

Rea Internal Drainage Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE VICTORY HALL, YOCKLETON on Thursday, 1st October 2015 at 7:30pm

Present:

D Dale (Chairman)
N Manning
A Jones
B Roberts
B Evans
P Jetson
R L R Jones (Clerk & Surveyor)

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman asked members to remember Cliff Phillips, past Chairman of the Board, who had recently died.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were received from A Bebb and J Morris.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th July 2015 (previously circulated), were accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

4. Maintenance Report

It was reported that Matthew Bishop on behalf of David Bishop had started work. He had done part of The Hirst (No 23 extension 2). In addition No 49 Hanwood had been cleaned. No 41 Halston, David Bishop had stated the fields had already been sown to Winter corn. The Board therefore agreed that this would be left for a further year. Of the other watercourses, No 36 Boycott, David Evans would speak to Richard Davies although it was felt he was not concerned if this was left. Nos 34 and 35, Farley 1 and 2, D Evans would ask Philip Tudor if he wanted these doing. The Board was keen that they be done if he agreed. No 33, Young & Jones, David Evans would ask Martin Jones if he wants this doing. No 1 Vicarage, Matthew Bishop is to speak to James Dale over this. No 3 Aylesford, the surveyor would talk to Alan Wainwright and then inform Bishop if this was to be done.



The Chairman requested the Surveyor contact EA to ascertain their policy on maintenance work on the Rea Brook this Autumn. The section above Lea Bridge in particular, was in very poor condition.

5. Financial Report

Current balances - £26,127.08
Receipts since last meeting - £7,172.12
Payments since last meeting - £578.72
All as per the cash book attached
Current arrears - £3,339.10

The Clerk confirmed he had written to Shropshire Council for their payment, with BACS details. He confirmed that the audit had been satisfactorily completed and the fee for this year was a modest £120 plus VAT.

The Clerk was to write to C ^{Miles} Morris requesting payment of the two years' arrears. With the other arrears Board members would approach them. C ^{Miles} Morris would be told that personal collection of rates would no longer continue.

6. Correspondence

This was mostly by email from ADA



- a) **22nd September 2015:** NALC transparency code was for all authorities below £25K turnover. This was an opportunity for funding of IT equipment to make smaller Boards comply with DEFRA's website requirements. As REA, through Balfours, had website and a computerised rating programme, it was not appropriate to try for this.
- b) **18th September 2015:** ADA/NFU/CLA presentation to Oliver Letwin, MP.
- c) **18th September 2015:** Eel regulations questionnaire.
- d) **17th August 2015:** Audit change for 2016. The date period for the audit 30 days public inspection period has been brought forward. It now runs from the earliest 3rd June to the latest 11th August. This means that we will have to have a meeting in mid June to approve the accounts and comply with this inspection period.
- e) **3rd August 2015:** Committee on climate change published it's first report to parliament, 'Flooding of Agricultural Land'.
- f) **22nd July 2015:** Water company drought plan guidelines, published by EA. ADA had responded to the consultation.
- g) **16th July 2015:** DEFRA annual return to be sent in by 30th August 2015. The Clerk confirmed this had been sent, albeit a little late.
- h) **3rd July 2015:** Flood Re Update. Commencement of this had now been deferred to April 2016.
- i) **3rd August 2015:** Shropshire and Staffordshire flood risk management service delivery group meeting minutes. Shropshire and Staffordshire were working together on drainage matters to produce the required flood strategy.

j) **Flood Expo:** London Excel Conference Centre 14th and 15th October 2015.

k) **ADA AGM:** 12th November 2015, London.


7. **Any Other Business**

Monday, 16th November - EA Liaison Meeting. The Chairman reminded members of this and the Clerk also explained that this year, this would be used as an opportunity for the former Severn and Wales drainage authorities to get together. This would cover Rea, Molverley, Strine and Lugg.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

This was set for Thursday, 14th January 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.



Dated 14/1/16 .