bishop would be asked to confirm his rates for 2015/16.

**6 Financial Report**

Current balances - £23,957.30  
Receipts since last meeting - £62.23  
Payments since last meeting - £921.64  
All as per the cash book attached  
Current arrears - £237.70


The Board confirmed that the Clerk should write to ratepayers in arrears stating that unless they were paid within two weeks, steps for recovery would be implemented. This to go out prior to the 2015/16 demands.

The financial report was passed on a motion proposed by Derwas Dale and seconded by Aubrey Jones.

**7 Retirement Presentation**

A retirement presentation is to be made to the former Clerk & Surveyor, J M Donald. The Chairman suggested that the date of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 be put to Jim Donald, meeting at 6.30pm for 7.0pm at The Lowfield Inn, Marton. Subject to this date being suitable to Jim Donald, all current Board Members, together with past Chairman, Paul Roberts, would be invited. Members would pay for their own meals. The Chairman would contact Jim Donald to invite him and confirm the date.

8 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

  
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Dated ..... 30/6/15 .....