

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday, 10th September 2021

Present - P Richardson (Chairman)

Members:	T. Ashton	B. Leggett
	B. Austin	B. Jones
	P. Bedford	P. Phipps
	B. Swales	A. Gray
	C. Doughton (Vice-Chairman)	R. Smith
	J.E. Grant	P. Skirrow
	A. Hall	J. West
	R. Hall-Jones	N. Walker (part)
	A. Harman	J. Woods

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Covid 19

The Chairman apologised that this meeting had again been held by Zoom but it was felt that there would be sufficient room in the Board Room to maintain social distancing. It was hoped that the Committee meetings would be able to take place in the office as these were smaller gatherings and the Chairman asked the Board for their feelings in relation to physically attending a meeting in the Board Room. Most Board members confirmed they were happy to attend provided the current Covid situation did not change between now and then.

P. Bedford - had attended an inspection and Board meeting at Black Stone the previous week although space had been slightly sparse.

1.2 Maureen Dennis

The Chairman confirmed that Maureen Dennis had sadly passed away on 21st August 2021. The Board had sent condolences to her family and the Vice-Chairman had attended the funeral to represent the Board. Maureen had been a long-standing member of the Board and a huge supporter of the work carried out by them. The Chairman asked Board Members to raise their microphones for a one minute silence to pay respect to Maureen.

1.3 Committee Vacancies

Following the Chairman's request at the last meeting, J.E. Grant had agreed to join the Governance & Risk Committee but there were still a few vacancies. At the front of the agenda was a sheet detailing the current vacancies. The Chairman advised that, moving forward, as well as attendance at Committee Meetings in the office some of these will also take place on site. The Chairman confirmed that various projects were in progress, and it would be beneficial to Committee Members' understanding to attend a site meeting to see what was being proposed.

B. Swales - confirmed he would be willing to join the Plant & Pumping Committee

J. Grant - asked if it would be possible to review the split in membership between Farmers and District members? The Chair/Executive confirmed there was a lot of names showing membership of each committee and he felt it was quite fully balanced at the present time. There were however a couple of Councilors that were not on any of the committees, and he would encourage them to come forward and volunteer.