

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held at the Board's Offices, 47 Norfolk Street, Boston on **Wednesday, 11th September 2017**

Present - J.E. Grant (Chairman)

Members	T. Ashton	A. Harrison
	R. Austin	P. Richardson (Vice Chairman)
	P. Bedford	A. East
	B. Bowles	P. Dwyer
	C. Doughton	J. Ward
	C. Hardy	J. Woods

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1.1 **Welcome to New Member**

The Chairman welcomed Paul Dwyer to the Board as a Boston Borough Council appointed member.

1.2 **Region Application**

The Chairman advised that unfortunately we had not yet been able to convince DEFRA to approve the continued use of aquatic herbicide Region. However, the Chairman was determined to continue with efforts and, with the Board's permission, he wanted to collate a number of photographs showing the positive effects of using Region to send to DEFRA in support of the application.

J. Ward - *could why they would not approve the application?*

The Chairman confirmed that it was because it was not in the EU Aquatic Use spectrum and therefore not within their powers to approve the continued use. The Chairman said that he would be very interested to see how the issues were dealt with when attending the Next Holland Study Tour later this year.

1.3 **Lake Bank Pumping Station Open Day 07th September 2017**

Around 120 visitors had attended the open day and were able to see the closed pumps in operation together with a display of the works on the Stronge Sea Banks. The increase in numbers was very encouraging and good PR for the Board. The Chairman thanked Ed Johnson for his efforts on the day.

1.4 **George Haines**

The Chairman confirmed that an ex-employee of the Board had recently celebrated his 100th birthday. A card had been sent together with a document from the 1940s recommending he be retained by the Board after the war. This had been gratefully received.

1.5 **Gifts**

The Chairman sent best wishes to Richard Leggett who was undergoing an operation today and wished him a full and speedy recovery.