

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 4.00pm at E C Brown & Sons, Wype Mere Farm, Wype Drove.

Present R C Brown (Chairman), M Fisher, R W Fletcher, T Martin, M W Sweet, P W Tingey

Apologies for Absence Cllr E Butler

F&GP 295/19 Administration & Engineering Services

a) Further to minute WD293/19 the future administration of the Board. The CEO reported that he would like to have matters relating to his appointment resolved by the end of December 2019.

Following the advertising undertaken for his replacement one applicant had withdrawn and the following options are available: -

George Dann – self-employed Drainage Consultant – BSC, MCIWEM CWEM

Kenneth Pratt – Senior/Principle Engineer WSP Lincoln – BSc, CEng, CEnv, CEWM etc

Richard Price/PDSM Ltd – Operations Engineer Whittlesey & District IDB

Middle Level Commissioners – part or full administrative duties

The Committee scrutinized the applications and after careful consideration felt that the preferred option would be to appoint Richard Price as Clerk/Operation manager with support from PDSM Ltd in the administrative role. The use of Middle Level Commissioners as Consulting Engineers for planning and maintenance of weed screen cleaners, South Holland IDB for plant hire for weed cutting and North level & District IDB for general assistance would continue for the present time.

The Chairman asked the CEO whether he would continue as a Consultant to oversee the transfer. The CEO stated that he would be prepared to assist with the transfer along with supervision of financial matters.

The Committee would take the recommendation to the Board on the 5th November and if all Board members were agreeable to the appointment arrange a meeting with Richard Price and PDSM Ltd to discuss terms and conditions of the appointment.

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting