

# WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## MINUTES

of the proceedings of the **Pumps & Pumping Stations Committee** at a Meeting held at 47 Northolme Street on **Thursday 20 November 2023**

**Present:** C. Douthett (Committee Chairman)  
**Absent:** T. Ashton  
 P. Bedford  
 P. Richardson (Chairman)  
 A. Seal  
 K. Smith

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from J.E. Grant, P. Pickett and J. Ward.

**2. CHIEF ENGINEER'S ESTIMATES 2023/24**

**2.1 Plant Replacement Programme 2021/22 – Current Year Update**

Particulars	Replacement	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Delivery
		£	£	
Spurhead (PY)	Spurhead (PY)	245,000.00	245,000.00	Nov 22
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Close Inlet (M/F)	Masonry Program	4,500.00	4,500.00	Apr 23
Under Gutter Fall	Bedford M/F (Fall)	40,000.00	40,000.00	Apr 23
Under 2.5m	Wood Blocks (Form)	2,000.00	2,400.00	May 23
Under Junction 1 (m)	No replacement	4,000.00	4,000.00	Nov 23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>510,500.00</b>	<b>519,900.00</b>	

The Chief Engineer went through the details of plant replaced in 2021/22 and confirmed that delivery had now been taken of all items. The Under Junction had arrived too late to be used this year but was ready to start work next season. The Committee Members were aware that one of the two SPVs had encountered a number of issues and the Chief Engineer was regularly being contacted with the continuous problems. The good news was that Inlands Farm Machinery have now been trained to work on Dearth engines and the SPV is booked in next week for a complete overhaul and Inlands had provided the Board with a replacement machine in the meantime. The other SPV is good and reliable.

**2.2 Plant Replacement Programme**

The Chief Engineer referred Committee Members to the full list of plant assets at the back of his report. The report gave a detailed breakdown of each item of machinery including the hours worked, depreciation and estimated life expectancy. However, there was some movement and the Chief Engineer confirmed the details.

- **Triple Motor Red Fuel Tank** – replacement has been brought forward from 2023/24 due to being written off in an accident.