

Minutes of a meeting of the Holmewood & District Internal Drainage Board held on Tuesday 26th November 2021 at Ladyseat Farm, New Long Drove, PR7 3PN, at 11.00 am

Prior to the meeting Board members visited various sites of interest within the District.

Present: J Ayres (Chairman), D J Collett, N Collett, J Wright, Cllr J Clarke, K Smith. R Price (Clerk).

Apologises for Absence: T Simpson, L Parker, G Bliss, J Davis, M A Davis, J Mears

Declaration of members Pecuniary Interests: none

11/21 Confirmation of Minutes: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record.

12/21 Election 2021

As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of persons to be elected the following have been elected as a member of the Internal Drainage Board. The term of office will run from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2024.

J Ayers, G Bliss, J Mears, N Collett, D Collett, L Parker, J Davis, M Davis, T Simpson, J Wright, K Smith.

J Ayres was elected as Chairman of the Board with the Vice-chair position being left vacant at this time.

J Ayres welcomed K Smith to the Board.

13/21 Matters Arising

a) The Clerk updated the Board that the work required to the pump at Whittlesey Mere Pumping Station had gone out to tender.

b) The tenders for the work to clear the sump and weedscreen at Yaxley Pumping Station had come back. Due to prices quoted the Board decided to investigate other avenues for quotes.

c) The Great Fen's Pump application was not granted. However, the Board agreed to meet with 'The Great Fen Project' and Middle Level Commissioners as consulting engineers on site to assist in making the scheme viable.

14/21 District Officer

The Chairman reported that there had been an issue with Thistles on the Great Fen Project. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the head of the Great Fen Project to ask about the future control of Injurious weeds.

15/21 General Matters

a) The Clerk reported that ADA were still in talks with DEFRA and HM Treasury to try and obtain the continued use of Red Diesel for IDBs across the country.

16/21 Payments

Payments for the current financial year of 2021/22 were presented to the board by the Clerk. All payments were scrutinised, and the Board accepted them as being true and accurate.

20/21 Date of Next Meeting - TBC

The Chairman thanked member for their attendance and the meeting closed at 12.31pm