

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday, 10th December 2020

Present –

Members	T. Aston	A. Harrison
	B. Austin	N. Hoyle
	P. Bedford	N. Jones
	B. Bowles	R. Leggett
	C. Crispden	P. Richardson (Chairman)
	(Vice Chairman)	H. Smith
	P. Pritchard	A. Tait
	J. Grant	P. Thomas
	A. Hall	J. Ward
	C. Hardy	N. Weston
		J. Wright

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.1 The Chairman thanked Board Members for their attendance on this Zoom meeting. He believed that because of the current pandemic that this would be the way forward for some foreseeable time.
- 1.2 The Chairman extended his thanks to M. Cooper, P. Woodcock and A. Spencer who were no longer on the Board representing Boston Borough Council and gave a warm welcome to the new representatives Paula Cooper, Nigel Weston and Neil Hoyle.
- 1.3 The Chairman confirmed that only six recently lost two figures from the industry. Paul Hoyle, the Witham Third Chairman who was aged 90. He was an active Board Member and joined with the Witham Fourth Board in 2017 for the study tour of North Holland. Secondly, Don Thomas who was an EA appointed coastal representative on the local NPCC and was a supporter of coastal projects, including Wrough Sea Bank. Confidences had been sent to both families and the Chairman thought that it was right to hold one minute silence as a mark of respect.
- 1.4 The Chairman confirmed that, because of the changes of the Boston Borough Council representatives, there were some vacancies on the Board's various Committees. This especially applied to the Governance & Risk Committee which had unfortunately lost 2 members. The Chairman confirmed that details of the committees and vacancies would be distributed to the members and asked if anyone would like to join any committee that they let the Chief Executive know.
- 1.5 Unfortunately because of the current pandemic situation it was not possible to hold the annual Christmas lunch for the staff and visitors. Instead, a small hamper was being supplied to the current active members of staff only.

2. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman confirmed a few apologies had been received for non-attendance from R. Hall, Jones, B. Bowles and P. Cooper.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY GENERAL ITEM

Declared an interest in discussions about Tison Road - J. Grant, P. Richardson, R. Leggett
Wing Ltd. - P. Richardson