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Minutes of meeting of the Rea Internal Drainage Board held at the Victory Hall, Yockleton on Thursday 5 June 2014 at 7.30pm

Present:- D Dale (Chairman), A Bebb (Vice-chairman), D Evans, A Jones and B Roberts (Board members) RLR Jones (Clerk and Surveyor designate) and JM Donald (Clerk and Surveyor)

The Chairman welcomed Mr RLR Jones to the meeting. It was confirmed on the proposal by D Dale seconded by A Bebb that Mr Jones becomes Clerk and Surveyor on the first of July 2014 following the retirement of Mr Donald on thirtieth of June 2014.

Apologies for absence:- J Morris and P Jetson.

Minutes of the previous meeting of 30 March 2014 (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a true record. Proposed by A Bebb seconded by B Roberts.

Points arising:- None.

Maintenance Report:- The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Environment Agency and given them photographs of typical weed growth and shoaling in the Rea Brook. He had been told that the Agency had received additional funding and should be able to do some work on the Main River this year. The meeting expressed concern about the state of the Main River from the Hem Drain to Horsebridge.

Recent inspections had been made of Cruckton School, Cruckton New Cut, Cruckton Brook, Halston, Clan Brook, Farley 1 and 2, Noatmoor, Workhouse Brook and Vicarage Marton and the Main River at Lower Wood outfall.

The maintenance programme for 2014/2015 would include part of the Vicarage Marton, Workhouse Brook, Noatmoor, Halston, Asterley Brook above the public road, Hem Extension No 2 (subject to the ratepayer's agreement) Paddock Drain (east branch) and possibly parts of Cruckton New Cut and Cruckton Brook and other water courses subject to prioritisation and funding. The upper length of the Vicarage Marton had already been done at the ratepayers' request.

The Clerk reported that because of a mistake by Shropshire Council and Severn Trent Water raw sewage had been discharged into the highway drain at the Grove, Minsterley and thus into the top end of the Minsterley Drain. The Council's consultants had advised those concerned including the Environment Agency and confirmed that appropriate measures would be taken.

Financial Report:- The meeting approved the list of transactions carried since the previous meeting as attached to these minutes. Proposed by D Dale seconded by A Bebb.

The meeting discussed and approved the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014 (previously circulated) Proposed by D Dale seconded by A Bebb. The meeting acknowledged the amount of reserves but confirmed that these were necessary in the

event of any large unexpected expenditure and that the benefit of free bank charges currently enjoyed outweighed any interest payable on a hard core savings accounts in the current financial climate.

The meeting also approved the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2014 (previously circulated) Proposed by A Bebb seconded by D Dale.

The meeting also confirmed that they were satisfied with Mr A Benson as internal auditor and confirmed his continuing appointment. The meeting considered the system of internal control and assessment of any risks involved and determined that the current practice as set out in the Statement of Internal Control etc as attached to the accounts should continue subject to review as necessary. Proposed by D Dale seconded by A Bebb

Administration:- The meeting considered that the impending change of Clerk and Surveyor and the possibility of part of Powysland IDB in England being incorporated into the Rea IDB provided an opportunity to revise various administrative matters such as Health and Safety Policy, Website, Biodiversity Action Plan and mapping and record keeping taking advantage of the IT now available.

Powysland IDB in England:- The Board meeting on 20 March 2014 raised various points to be considered in particular what consultation had taken place with the Powysland ratepayers affected. The Clerk had taken this up with Defra and a copy of his email to Defra and Defra's reply is attached to these minutes setting out the procedure. It was agreed to make contact with the person dealing with this at the Environment Agency to discuss this further.

Correspondence and other business:- The Clerk had received an application from A Jones for consent to discharge surplus storm water from a proposed poultry unit at Aston Rogers (which had recently been granted planning permission) into the Aston Hem watercourse. The development had received the approval of the Environment Agency. The Clerk and Surveyor had looked at the various documents which formed part of the planning application in particular the measures for dealing with the storage and reuse of rain water and which are on file.. The meeting agreed that the Board should give the requested consent subject to payment of the prescribed fee. Proposed by A Bebb seconded by D Dale.


As Lead Local Flood Authority Shropshire Council are required by the Flood and Water Management Act to develop a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Shropshire. Shropshire Council have agreed to work with Staffordshire County Council and the public consultation period closes 30 June 2014. Richard Jones gave a brief outline and the meeting was in agreement in general with the proposals but wished to emphasise that any finance raised within the Drainage District including the Flood Defence Levy must be ring fenced for the benefit of the Drainage District and that the Strategy provided that any run off caused by operations and development in the Catchment outside the Drainage District was dealt with at source and not allowed to form an additional burden on the Drainage District.

ADA Clerks' Meeting at Peterborough. It was agreed that R Jones as Clerk designate would attend on behalf of the Board as he was already proposing to attend as Clerk of Meverley IDB. Rea IDB would be responsible for 50% of his attendance costs.

Correspondence had been received from the office of the new South Western Branch of ADA (formerly Severn and Wales Branch) regarding a meeting. The meeting again confirmed that the location was too far away to be of benefit.

Summer Evening Meeting to be arranged.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.



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