

# WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## MINUTES

of the proceedings of the **Environment Committee** at 47 Norfolk Street on Wednesday  
**15 November 2023**

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Present: - B. Bowles (Committee Chairman)  
Messrs: T. Ashton  
C. Crunkhorn  
A. Harrison  
P. Richardson (Chairman)  
A. Saul

1. **JAMES GRANT**

The Chairman confirmed that he was sure all Committee Members had heard the very sad news of James' passing and advised that one minute silence would be held at the next Board Meeting as a mark of respect.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:-  
N. Jones and C. Butler

3. **ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Committee Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting. The Chief Engineer confirmed that the report was a slimline version because of time constraints as a result of the recent weather event. The Chairman confirmed that an Ecologist had been employed and he was progressing very well with the projects. He had undertaken surveys and checked relevant boxes which were all quick wins. The Ecologist also updates the BAP Tracker. Details will be loaded onto the website following the meeting.

The Chief Engineer was much more comfortable that the Board was meeting its obligations and the men were also able to load onto the ARC GIS systems details of typed and locations of any species seen (invasive and non-invasive) whilst working out in the District.

The Ecologist was also the "ECOW" (Ecological Clerk of Works) for the Wrangle Pumping Station project – where an independent view could be given with regard to Health & Safety, welfare and environmental implications of the project.

1. **CHIEF ENGINEER'S ESTIMATES 2024/2025**

The Chief Engineer briefly ran through the Environment and Conservation estimate for 2024/25.

After discussion it was:

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** That the estimate for 2024/2025 at £99,925.00 be recommended for approval by the Board at the December 2023 Board Meeting.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business, and the meeting was closed at 3.25pm

**Chairman**