

Rea Internal Drainage Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE VICTORY HALL, YOCKLETON on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

These were received from Neale Manning and Peter Jetson

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2017 previously circulated were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Minsterley Brook

In the absence of N Manning, A Bebb reported that Severn Trent Water and Shropshire Council had been given a 28 day period in which to resolve the issues to the Flood Forum's satisfaction. Councillor Hignett reported that he was getting involved with the Minsterley Flood Forum and gathering information about the issues.

4. Maintenance Report

The surveyor reported that the contractor David Bishop had done work on the 2017

maintenance programme. He had completed most of the work on 23 Aston Hem, 18 Aston Brook and 17 Paddock Drains. He had just started on 45 Cruckton School and would move on to 48 New Cut and thence to 26 Park Farm, 27 Horsebridge and 24/25 Noatmoor.

5. Financial Report

The Balances – £30,979.86
 Receipts since last meeting - £10,959.78
 Payments since last meeting - £2,282.59
 Debtors - £1,948.55 or as per the attached.

Among payments made have been those to Debt Collector, Internal Auditor, Website hosting cost, Environment Agency Flood Defence Levy.

Amongst receipts we had received the Environment Agency Foreign Water Grant.

The Clerk reported that the:-

EA/IDB Liaison Meeting would be held on Thursday 14th December 2017 at Kidderminster. After lunch the Inaugural ADA Marches Branch AGM would be held. The Clerk confirmed that there would be no cost to the Board for attending this meeting. The new President of ADA, Robert Cauldwell together with Chief Executive Innes Thompson and Ian Moodie and a Technical Advisor would be attending both meetings and members were encouraged to attend if they wished.

Bye-Law Updates

The Clerk had received notification from ADA that DEFRA wished IDB's to update their Bye-laws so as to include within them "the purpose of regulating the effects of the environment". The Clerk will seek to prepare new documentation with the aid of ADA and put it before the Board in due course.

The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed satisfactorily and that the DEFRA Annual Report had been submitted.

6. Correspondence

	Principally from the ADA Newstream
a)	August 2017 – ADA CEO attends DEFRA Summer Briefing
b)	DEFRA Secretary Michael Gove sets out his vision for a Green Brexit
c)	Neil Parish (an ADA VP) has been elected Chair of the EFRA Committee
d)	£200m boost for Rural England through the Rural Development Programme. A small amount of this was available for flood prevention work.
e)	Biological control of Himalayan Balsam – research for some years had been undertaken and a rust fungus was being developed as a potential natural control method.

f)	October 2017 – River transfer projects bring new wave of responsibility for local communities (ADA/EA).
g)	Substantial benefits of public sector co-operation agreements revealed.

7. Any Other Business -

Peter Jetson

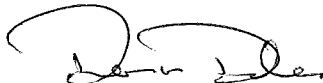
Following the recent Shropshire Council Election, their representatives to the Board were now Councillor Nick Hignett of Pontesbury and Councillor R Evans of Plealey. Roger Evans explained that Peter Jetson had previously been a Councillor but ceased in 2009 but had continued to attend Board meetings as a representative on behalf of the Council at the request of Councillor Evans.

Peter Jetson was very knowledgeable about our area and drainage matters and was a good attender and a motion proposed by Barry Roberts and seconded by Andrew Bebb, the Board unanimously agreed to co-opt Peter Jetson as a Board member, as there were current vacancies in the Board. This co-option would run until the next Board election.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This was set for Thursday 25th January 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.


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Dated 25 JANUARY 2018.