

# Rea Internal Drainage Board

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT Victory Hall, Yockleton on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:30pm

### Present:

D Dale (Chairman)  
A Dale  
N Manning  
B Roberts  
A Bebb  
A Jones  
J Dale  
C Sandells  
John Morris  
D Evans  
P Jetson  
Councillor N Hignett  
Councillor R Evans  
R L R Jones (Clerk & Surveyor)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

### 2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Clerk confirmed the Special Levy had been sent out to Shropshire Council in the sum of £528.52.

The Clerk confirmed he had applied for Grant Aid from the Government Transparency Fund but as yet had not heard anything from them.

### 4. Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported D Bishop had undertaken the cleaning work on Watercourse 28 on N Manning's land. The Clerk and Chairman had inspected this and confirmed the work had been done to a good standard. The account for this had not yet been received. The original figure of £1,200 did include cleaning out of three culverts and work in the Rea Brook but this had not been undertaken by the contractor. The length of ditch cleaned was 700m.

The Surveyor then outlined the suggested maintenance programme for 2018, having inspected the area with the Chairman on the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

WC No:	Name	Length to clean	Years since last done
17	Paddock Drain (top end)	440	5
17	Paddock Drain above track culvert	480	5
15	Workhouse	1660 + 70	6
16	Sludge (lower part)	440	6
12/13	W I Croft	605	6
9	Gooseneck & Vance	540	6
32	Jones & Roberts	300	5
28	Minsterley Drain (part north leg)	640	5/7
26	Park Farm	363	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,538</b>	
	Estimated cost - £7,500		

The Chairman commented 17 Paddock Drain above Track Culvert can only be undertaken if this culvert is repaired and replaced by the landowner. The Surveyor was instructed to write to Duncan Roberts appropriately.

WC 12/13 – W I Croft. A Jones would ask the farmer if they wish this to be done.

9 Gooseneck and Vance – these were full of river water to bank level at time of inspection. Aubrey Jones indicated that it was not worth undertaking cleaning these unless the river bed level could be lowered. A Jones also asked that the bottom end of Aston Brook from the Rea up to the Paddock Drain outfall be cleaned and that the tree at the junction of the Aston Brook and the river be removed. The Surveyor was asked to write to Phillips to remove the tree.

## 5. Financial Report

Balances:

£3,1429.70 as per cash book

Payments since last meeting - nil

Receipts since last meeting - £227.17

Debtors - £388.14 - the majority of this pertains to Mr Purslow who has recently died. The Clerk was instructed to write to Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors for the Executors in relation to these arrears and future demands.

## 6. Correspondence

This essentially comes from ADA Newstream February 2018:-

- a) Government 25 year Environment Plan announced

- b) Rationalizing of Main River Network – demaining pilot consultations
- c) RFCC Chair for Severn & Wye and Wheeler has stepped down and Shirel Steadman has been appointed in her place. Ms Steadman has been a Board Member for some years.
- d) Flood & Coast Exhibition Conference – Telford March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> had taken place. The Clerk had not attended this year.

Review of Clerk's Remuneration

The Clerk had circulated a report on future administration of the Board to members, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

The Chair asked for comments and explained that matters had moved on significantly since the January meeting. The circulated report outlined the proposed way forward in employing Richard Jones directly rather than through Balfours. Balfours had indicated that they would no longer support Richard Jones in his Drainage Board work with secretarial and accounting staff.

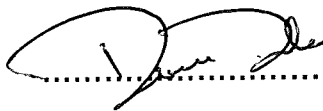
On a motion proposed by A Bebb and seconded by C Sandells, the Board unanimously voted to approve the employment of Richard Jones directly as their Clerk and Surveyor at a salary of £3,000, plus costs as outlined. This would be for a one year term to be reviewed annually.

**7. Any Other Business**

Roger Evans raised the General Data Protection Rules which come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk was asked to gain advice from ADA, so that the appropriate notice can be sent out to all ratepayers with the annual demands in early May.

The Chairman confirmed that 2018 was an election year. This would be held in September or October, if necessary. He explained that he would be 70 years old next year and would wish to step down as Chairman but would be happy to continue as a Board Member, therefore the Board would need to appoint a new Chairman at the January meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

  
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Dated 19 JUNE 2018  
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