

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held via Zoom due to the Covid 19 pandemic on **Wednesday, 26th June 2021.**

Present - P Richardson (Chairman)

Members:	T. Action	C. Hoyle
	R. Austin	A. Hall
	P. Bedford	A. Harrison
	B. Beales	N. Jones
	C. Cookson (Vice-Chairman)	B.P. Leggett
	J. Grant	P. Stacey
	R. Hall-Jones	K. Smith
		J. Ward

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Congratulations

To Cllr Frank Pridell who has been elected "The Workaholic for Mayor" of Boston and to Cllr Tom Ashton who has been elected Deputy Mayor. The Chairman wished them well in their mayoral year.

1.2 Committees

Unfortunately, nobody had contacted the Chief Executive Officer about the Committee vacancies. The Chairman asked Members to indicate to the Chief Executive Officer which vacancies they would like to fill, particularly the Governance and Risk Committee which has lost 2 Members.

J. Grant - confirmed he was happy to sit on the Governance & Risk Committee to ensure sufficient Parish representation.

2 RESOLUTIONS

Apologies had been received from J. Woods and K. East. Also, in attendance was Mr Chris Harris, the Internal Auditor.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY GENERAL ITEM

Declared an interest in discussions about Flood Risk Mitigation - P. Richardson, J. Grant (Strangle Pumping Station) - B. Beales
The Chairman also added that his Partner was now also a member of Boston Borough Council.

4 EXTRA APPROVED/UPDATED STANDING ORDERS

The Vice-Chairman referred Board Members to Item 7 of the document which allowed the Board to continue with Zoom meetings should the anticipated easing of lockdown not happen on 27th June 2021. The Vice-Chairman confirmed that the document would require Board's approval.

J. Grant - asked why Parish Councils could not continue with Zoom meetings but Clls could? The Chief Executive confirmed that SMM had confirmed that Drainage Boards are not covered by Local Authority legislation, but parish councils are. Clls can continue to proceed with Zoom meetings provided the Standing Orders have been approved by CDFMA.

The Vice-Chairman asked if someone would propose the approval of the Standing Orders?