

Minutes of the 55th meeting of the Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board held at Great Carlton Village Hall on Tuesday, 27th January 2009, at 2.00 p.m.

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| * Messrs M. Clark (Chairman) | * Cllrs H. Marfleet (Vice-Chairman) |
| * G. Billings | G. Allan |
| * W. Cooper | * D.G. Andrews |
| * G. Crust | C.J. Davie |
| R.J. Epton | * S.W. Eyre |
| * T.H. Heys | * C. Finch |
| * J.M. Mowbray | * G.M. Gooding |
| * R.H. Needham | * D. Hornby |
| N. Pike | * A. Howard |
| P.W. Pridgeon | * P. Leivers |
| * D.R. Tagg | * R.J. Palmer |
| * R.A.D. Unsworth | * N.L. Pimperton |
| vacancy | * M. Preen |
| | R.B. Shields |
- * Present
- * Messrs C. Hinchcliffe (Clerk and Chief Executive)
- D.J. Sisson (Engineer)
- * M. Mitchell (Principal Engineer)
- * R.P. Mitchell (Director of Operations)
- * S. Thackray (Director of Finance)
- * In attendance

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs R.J. Epton, C.J. Davie, N. Pike, P.W. Pridgeon, R.B. Shields. It was noted that Mr W. Cooper would be late.

The Clerk reported that the Engineer had sent his apologies as he was meeting with Mr Huw Irranca-Davies, M.P., the Minister for the Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs.

The Chairman welcomed the Clerk back and thanked the Engineer and all the staff for taking on the extra workload in the Clerk's absence. He asked the Clerk to thank the staff on behalf of the Board.

The Chairman and members were all pleased to see Mr Billings back on his feet after his accident.

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2. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to discuss the following items under any other business:

- (a) the sewerage scheme at Saltfleetby (Mr R.A.D. Unsworth),
- (b) Association of Drainage Authorities (Mr T.H. Heys), and

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3. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 616 to 636)

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25th November 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4:1 Minute 7:1, Page 617 - Bridge Over Mablethorpe Cut - Thacker Bank, Theddlethorpe

The Clerk reported that the report from Lincolnshire County Council had still not been received.

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4:2 Minute 10:5, Page 605 - Flooding at Rose Cottage, Asserby

The Engineer reported that this matter would be discussed under the capital works report. He confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mr Allis reminding him of his responsibility for maintenance of the downstream culvert.

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4:4 Minute 7:6, Page 618 - Development Charge

The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque in the sum of £70 from Mr Hobbins and this had been accepted in full and final settlement of his invoice as it would be uneconomical to pursue collection of the remaining £4.03.

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4:5 Minute 7:8, Page 619 - Association of Drainage Authorities Lincolnshire Branch

The Clerk reported that the River Basin Management Plan would be discussed at the Water Framework Directive Internal Drainage Board workshop in Peterborough on 19th March 2009. Any members wishing to attend should contact Carol.

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4:6 Minute 10:1, Page 621 - Board Meetings

The Clerk suggested that members consider that this at the March Board meeting.

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4:7 Minute 15, Page 625 - Works Supervisor's Report

The Director of Operations reported that he had undertaken an inspection of the piles at Trusthorpe and confirmed that there was only surface rust and this would be treated. He stated that it was uncertain whether the work could be undertaken in-house due to the health and safety implications, however, he would investigate further and report back.

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4:8 Minute 18:1, Page 627 - Strategic Ordinary Watercourses - Culvert Inspections and Clearance 2008 - Burgh le Marsh, Wainfleet, Ingoldmells and Skegness Areas

It was noted that the additional work on the culvert under Precinct Crescent had been included in the works programme and a full report would be brought back to the Board.

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4:9 Minute 22, Page 633 - Reconstitution of the Board

The Clerk reported that stage one of the advertising process had been completed but it would be several months before the reconstitution would be finalised.

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5. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST APRIL 2009

The Clerk presented the attached minutes of the estimates meeting held on 9th December 2008 where it had been recommended that a rate of 13.5 pence in the pound be levied for the year 2009/10.

The Clerk confirmed that all schemes, including the office accommodation, would be brought back to the Board for consideration.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 9th December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record,
- (b) that the attached estimates of expenditure for the year commencing 1st April 2009 be approved in the total sum of £3,217,284,
- (c) that the amounts to be raised by means of drainage rates in respect of agricultural land and agricultural buildings, special levies on the local charging authorities and estimates of the amount from balances, for the year commencing 1st April 2009 be as follows:-
 - (i) by drainage rates levied in respect of agricultural land and agricultural buildings - £766,663,
 - (ii) by special levy on East Lindsey District Council - £2,451,081,
 - (iii) by special levy on North East Lincolnshire Council - £7,129,
 - (iv) by addition to balances - £7,589,
- (d) that the special levy for the financial year commencing 1st April 2009 on East Lindsey District Council be made and sealed in the sum of £2,451,081,
- (e) that the special levy for the financial year commencing 1st April 2009 on North East Lincolnshire Council be made and sealed in the sum of £7,129,
- (f) that the statutory record of levies be made up, and
- (g) that the drainage rate for the financial year commencing 1st April 2009 be made and sealed

in the total sum of 13.50 pence in the pound.

6. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

The Clerk reported that rates and special levies outstanding at 19th January 2009 totalled £141,453.89. Reminders regarding third instalment payments had been posted on 15th January 2009.

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7. CASH RESERVES AND INVESTMENTS

7:1 Investment of Surplus Moneys

The Director of Finance reported that balances were invested as follows:

Barclays	£141,364.89	at 0.10%
Barclays Tracker	£2,154.55	at 2.10%
Barclays Treasury	£1,100,000.00	at 1.75%
Alliance and Leicester	£4,126.64	at 0.25%
TOTAL INVESTED	£1,247,646.08	

The Director of Finance reported that no changes had been made to the Board's investments as he was awaiting the Clerk's return to work. It was noted that only the Clerk had authority to make changes reinvest the money.

Cllr S.W. Eyre stated that East Lindsey District Council received prior notice when a bank was experiencing problems and enquired whether the Board had such notification. The Finance Officer agreed to discuss this with Mr S. Larter at East Lindsey District Council.

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7:2 External Borrowing

The Director of Finance reported that the following loans were outstanding with the Public Works Loan Board:

<i>Date Commenced</i>	<i>Amount Borrowed</i>	<i>Period of Loan</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Balance Outstanding</i>
13th April 1994	£400,000.00	20 years	8.125%	£178,092.84
28th July 1997	£500,000.00	15 years	7.25%	£168,056.52
1st September 2005	£240,000.00	15 years	4.3%	£196,847.71
8th September 2005	£250,000.00	15 years	4.25%	£204,906.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING				£747,903.07

He further reported that the following loan was outstanding with Caterpillar Finance:

<i>Date Commenced</i>	<i>Amount Borrowed</i>	<i>Period of Loan</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Balance Outstanding</i>
31st July 2008	£54,300.00	one year	0%	£31,675.00

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Finance Officer to investigate early settlement of the loans but stated that the penalty charges may be too high for this to be cost effective.

7:3 Internal Borrowing

The Director of Finance reported that the Loans Pool balance outstanding at 31st March 2008 was £1,305,807.39. This included Public Works Loan Board balance outstanding.

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8. COMPENSATION CLAIMS

The Engineer reported that 56 compensation payments totalling £8,162.63 had been paid since the last Board meeting in accordance with the Board's approved rates.

Mr R.H. Needham declared an interest.

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9. OPERATIONS REPORT

The Director of Operations presented the following report on works undertaken since the last Board meeting:

- (a) Reforming had been undertaken on the Saddleback Drain East (860 metres with six access culverts and 39 metres of culverting), Mablethorpe Urban Cut (680 metres and 12 metres timber toe piling), and West Lane Drain East (360 metres, one access culvert and six metres of culverting).
- (b) Timber toe piling had been installed to repair a slip on an 18 metre section of Reeds Drain.
- (c) Culverting had been undertaken on the Carrott's Cut (96 metres with one manhole), Mablethorpe Cut (696 metres with three manholes and one headwall), and as part of the Derby Village Flood Relief Scheme (75 metres with one manhole). Manhole tops had been raised on the Winthorpe North Drain and the Saltfleet Soke Dyke.
- (d) The Environment Agency had hired the Caterpillar 319 excavator and driver to weedcut the Cowcroft and Woldgrift Drains, the Volvo 160 excavator and driver to clear debris at Ramsgate in Louth, and the TM155 tractor, driver and multi-pro to undertake flailing works.
- (e) Pump running hours totalled 3,065 in November and 3,492 in December.
- (f) Rainfall averaged 95.40 in November and 45.20 in December.

The Director of Operations stated that the land was saturated and it was hoped that the summer would be warm and dry as, at the moment, half an inch of rain created a potential flood situation.

It was noted that the Board would be issuing press releases regarding the flood relief works undertaken as part of the joint working arrangements with the Environment Agency and East Lindsey District Council. Cllr S.W. Eyre suggested the Board write an article for publication in the parish magazine. It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding the works and the Clerk agreed to discuss this with the Parish Council Clerk.

The Director of Operations stated that any work the Board undertook for the Environment Agency would be as a contractor and the Environment Agency would be responsible for all notices of entry, compensation etcetera. In response to Mr R.H. Needham, the Director of Operations stated that he would be meeting with officers from the Environment Agency on 2nd February 2009 and he should get an idea on when work would commence on the South Drain and Greyfleet and what involvement the Board would have.

In response to Cllr C. Finch, the Chairman confirmed that any mud left on the roads by the Board's vehicles was cleaned up.

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10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Engineer reported that 43 planning applications had been dealt with under delegated authority since the last Board meeting. Objections had been made to three of these applications as they did not comply with the Board's Policy for Protecting Board Maintained Watercourses and Culverts.

Cllr C.C. Crust declared an interest in planning application number S090/3002/08.

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11. BYELAW APPLICATIONS

11:1 Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority

The Engineer reported that consent had been granted for the following under delegated authority:

B116-2008 Anglian Water Services Ltd - laying of water main three metres from the bank top of the Board maintained Manby Middlegate Drain in the parish of Grimoldby (between national grid references TF 40524 88161 and TF 41632 88678).

B117-2008 Anglian Water Services Ltd - installation of water main pipe at least five metres below the bed of the Board maintained Sykes Drain between field O.S. numbers 5775 7178 in the parishes of Grimoldby and Saltfleetby St Peter (national grid reference 41628 88681).

B118-2008 Mr and Mrs Ward - increase flow of water to the Board maintained Water Tower New Cut Drain from development at plots 1 to 6 Beacon Park Close in the parish of Skegness (national grid reference 55286 64750).

B120-2008 Mr and Mrs A. Hopewell - increase flow of water to the Board maintained Anderby Creek Sewer from development at 3 Lakeside, Anderby Creek in the parish of Anderby (national grid reference TF 54939 76198).

B121-2008 Mr J. Aisthorpe - construction of surface water outfall into the Board maintained Catchwater Drain from development at Croft Bank Holiday Park in the parish of

Croft (national grid reference TF 53803 62675).

B133-2008 Mr J. Fletcher - construction of surface water connection into the Board maintained Mussums Drain from development at Fairway, Sea Lane in the parish of Huttoft (national grid reference TF 53645 78558).

B002-2009 Mr and Mrs J. Chapman - increase flow of surface water to the Board maintained Vine Drain from development at 110 Beresford Avenue in the parish of Skegness (national grid reference TF 56415 62370).

B003-2009 Mr A. Hunt - increase of water to the Board maintained Ashby by Partney Beck from development at The Brigg, Old Scremby Road in the parish of Ashby by Partney (national grid reference 42828 66484).

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11:2 Anglian Water Services Ltd - Straits Drain, Fulstow

The Clerk reported that application had been made by UCS Civils Ltd on behalf of Anglian Water Services Ltd, to construct a dwarf concrete wall approximately four metres from the centre line of the Board maintained culverted Straits Drain in the parish of Fulstow.

It was noted that the concrete wall was to provide flood protection to the infrastructure at Fulstow Water Treatment Works and would be no closer to the watercourse than the existing two metre high security fence.

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that consent be granted to Anglian Water Services Ltd construct a 600mm high wall no closer than four metres of the centre line of the Board maintained Straits Drain at national grid reference TF 531453 397987 in the parish of Fulstow.

12. CAPITAL WORKS

12:1 Strategic Ordinary Watercourses - Culvert Inspections and Clearance 2008 - Burgh le Marsh, Wainfleet, Ingoldmells and Skegness Areas

The Principal Engineer reported that progress made by ADC (East Anglia) Ltd was very slow and this was not due to any additional or unforeseen work, however, he stated there was no complaint with the standard of work or the level of co-operation with the Board. The Principal Engineer stated that although the contract period had long expired this would not lead to any increase in the contract price other than additional supervisory costs and the scheme should still be within budget. A letter had been sent seeking confirmation of the likely programme of works to completion and a reply was awaited.

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12:2 Grant-aided Strategy Studies

The Principal Engineer reported that grant applications for 45% on a scheme cost of £15,000 for the Howdales catchment study and £33,000 for the Chapel catchment detailed appraisal had been submitted and responses were awaited from the Environment Agency.

Regarding the Boygriff detailed appraisal, the Principal Engineer confirmed that grant approval had been received for 45% on a scheme cost of £40,000 which was based on Faber

