

**Minutes of Meeting of the Rea Internal Drainage Board held on Thursday 6 June 2013 at the Victory Hall, Yockleton at 7.30pm**

**Present:-** D Dale (Chairman), A Bebb (Vice-chairman), A Dale, D. Evans, A Jones, G. Jones, N Manning, J Morris, B Roberts (Board Members), P Jetson (Shropshire Council Appointee) and JM Donald (Clerk and Surveyor)

The Chairman welcomed the newly co-opted G Jones to his first Board meeting.

**Apologies for absence:-** C Sandells.

**Minutes of Meeting 28 March 2013:-** Previously circulated were adopted and signed as a true record on the proposal of A Jones seconded by J Morris.

**Matters arising:-** (1) Cheques signatures. The necessary mandate had been obtained from Barclays Bank to enable the Vice-chairman to be one of the signatures in the event of the Chairman or Clerk being unavailable. Two signatures would still be required.

(2) Members' interests. With the exception of C Phillips all Board members have now been given the ADA forms, although the general feeling of the Meeting was that the Board's Ministerially approved Standing Orders provided sufficient protection taking into account the size and constitution of the Board.

**Maintenance Report:-** (1) Main River. Concern was once again expressed at the restrictions imposed on the Environment Agency by the current financial climate. However the Environment Agency had told the Clerk on two occasions that the Agency had included in this year's programme some weed clearing work on the upper reaches of the Rea Brook. There was a political move afoot to encourage riparian owners to carry out their own work and for IDBs to take back main river responsibility. It was agreed that this was not an option for the Rea IDB in view of the potential cost involved.

(2) Riparian occupiers/owners should take any necessary measures to control regenerating bank vegetation to allow machine access.

(3) Work for 2013/2014 to include (a) Aston Hem, part of the upper Hem No1 and No 1 extension, Asterley Brook below the public road bridge subject to further inspection by the Chairman and Clerk, Malehurst, Jones and Roberts, New Main etc. (b) Other possibilities following further consultation with the rate payers, inspection and budget permitting included Paddock (west branch), Ayelsford Brook, Halston etc.

**Financial Report:-** Mr Burton at Mill Farm, Cruckmeole was in the process of selling his property and had been sent a possible apportionment of the annual value involved subject to verification on completion.

Mr and Mrs Gummery, the new owners of the Moors at Aston Rogers had queried the extent of their property on which the rates were levied and the Clerk was looking into this.

Some adjustment would be necessary to the extent of agricultural land at Marton Pool Caravan park. This was being looked into although the adjustment was unlikely to be very great.

The Meeting approved the list of transactions carried out since the previous meeting on the proposal of A Dale seconded by J Morris and were informed of the bank balance and list of outstanding rate payers at the year end on 31 March 2013 as attached to these minutes.

**Accounts and Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2013:-** Copies had been circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. Queries were raised about the figures shown for Foreign Water Grant compared with the previous year. It was explained that this was due to the present practice of netting off the Foreign Water Grant from the Flood Defence Levy and that one payment had been made early before the year end.

The Meeting unanimously approved the accounts and Annual Return on the proposal of A Bebb seconded by A Dale also the proposal of B Roberts seconded by J Morris that after consideration by the Meeting of the system of internal control and assessment of the risks involved the current practice as set out in the Statement of Internal Control etc. as attached to the accounts should continue subject to review as necessary also that Mr A Benson should continue as internal auditor.

**Correspondence etc:-** The Meeting was advised of recent correspondence received from ADA etc including News Stream for April and May 2013, the Environment Agency's Aquatic and Riparian Plant Management Project, discharges into IDB water courses from sewage treatment works, further model documents for codes of conduct etc., ADA's response to the Environment Agency's FCERM report to Ministers. etc.

**Evening visit:-** Suggested area of Marton Pool etc 8 August 2013. This would not be a formal Board meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

**RIDB - Cash Book 15/03/13 to 22/05/13**

Doc Date		Payments	Receipts	Balance
	Balance Brought Forward			16,238.00
04/04/2013	Balfours	493.93	0.00	15,744.07
09/04/2013	HMRC - VAT Refund to 28/02/13	0.00	114.36	15,858.43
17/04/2013	Jim Donald - Reimbursements	202.49	0.00	15,655.94
17/04/2013	Yockleton Victory Hall	14.00	0.00	15,641.94
/04/2013	Env Agency - Bal of Foreign Water Grant	0.00	970.00	16,611.94
29/04/2013	Foreign Water grant offset against Flood Def Levy	0.00	1,236.00	17,847.94
29/04/2013	Flood Def Levy 2013/14 (deducted from water grant)	1,236.00	0.00	16,611.94
	Balance carried forward			16,611.94

**RIDB Aged Debt Report**

Rates outstanding as at 31/03/13

Ratepayer Code	Ratepayer Name	Balance O/S
<del>BOUM001</del>	<del>Mr &amp; Mrs Bourn</del>	<del>0.33</del>
<del>BRAN001</del>	<del>Mr &amp; Mrs Bran</del>	<del>0.34</del>
GOODA002	Mr & Mrs Goodall	1.14
<del>GRAN002</del>	<del>Mr &amp; Mrs Grant</del>	<del>0.30</del>
WILMO001	Mr P Wilmott	0.52
WOODA001	Mrs A Wood	8.18

Total outstanding for 2012/13

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