

WARBOYS SOMERSHAM AND PIDLEY INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

At a Meeting of the Warboys Somersham and Pidley Internal Drainage Board
held at the Lakeside Lodge, Pidley on Thursday the 3rd June 2021

PRESENT

M P England Esq (Chairman)	D W England Esq
C Leadbetter Esq (Vice Chairman)	D R A Fabb Esq
D D Brown Esq	J German Esq
G J Bull Esq	I Johnson Esq
The Lord De Ramsey	T E A Noble Esq
D J Edwards	J M Short Esq
R Waters Esq	

The Clerk to the Board was in attendance.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Benney and M Haines, D W Cornwell Esq, A Edgley Esq, M E Heading Esq, H W Whittome Esq and S W Whittome Esq.

B.1741 Standing Orders

Further to minute B.1678, the Clerk reported that ADA have obtained agreement from Defra for the flexibility which allowed the Board to choose how they wished to hold Board meetings during the pandemic to become permanent. This change will allow remote attendance or fully virtual meetings to take place in future should that best meet the Board's particular requirements at that time.

RESOLVED

That the Board adopt the revised Standing Orders.

During this item the Board discussed the issue it has with getting a quorum. It was felt that the number of Board membership was too large and that both the overall number of members and the quorate needed to be reduced. The Clerk advised that any such structural changes would need Defra approval and would inevitably take time to get through the system. Board size was discussed and it was generally felt that 15 members and quorate of 9 would be more appropriate. The need and justification for the change being the reduction in numbers of farm holdings as farming enterprises have grown larger in size and smaller in number over the years.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk approach Defra to ask that the Board membership be reduced from 21 to 15 and the quorate from 12 to 9.

B.1742 Declarations of Interest

The Clerk reminded Members of the importance of declaring an interest in any matter included in today's agenda that involved or was likely to affect any individual on the Board.

The Chairman declared an interest in the byelaw consent granted to P F England & Son

The Lord De Ramsey declared an interest (as a Member of the Middle Level Board) in any matters relating to the Middle Level Commissioners.

Mr Noble declared an interest in the planning application (MLC Ref No. 1131) received for T E A & L R Noble & Son

B.1743 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 2nd December 2020 are recorded correctly and that they be confirmed and signed.

B.1744 Board Membership

- a) Further to minute B.1718, the Clerk reported that Mr Dan Fabb had accepted the invitation to become a Member of the Board.
- b) Further to minute B.1718(ii), the Clerk reported that, following the last meeting, a letter had been sent to Mr Jacob Armstong inviting him to fill the vacancy on the Board and despite several reminders no response had been received.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Fabb who was attending his first meeting of the Board.

B.1745 Land Drainage Act 1991 Board Membership – Huntingdonshire District Council

The Clerk referred to the death of Councillor Mrs Jill Tavener on Monday the 8th February 2021 and that the office had been informed, only the day before this meeting, that Councillor Michael Haines had been appointed as her replacement. Although advised of the forthcoming meeting, due to the very short notice, Councillor Haines had tendered his apologies.

B.1746 Fenton Lode New Cut (Tesco Site)

Further to minute B.1724, the issue with the maintenance contract for Fillenhams drain coming to an end was discussed and it was the general feeling of the Members that a full report on the condition of the drain was needed which would include within it any recommendations for remedial works. Also it was agreed that this needed to be undertaken this year.

The Clerk also drew Members attention to the details held within the Consulting Engineer's report.

RESOLVED

To instruct the Consulting Engineer to arrange for a survey and report to be undertaken and produced.

B.1747 Replacement Excavator Machine

Further to minute 1725, there was an extended discussion on this item covering the merits of replacing the current machine verses retaining it. Possible changes to the skill base of employees at some point in the future together with the challenges with obtaining a machine within the current £30k budget were noted, as was the up and coming Bartlett sales. In the end it was decided that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should have the flexibility to act should an opportunity arise now or in the future.

RESOLVED

To increase the approved net sum for a change of excavator to £50k and to leave the final decision on when and if to change the machine to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

B.1748 Finance Committee

Members considered the minutes of the Meetings of the Finance Committee held on the 20th May 2021.

There was discussion over the need for additional meeting reminders two days before a meeting to jog Members memories. This could be by phone or text (or even via a 'Whatsapp' group if that was feasible).

RESOLVED

- i) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 20th May 2021 be approved.
- ii) That the actions taken by the Finance Committee be approved.
- iii) That the Board approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee save as to the rate as this would be considered later on the agenda.

B.1749 Charges for hire of plant when engaged on private work

Consideration was given to whether any revisions were necessary in the Board's charges for hiring of plant for private work (last reviewed – June 2020).

(i) Doosan DX 140W Excavator

Present charge - £35 per hour in the District) (inclusive of operator's wages)
£40 per hour outside the District)

(ii) Flail Mower

Present charge - £40 per hour inside the District) (inclusive of operator's wages)
£45 per hour outside the District)

The Finance Committee recommended to the Board that the hire charges remain as at present.

RESOLVED

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted

B.1750 Outstanding Drainage Rates

Further to minute B.1733(b), and as the Clerk did not have the large scale map required to hand, the action from the previous meeting was to be carried out at a later date.

RESOLVED

That a plan be produced and that the Clerk (or a representative) meet with the Chairman to look at the plan at a later date.

B.1751 Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised:-

i) Application for byelaw consent

That the following application for consent to undertake works in and around watercourses has been approved and granted since the last general meeting of the Board:-

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Consent Granted</u>	<u>Date Consent Granted</u>
P F England & Son	Installation of 4 no field underdrain outfalls – between Points 131 and 157 in the High Fen area	27 th April 2021

RESOLVED

That the action taken in granting consent be approved.

ii) Association of Drainage Authorities

a) Meeting of the River Great Ouse Branch

That the Annual Conference of the River Great Ouse branch of the Association was held virtually on Tuesday the 2nd March 2021.

Matters covered were that there was a change in Chairman with Harry Raby stepping down and Marc Heading taking his place. Councillor Doug McMurdo takes on the role of Vice Chairman. This maintains the balance of having upland and lowland members in key roles and also balances council and agricultural ratepayers' interests. John Heading was appointed for another three years on the ADA Board as branch representative. Robert Caudwell gave an update on ADA matters focusing in on progress of the agriculture bill through parliament and the lowland peat initiative which he considers must not negatively impact on livelihoods and the need to produce food for the nation. Next to speak was Brian Stewart who was seeking support for his initiative to create an Ex-Officio post on the FRCC for the sitting Chairman of the Great Ouse branch of ADA (EA nominated post). This was supported unanimously and Marc Heading will take up this new role with immediate effect.

Claire Jouvray and Paul Burrows gave updates on the revenue funding position, which was quite healthy with sources of money found to deliver what had been targeted and on the long-term strategy for the area including the tactical plans which are set to make access to grant in aid smoother than it might otherwise be. A warning was raised that funding may get squeezed as time passes and the financial impact of COVID-19 gets addressed.

Approximately 30 people attended this virtual meeting, which should return to its normal format at Prickwillow Hall next year.

That the date of the next meeting is Tuesday the 1st March 2022.

b) ADA response to publication of EFRA Flooding Inquiry Report

That ADA have responded to the Government EFRA report into the winters flooding, which has the headline conclusion that the lack of clear flood-resilience targets is leaving England at risk of 'playing catch-up' with climate change.

Encouragingly, in addition to recognising these challenges, EFRA have also clearly stated that in light of ever more frequent and severe storms, there is an urgent need to provide long-term funding for the maintenance of existing and new flood defences, to match capital commitment together with a need to examine the mental health impacts of severe flooding, calling for an action plan to address this alongside the economic and physical effects.

ADA's response is attached (Copy pages 39-40) and the full EFRA report can be found via the following link; <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5801/cmselect/cmenvfru/170/170.pdf>

(iii) Smart Level System/District Wide Telemetry Bid

Further to minute B.1728(v) that a Local Levy Bid has been submitted that appears to have been successful and will offer a contribution of half the cost of installing telemetry at pumping station sites. This will allow early warnings of pump or weedscreen failure and remote operation. Also, as the bid covers all MLC administered IDBs there is scale which will facilitate very competitive rates.

When looking at the cost of telemetry there will be a number of factors that will impact upon cost. We have asked Xylem to put together a table that should cover the upper and lower bounds of all IDB pumping stations (see below). Prior to placing an order a site survey will be undertaken, average cost for this is expected to be in the region of £200. Xylem will then assess what if any control panel modifications will be required to allow telemetry. The other defining factor will be whether there is to be an additional requirement for remote control of the station pumps and set points. The table covers this range.

The costing bands are:

Low	£2,000 - £5,000	Minor panel modifications are required, signals are present but need work to the panel to present or make these available to telemetry
Medium	£5,001 - £24,999	Signals are not present to enable telemetry and panel modifications are quite intensive to bring the panel to a point where a telemetry unit can be installed
High	£25,000 +	Signals are not present and the panel requires major modifications to give the required signals. Should this option be required it is anticipated that consideration first should be given to replacement

		of the control panel which would bring more value and longevity. Signals for telemetry could be more easily accommodated in a new panel.
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Note: All above figures are gross and if the Board resolves to go ahead as part of the Grant funded scheme currently on offer will be discounted 50%.

Note: The telemetry access will be cloud based, increasing the flexibility in access at the appropriate level for staff and District Officers.

The matter and potential value of having telemetry at all the Board's pumping stations was discussed, in relation to the local levy grant option, and it was felt it was worth getting surveys undertaken (estimated cost for all sites no greater than £1k). Full quotations for telemetry then to be brought to the next meeting of the Board for consideration.

RESOLVED

That Xylem be asked to carry out surveys at all sites.

iv) Fens Biosphere

Further to minute B.1692, the Clerk referred to the leaflet from Cambridgeshire Acre.

v) Land Registry

That whilst it is a legal requirement for land occupiers to notify the Board of any change of occupation, including releasing contact details for the new occupiers, on many occasions this does not occur and time is spent trying to determine who the new occupier is. When the normal avenues fail to deliver any meaningful information we now use our Land Registry account to gain details of the current land owner. The costs of making an application via this method are small (currently £6) but obviously this will show up on the Board accounts, hence the need to draw this new way of working to the Boards attention.

vi) National Drainage Show & Floodex 2021

That the National Drainage Show & Floodex 2021 will be held at ExCel, London on the 9th and 10th November 2021.

B.1752 Consulting Engineer's Report, including planning and consenting matters

The Board considered the Report of the Consulting Engineers, viz:-

Warboys, Somersham & Pidley I.D.B.

Consulting Engineers Report May 21

Pumping Stations

Other than the matters described below, only routine maintenance has been carried out since the last meeting and the pumping plant at each of the stations appears to be in a mechanically and electrically satisfactory condition.

High Fen

Automatic Weedscreen Cleaner, Replacement Weedscreen & Control Equipment (MCC)

The installation of the new MCC and weedscreen cleaner is complete and was handed over in February 2021. However, there is an intermittent problem with the Ultrasonic level controller that so far has not been resolved by C W Engineering. It is also worth noting that the cleaner is only being used in manual mode until the perimeter fence has been installed.

Pumps

The new pump (ordered from Bedford pumps) was delivered in December 2020 and subsequently stored at the Middle Level Depot pending a decision on which pump it was to replace. On 12 April the Engineer and Chairman met and it was decided to replace pump 1, as this pump was shown to have the lowest motor winding insulation values over the winter period. Also, this pump had not been overhauled since 2007, whereas pump 2 had been overhauled by Fen Flow Ltd and re-installed and re-commissioned on 27 February 2020 and was also still under warranty. The pump is due to be installed on 12 May.

Washways

The District Officer has stood down the cleaner for the summer to allow the gearbox and drive shaft to be removed for refurbishment as soon as resources become available

During the winter period the weedscreen cleaner panel HMI became faulty, this has now been replaced and is working normally again.

Puddock

Pump No 2 continues to operate with the Moisture Ingress Sensor (MSI) unit defeated and a recent test of the motor windings showed no further deterioration in its insulation resistance.

The outfall flap valves are in need of repair and will be overhauled during spring/summer 2021.

Flood Risk Management (FRM) for the Fens [previously reported as the Future Fenland Project]

The Middle Level Commissioners' Planning Engineer has represented both the Middle Level Commissioners (MLC) and their associated Boards on the Technical Group since the last Board meeting.

Tactical Plans for the Fens

In response to the following question raised at the March East IDB meeting in June:

“Clerk to provide further information to members regarding the cost to the Board, of whether the Board has any input into the project and whether the Board is able to remove themselves from the arrangement if costs escalate.”

the Environment Agency's Fenland Partnerships Advisor, FCRM, Vicky Eade, advised as follows:

“As you know, there has not been any cost to the Board in developing the plans, aside from officer time to provide data and information. The agreement to the plans is on the basis that any work in the Fens area will be to maintain the current Standard of Service (SoS) for the area, until the Flood Risk Management for the Fens project has set out the preferred direction and options for managing the flood risk infrastructure in the Fens. If the Board were to remove themselves from the Tactical Plans, then they would not be able to demonstrate they have taken a Strategic Approach in assessing options to managing risks, as set out in the Partnership Funding Guidance 2020, to avoid the double counting FCERM Grant in Aid (GiA). Which would then mean maximum amount of eligible grant available for any scheme in their Board area, would be capped at 45%.

Input to the Tactical Plans has been represented by David Thomas and Graham Moore at the Fens Technical Group.

I have noted that March East IDB do not have any capital works planned for the Tactical Plan period, so in terms of cost increases I assume you mean contribution to Phase 2 of the FRM for the Fens project. When we have developed that phase, any contributions to the project would be made with a legal agreement, which would specify how cost increases would be dealt with.”

An allocation has been made available to the Board to maintain its system over the next 15 years. The details of this funding allocation are currently being clarified.

The Tactical Plans referred to in this document cover what has been termed the 'Great Ouse Fens', which covers the catchment of the River Great Ouse in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Its boundary to the west is formed of the right bank of the River Nene and includes all of the Middle Level catchment area and its constituent IDBs.

'Flood Risk Management for the Fens' is a project that has been set up to plan the best way of managing future flood risk in the whole Great Ouse Fens area. It is to be a Strategic Outline Programme which will set out the preferred option for managing flood risk in the Fens, taking in to

account climate change and sea level rise (Strategic Outline Programmes sit above/before Strategic Outline Cases and are large scale programmes, so the Fens catchment scale fits this.)

The project will recommend actions that will be the best/most appropriate way of managing flood risk in the Fens over the next 50-100 years. The Flood Risk Management for the Fens project will take approximately 10-15 years to complete and in the mean time we need to know the maintenance and capital work needed in the area to continue to manage flood risk over the next two 6 year capital Grant in Aid settlement cycles, the period 2021 to 2027 and 2027 to 2033.

The background to the above is that the East Anglia Flood & Coastal Risk Management team have been working with national colleagues to come up with a better way of presenting the whole picture of future investment to allow us to have a conversation with government about the short, medium and long term plans for the area. We agreed that we would produce Tactical Plans for each of the sub-catchments (Middle Level, South Level, West and East of Ouse and King's Lynn areas) to look at ALL FCRM assets for all sources of flooding that would better present the short term programme of works required and the agreed amount of benefits (Outcome Measures) that can be claimed for each project. This advice has led to the piece of work around benefit apportionment to address the issues with double counting of outcome measures by individual projects. In January 2019 all IDB Chairs in the Fens area were sent a letter, explaining the Fens project and how it fitted with the Strategic Approach for Flood & Coastal Risk Management Projects. This strategic approach fits with the Tactical Plans.

The Tactical Plans therefore clearly set out what maintenance and capital works are required in each sub catchment over the next 12 years (feeding into the East Anglian Area pipeline of work), and what benefits this work delivers. The plans also highlight the apportioned Outcome Measures and the likely FDGiA funding each scheme can attract based on maintaining the Standard of Service, along with the Partnership Funding (PF) scores to show where PF contributions are needed. The Plans also take into account benefits that have been claimed already in the previous six year capital investment programme (2015-2021).

The expectation is that work in the Fens area will only be to continue delivering the current Standard of Service for the area, until the Flood Risk Management for the Fens project has set out the preferred direction for the area as a whole. This can, though, include capital interventions to assets to return them to design standards, where assets are currently below target conditions and Standard of Service levels. The expectation is that those with assets in the area will be able to provide a plan of work for the next 12 years, and this will lead to us having a joined up, strategic approach for the short to medium term providing certainty to all RMAs with their investment planning and highlighting the amount of FDGiA funding individual schemes are eligible for. It will however remain the case that for each scheme a business case will need to be developed and

approved before any grant is released and of course over the six year period national priorities for funding FRM schemes could impact the amount of grant available, in any given year, for schemes that come forward that do not currently have an allocation of funding.

As part of the Tactical Plans works, the base line economic benefits have been calculated for each of the Board's assets. This represent the potential maximum Grant-in-Aid that would be supportable, should a scheme or a series of schemes need to come forward to keep the asset operational over the 15 year period, whilst analysis of the long term catchment needs is identified. These sums effectively represent a cap on grant and are not allocated monies. They have been developed to help support scheme economics should an application for allocation be successful and in the development of the business cases. For this Board these sums by asset are;

Asset	Max eligible FDGIA £
Acre Fen PS	949,882
High Fen PS	949,882
Pidley PS	949,882
Puddock PS	949,882
Washways PS	1,266,510
Westmoor PS	949,882
Warboys, Somersham & Pidley Main Drains	759,906

Baseline Report & Economic Appraisal Report

The draft report documents have been the subject of an internal consultation with the Technical Group. A detailed response was issued by the MLC. The results of the consultation are currently being reviewed by the Agency and its consultant, Capita.

Further to this, additional supporting information has been supplied to the Agency and its consultants concerning the proportion of the annual cost that is due to electricity use, versus the proportion of the annual cost that is due to maintenance and inspection activities and the proportion of pumping stations that are not powered by grid electricity and rely on other energy sources. This information was provided to inform part of the Fens Carbon Baseline work that is being undertaken.

The next virtual meeting of the TAG has been arranged for the end of April in advance of the publishing of the Baseline Report which the Agency has advised that it aims to publish in the week commencing 10 May (after the local elections) via a new fen's webpage on ADA's website.

The Integrity of Corrugated Steel Pipes

Several Boards both within and adjacent to the Commissioners' area have experienced problems with the sudden deformation and failure of corrugated steel pipes, many of which were installed

during the 1980s/early 1990s, that have needed urgent action often requiring the total replacement of the structure concerned with its unexpected costs.

The Board will be aware of the implications of a structure failure particularly during a high rainfall event. Therefore, in order to reduce the risk of the failure it is considered appropriate for the Board to investigate the integrity of such structures for which it is directly responsible.

Where an asset's condition is recorded as requiring attention but is currently in a reasonable condition, it is recommended that the Board allows for remedial, replacement or removal works in its future maintenance and funding programme.

Structures for which the Board is not responsible but which could also impact on the Board's system should also be inspected and, where appropriate, a notice issued to the responsible parties in accordance with the Board's Byelaw No. 11, as detailed below:

11. Repairs to Buildings

The owner of any building or structure in or over a watercourse or on the banks thereof shall, upon receipt of a notice from the Board that because of its state of disrepair –

- (a) the building or structure is causing or is in imminent danger of causing an obstruction to the flow of the watercourse, or
- (b) the building or structure is causing or is in imminent danger of causing damage to the bank of the watercourse,

carry out such reasonable and practicable works as are specified in the notice for the purpose of remedying or preventing the obstruction or damage as the case may be within such reasonable time as is specified in the notice.”

High Rainfall Event and Flooding Incident

August Flooding Incidents

The heatwave experienced during early August resulted in an area of thundery weather moving across Essex, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire into Northamptonshire bringing heavy downpours and localised flash flooding.

The flooding experienced in the Somersham, Colne, Bluntisham and Earith areas was considered to be particularly bad and the County Council, in its role as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), enquired whether anyone had any useful information on the event; for example, rainfall figures, the extent of any flooding, the approximate times of the storms etc.

Thunderstorms can be very localised with some areas hit by torrential downpours while other districts nearby miss the rain altogether.

It is understood that flooding also occurred in Cottenham, March, St Ives, St Neots/Eaton Socon, Weston Colville and Woodhurst with garden flooding in a number of other locations.

Work has been undertaken by the LLFA, in conjunction with the County Highways team, to investigate and address some of the issues directly.

December Flooding Incidents

Early December brought higher than average rainfall in the UK with some eastern areas exceeding their typical December rainfall by the middle of the month.

A more intense rainfall period was experienced just before Christmas which was formed from a concentrated belt of rain that extended from the Severn Estuary to The Wash. A few days later Storm Bella crossed the country on 26 and 27 December. Fortunately, rainfall in the Eastern Counties was relatively low but this, and further rainfall, served to retain the saturated condition of the catchment which continued to respond rapidly to further rainfall events.

The Middle Level Commissioners recorded 127.5mm of rain at their March office during December, with 52.5mm being recorded on 23 December. A total of 10mm was recorded between 24 December 2020 and 2 January 2021.

Whilst the amount of rain that fell during this period was not as great as that experienced in August 2014, it fell on highly saturated ground that offered no sponge effect and led to significant flooding within the local area which was featured in the local media.

Flooding was reported to Cambridgeshire County Council, in its capacity as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), at several locations including Yaxley, March, Manea, Ramsey, Glatton, Swavesey, Doddington, Wimblington, Wisbech, Chatteris, Stilton, Sawtry, Conington, Wisbech St Mary, Friday Bridge, Leverington, Whittlesey, Elm, Rings End and Benwick.

The Clerk to the Board attended a high level meeting with Steve Barclay MP and representatives from other organisations and both the Clerk and the Middle Level Commissioners' Planning Engineer have attended both routine and extraordinary meetings of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Flood and Water (C&P FloW) Partnership and the Fenland Flooding Sub-group which have discussed issues associated with the flooding event.

Flood incident reporting and investigations are currently being undertaken by the various Risk Management Authorities (RMA) involved.

As previously stated, upon initial review, it appears that the instances of reported flooding are less than experienced in August 2014. However, due to the number of incidents the County Council, in its role as the LLFA, is likely to prepare several Section 19 reports.

The preparation of any reports may involve the participation of the Middle Level Commissioners' staff on behalf of the Board. However, no internal flooding has yet been identified within the Board's district.

NB: Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act (FWMA) places a duty on LLFAs to undertake a flood investigation after a 'significant' flood event, to the extent that it considers necessary or appropriate. Flood events are to be classed as 'significant' when certain criteria are met, such as internal flooding to five or more properties and/or if damage and disruption is caused to critical infrastructure and buildings; such as major roads and hospitals. The purpose of the report is to investigate the:

- Events leading up to the flooding
- Numbers of properties flooded
- Which RMAs have flood risk management functions in respect of the flooding
- Whether each of those authorities has exercised or is proposing to exercise those functions in response to the flood.

Planning Procedures Update

The use of Infiltration Devices

There has been no further progress on this.

Example of Good Practice

Reserved matters for Outline planning application 17/01445/OUM for erection of up to 53 houses to include public open space and details relating to access on land rear of Garden Close Sutton – Abbey Developments Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 002 & 004)

The re-submitted Reserved Matters application (East Cambridgeshire District Council Ref No 20/01169/RMM MLC Ref No 004) for this development was refused permission in January primarily on issues relating to the failure to comply with the Sutton Neighborhood Plan and District Council Policies relating to landscape and settlement characteristics, Design and Biodiversity.

However, the Decision Notice also includes the following:

“6 The applicants have failed to take a precautionary approach to the Riparian Ownership rights and responsibilities of new occupants of Plot Nos 22-31 and 40-46 by locating development within a watercourse on land between the rear of these dwellings which if not properly managed and maintained could lead to flooding of the site and adjoining land to the

detriment of their living environment and that of adjoining occupiers contrary to Policies ENV2 and ENV8 of the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2015 and the Flood and Water SPD.”

Members will be only too well aware of the importance of riparian watercourses in the larger flood risk and water level management system within the fenland environment and the workload and financial burden that dealing with riparian issues can cause. The importance of these “assets” is often overlooked or ignored when considering planning applications where planning authorities are under pressure to reach growth targets. Therefore, it is considered that the position taken is an unusual but appropriate one, which should be applauded and considered as an example of best practice for all the planning authorities in the “fenland” environment.

Planning Matters

In addition to matters concerning previous planning matters, the following 26 new development related matters shown below have been received and, where appropriate, dealt with since the last meeting:

MLC Ref.	Council Ref.	Applicant	Type of Development	Location
1114	H/20/01534/HHFUL	Mr Seamark	Residence (Extension)	The Trundle, Somersham
1115	H/20/01866/HHFUL	Mr Ray	Residence (Garage)	Fen Road, Pidley
1116	H/20/01442/FUL	Mrs Z Langner	Residence	First Fen Drove, Warboys*
1117	Enquiry	Stainless Metalcraft (Chatteris) Ltd	Industrial	Honeysome Road, Chatteris*
1118	H/20/02183/FUL	Mr D Hopkins	Residential (dwelling curtilage, garage and footpath)	Somersham Road, Pidley
1119	F/YR20/1114/F	Mr J Chelton	Residence	London Road, Chatteris
1120	H/20/02407/FUL	Mr Rigby	Horticulture (Storage building)	Parkhall Road, Somersham
1121	F/YR20/1208/F	Mr & Mrs Howard	Residence (Extensions)	Westbourne Road, Chatteris
1122	H/20/02187/HHFUL	Mr R Atkinson	Residence (Extension)	Pond Close, Pidley
1123	F/YR20/1262/F	Stainless Metalcraft (Chatteris) Ltd	Industrial	Honeysome Road, Chatteris *
1124	H/20/01079/F	Mr I Sahar	Residence	Abbott, Heath Road, Warboys
1125	F/YR21/0060/F	Mrs J Patrick	Residence	Linden Drive, Chatteris
1126	F/YR21/0038/F	Mr N Watters	Residential (2 plots)	Forty Foot Bank, Ramsey
1127	H/21/00150/AGDET	Mr S Wilcox	Agricultural (Store)	Puddock Road, Warboys
1128	H/21/00142/AGDET	David Hopkins Partners	Agricultural (Barn)	High Street, Pidley
1129	H/20/02605/HHFUL	P F & Sons Ltd	Residence (Extension)	Fenside Road, Warboys
1130	F/YR21/0077/F	Mr S Davis	Residential (2 plots)	Station Road, Chatteris
1131	H/21/00064/AGDET	T E A & R L Noble & Son	Agricultural (Grain store)	Puddock Road, Warboys
1132	F/YR21/0111/RM	Mr W Beaney	Residence	London Road, Chatteris

1133	F/YR21/00252/AGDET	Mr B Bonnett	Agricultural (Building)	Parkhall Road, Somersham
1134	H/21/00172/HHFUL	Mr & Mrs J Sewell	Residence (Extension)	Locksgate, Somersham
1135	H/21/00089/FUL	Mr Hopkins	Residence	Fen Road, Pidley
1136	H/21/00737/AGDET	David Hopkins Partners	Agricultural (Barn)	Fen Road, Pidley
1137	H/21/00414/FUL	Mr D Hopkins	Residential (3 plots)	Barn Fen Road, Pidley
1138	H/21/00339/FUL	Mr M Reeves	Residence	Fenton Road, Warboys
1139	H/21/00500/AGDET	Mr S Wilcox	Agricultural (Store)	Puddock Road, Warboys

Planning applications ending 'HHFUL' relate to Householder applications for Full Planning Permission

Planning applications ending 'AGDET' relate to Agricultural Determination

Planning applications ending 'RM', 'REM' or 'RMM' relate to reserved matters

Developments that are known to propose direct discharge to the Board's system are indicated with an asterisk. The remainder are understood to propose surface water disposal to soakaways/infiltration devices or sustainable drainage systems, where applicable. The applicants have been notified of the Board's requirements.

No further correspondence has been received from the applicants or the applicants' agents concerning the following developments and no further action has been taken in respect of the Board's interests.

- *Developments at Lower End Farm, Puddock Road, Warboys – P. K. Raynham (MLC Ref No 377) and C A Agriculture Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 908 & 1085)*
- *Residential development on land east of Llanca, Huntingdon Road, Chatteris – Mr B Biggs & Mr J Biggs (MLC Ref No 468), Bexwell Tractors (MLC Ref Nos 607 & 739) and HB Villages Developments Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 943, 973 & 977)*
- *Development at Womb Farm to the south west of Doddington Road, Chatteris - Colliers CRE (MLC Ref No 524), Triman Developments (UK) Ltd (MLC Ref No 528), Client of HaskoningDHV UK Ltd (MLC Ref No 1036), Barmach Ltd (MLC Ref No 1040) Triman Developments (UK) Ltd & Robertson Strategic Asset Management Ltd (MLC Ref No 1066)*
- *Haulage yard; aggregates storage area & sales use; inert waste & soil recycling operations; and a lean-to extension to existing buildings accommodating an ancillary office, welfare facilities & storage uses at Furlong Farm, First Furlong Drove, Chatteris – Mandley Brothers (MLC Ref Nos 718, 944 & 981)*
- *Environmental Permit Application EPR/KB3199AV/A001 for treated effluent discharge at Hayden House, High Street, Pidley - Mr D Bird (MLC Ref No 966)*
- *Developments at Manchetts Transport, Heath Road, Warboys – Manchetts Transport (MLC Ref Nos 519, 540, 569, 684 & 1000)*
- *Erection of a garden centre (with restaurant area) with 2.2M (max height) fence and gates involving the demolition of existing sheds, greenhouses, and single-storey elements to 134 London Road, Chatteris – Miltons (Wallpapers) Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 888 & 969)*

- *Residential development on land south of 8 - 59 Fairbairn Way, Chatteris – Alan Bartlett & Sons Ltd (Chatteris) (MLC Ref Nos 890 & 1020)*
- *Proposed pig rearing units and associated anaerobic digestion plant at 1 Colne Fen Farm, Chatteris Road, Somersham – Client of RM ASSOCIATES (MLC Ref No 961) and A & E G Heading Ltd (MLC Ref No 993)*
- *A pair of dwellings on land adjacent to Copper Beeches, Warboys Road, Pidley - Mr J Simons (MLC Ref Nos 1008, 1050 & 1089)*
- *Erection of 6no single storey dwellings comprising of 2 x 2-bed and 4 x 3-bed; change of use of office building (LB) to 2-storey 5-bed dwelling involving part demolition of Listed Building and demolition of warehouse and buildings at 22 London Road, Chatteris – GKL Residential Developments Ltd (MLC Ref No 1037)*

Mixed Use Development on land at Tithe Barn Farm and south east of London Road, Chatteris - Hallam Land Management Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 160, 184, 606 & 630)

Referring to previous Board Meeting Reports and in particular the one from November 2010, it is reported that planning permission was granted by the District Council, subject to the imposition of planning conditions, for planning application FDC Ref No F/YR10/0804/O, MLC Ref No 630, in December.

The contents of the Decision Notice are currently being considered but it is noted that a Drainage Advisory Note is included.

Members will be aware that whilst part of this proposed development encroaches within the Board's catchment it is predominantly within the adjacent Sutton & Mepal Internal Drainage Board.

An initial enquiry has been received from Brookbanks Consulting Limited concerning the first phase of this larger development.

Industrial/Haulage Yard at Fenton Way, Chatteris (MLC Ref No 529); Erection of a vegetable processing building and formation of balancing pond – Client of Grounds & Co (MLC Ref No 627); Allpress Farms Ltd (MLC Ref No 638); Erection of warehouse with offices and business units on land west of Fenton Way, Chatteris - R W Simpson Ltd (MLC Ref No 644) & Produce World Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 770, 776, 777, 1097 & 1098)

Further to B.1729 Consulting Engineers' Report, including planning and consenting matters ii) a letter has been sent to the parties concerned.

Retail development on land to the north of Honeysome Industrial Estate fronting Fenland Way, Chatteris - Harrier Developments Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 567, 584, 585, 663 & 737) and Screwfix Direct Ltd (MLC Ref No 1081)

Retail Units

Discussions are currently being undertaken concerning treated foul effluent water from the units being discharged into the neighbouring Nightlayers IDB system.

Diversion of Fenton Lode/Fillenhams Drain, Chatteris (Dents Diversion)

Further to the last Board Meeting Report concerning the slips at the upstream end of Dents Diversion, the Board's Conservation Officer advised that:

"The affected section has no potential for water vole in the immediate vicinity, however Fillenham's Drain is known to have a population. If it is only the slip being repaired this can take place when necessary. Adjacent scrub and low hedge is suitable breeding bird habitat so care should be taken not to damage these from March onwards."

A budget price for the works has been sought to assist with discussions.

There had been a slight disconnect with Howes Percival LLP, the Solicitors who are dealing with this matter, but discussions concerning the drafting of the notice to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Agreement and Performance Deed Guidance have recommenced.

The Board is reminded that it is suggested that a thorough and detailed inspection of the diversion is undertaken in early 2022 to ensure that any failings are raised and dealt with whilst there are sufficient funds available before the Agreement and Performance Deed terminates in 2023.

Haulage yard; aggregates storage area & sales use; inert waste & soil recycling operations; and a lean-to extension to existing buildings accommodating an ancillary office, welfare facilities & storage uses at Furlong Farm, First Furlong Drove, Chatteris – Mandley Brothers (MLC Ref Nos 718, 944 & 981)

Further to B.1729 Consulting Engineers' Report, including planning and consenting matters iii), requests were issued in the New Year for Advisory Notes to be added to the Local Land Charges Register which resulted in some correspondence being received from the applicants' agent.

The position concerning this development is currently being ascertained.

Residential Development involving demolition of existing storage building on land west and south of 74 West Street, Chatteris – Client of LK Consult Ltd (MLC Ref No 742), Land Planning Partnership Ltd (MLC Ref No 826), WS Sandbach Ltd (MLC Ref No 928) & 4 Real Developments Ltd (MLC Ref No 1075)

The position concerning this development is currently being ascertained.

Residential development on land to the west of Richmond Lodge, Fen Road, Pidley - Mr Hopkins (MLC Ref Nos 907, 936, 980 & 1104) & Mrs Bradshaw (MLC Ref No 1060)

Further to previous meeting reports, Mrs Bradshaw, the developer of a single plot, has advised that surface water will be disposed of via a balancing pond owned by her neighbour, Mr Hopkin.

In the absence of any details or information the applicant's agent, Partners in Planning & Architecture Ltd, has been asked to provide information to ensure that the balancing pond has sufficient capacity to receive the flows from the dwelling.

General purpose agricultural store on land to the south west of Hazeldene, Puddock Road, Warboys - Mr S Wilcox (MLC Ref Nos 956 & 1099)

Further to B.1729 Consulting Engineers' Report, including planning and consenting matters iv) a letter has been sent to the parties concerned.

Application for outline planning permission for up to 145 dwellings and associated access, all other matters reserved on land north of the bank at land north of 16 the Bank, Somersham – Client of Waldeck Consulting (MLC Ref No 1045) and Larkfleet Homes (MLC Ref Nos 1058 & 1084)

According to Huntingdonshire District Council's Public Access webpage the application is pending consideration.

Several e-mails have been received from residents who expressed concern that this development will exacerbate flooding in the area, particularly that experienced during the winter, as discussed elsewhere in this report.

In response the concerned residents have been advised that:

- A. Neither the Middle Level Commissioners nor our associated Boards are, in planning terms, statutory consultees and, therefore, do not have to provide a response to the planning authority and receive no external funding to do so.
- B. That despite this planning applications are monitored and both the applicant and the agent were contacted in September 2019 concerning our requirements and the need to seek the relevant consents required under the various Acts of Parliament and our associated byelaws.
- C. The provision of these consents is in respect of the Commissioners'/Boards' byelaws as opposed to fulfilling any requirements under the Town & Country Planning Act. It should not be assumed that consent will be given.
- D. The Board has been consulted concerning the "Provision of Flood Risk Information" service provided by the Commissioners. In the response it was suggested that the applicant's engineering consultant should contact the Environment Agency in respect of impacts on the Cranbrook Drain catchment.



View of the B1050 Station Approach, Somersham during the flood incident experienced during the winter

Erection of 9 dwellings with garaging and parking following the demolition of the existing industrial buildings at land north east of The Laurels, Fenton Road, Fenton – Mr Augstein (MLC Ref No 1052)

According to Huntingdonshire District Council's Public Access webpage this application is still "In progress".

Erection of 2 No. Buildings to form 4 No. Industrial Units and single storey extension to existing buildings at Cromwell House, Heath Road, Warboys – Mr T Struggles (MLC Ref No 1103)

According to Huntingdonshire District Council's Public Access webpage this application is still "In progress".

New Advanced Engineering Training Centre at Chatteris Engineering Works off Honeysome Road, Chatteris – Stainless Metalcraft (Chatteris) Ltd (MLC Ref Nos 1117 & 1123)

Further to the last Board Meeting Report, a planning application was submitted to Fenland District Council. According to its Public Access webpage the application is pending consideration.

Development Contributions

Contributions received in respect of discharge consent will be reported under the Agenda Item – '*Contributions from Developers.*'

Local Plan Update and Associated Consultations

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC)/Fenland District Council (FDC)/Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC)

No further correspondence has been received concerning Policy Planning issues and no further action has been taken in respect of the Board's interests.

Emerging Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (C&P) Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP)

No further correspondence has been received concerning Policy Planning issues and no further action has been taken in respect of the Board's interests.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Flood and Water Management (Flow) Partnership

The Middle Level Commissioners' Planning Engineer has represented both the Middle Level Commissioners and their associated Boards since the last Board meeting.

The main matters up to November 2020 that may be of interest to the Board are as follows:

Future Meetings

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic meetings have been, and are likely to continue to be, held virtually. Whilst this does have some benefits the number of participants attending and the restraints that holding a virtual meeting presents restricts open discussion and meetings can be constrained by time limits.

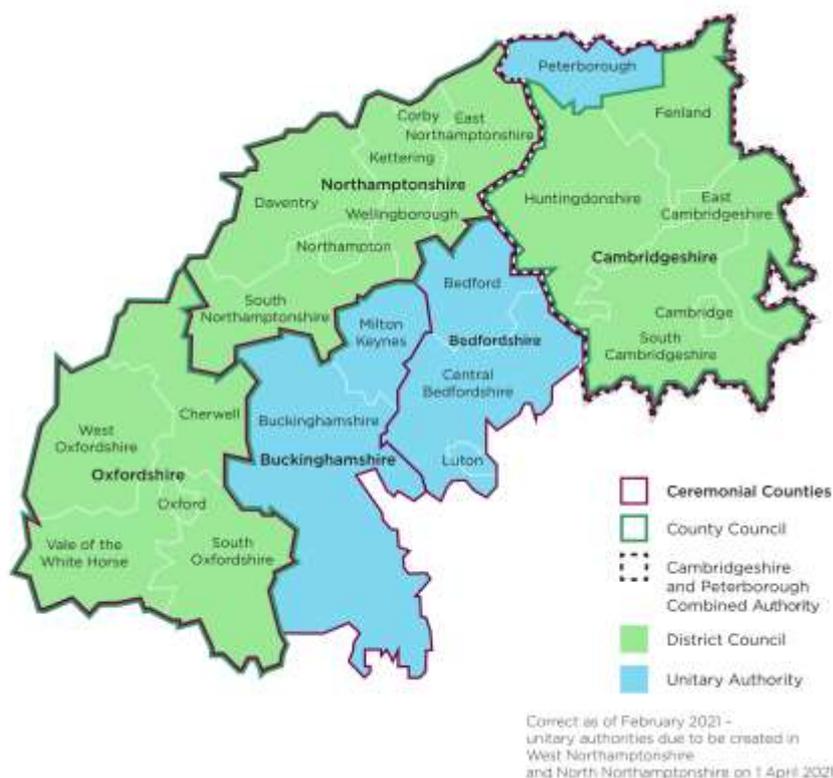
Staffing Updates

There have been several changes of staff both through retirement, internal re-assignment and seeking alternative employment at both the City and County Councils together with other RMAs.

The Oxford–Cambridge (OX-Cam) Arc Property Flood Resilience (PFR)

A request for an extension and additional funding as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic was submitted to defra.

The Baseline Report has been completed.



Plan showing the extents of the Ox-Cam ARC

Riparian Responsibilities

In order to raise awareness of and instigate discussion on an issue that causes difficulties for RMAs, including the Boards, primarily due to increased workload and costs, the County Council's Flood Risk and Biodiversity Team prepared an "Issues and Options Briefing Note" seeking changes to current practices that are inefficient and create inconsistency across the county in the use of public resources to address the issues associated with riparian assets. The document has

been considered by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and was subsequently presented to the RFCC Chairman Group with the hope that it would actively support a national information campaign. Unfortunately, this did not happen but the information has been fed into the national strategy via the EA and the action plan is likely to contain actions related to riparian owners.

Flood and Coast Resilience Innovation Programme

In response to the availability for funding as part of the Government's Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme, the County Council, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, working with partners, including the Middle Level Commissioners and associated Boards, and other key stakeholders submitted an expression of interest for several workstreams which offered innovative approaches to improve resilience to flooding and coastal change, including the ability to adapt to future climate change. Unfortunately, the bid was unsuccessful and other sources of funding are currently being investigated.

Major Flood Response and Recovery document

A consistent approach was requested concerning the provision of sandbags. This is hard to achieve given the desire and need to reassure communities during flooding. The problems associated with the use of sandbags are recognised and it is considered by some people that they do at least provide reassurance to landowners who consider that they are "better than nothing". Political decisions often take precedence about the use of sandbags in relation to this matter however guidance from the County Council's Emergency Planning Team concerning the publication and management of the document is on hold due to the workload generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sign off is required from Huntingdonshire District Council.

Lessons learnt from recent flood events elsewhere

Environment Agency (EA)

Following the higher than average rainfall experienced during the winter of 2019/20, the EA has been collating data from the Lincolnshire flooding where more than double the monthly rainfall (130mm compared to the normal 50mm) caused a significant incident (breach) at Wainfleet. A recovery programme was put in place looking at locating and fixing defects but also community engagement and asset data gathering.

A debrief exercise originally planned for April 2020 was postponed.

CCC and PCC Climate Change Strategy/Plan

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate

An initial public consultation sought the views of residents and organisations between 26 October and 13 November to help determine their areas of focus. This will be followed by a six week “call for evidence” and following consideration of the submission a recommendation report is planned to be issued in the spring.

The County Council was keen to ensure that water and flood management are a key focus and is planning on submitting a RFCC response which will highlight the evidence gathered as part of the FRM for the Fens project in particular.

Anglian Water Services Limited (AWSL)

Drainage & Wastewater Management Plans (DWMPs)

Virtual stakeholder workshops will be held on 14 and 15 June.

Highways England (HE)

Organisational Changes

Simon Baldrey has replaced Claire Parsons as the Environment Management Lead.

Fenland Flooding Issues Sub-Group

See separate item elsewhere in this report titled “High Rainfall Event and Flooding Incident”.

General Advice

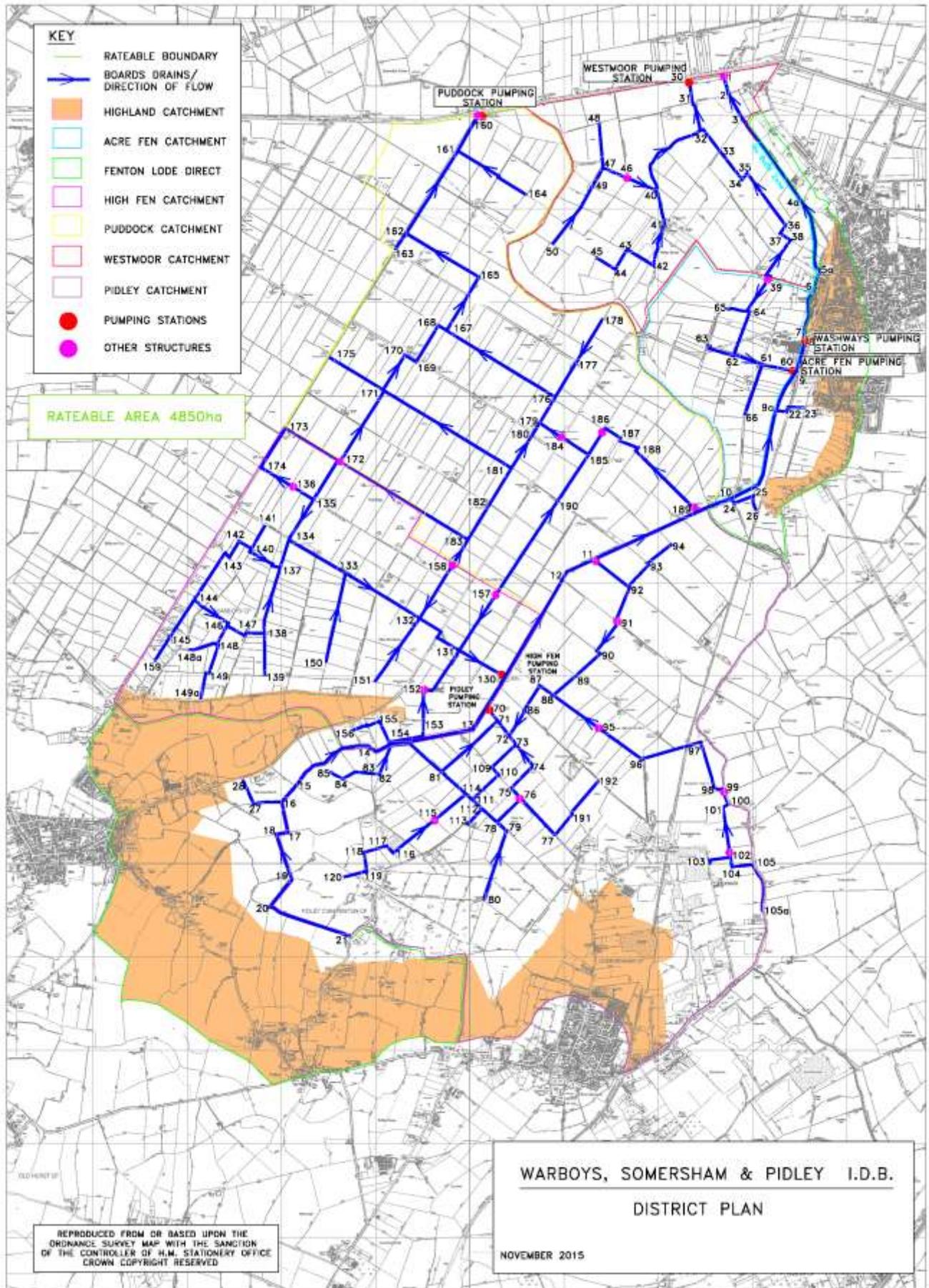
Assistance has been given, on the Board’s behalf, in respect of the following:

- (a) P F England & Son – An application for byelaw consent to install 4 field underdrain outfalls into the Board’s district watercourse between Points 131 and 157 in the High Fen area was recommended for approval.

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RESOLVED

- i) That the Report and the actions referred to therein be approved.
- ii) That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

(NB) – Mr Noble declared an interest in the planning application (MLC Ref No. 1131) received for T E A & L R Noble & Son

B.1753 Capital Improvement Programme

Members considered the Board's future capital improvement programme.

RESOLVED

That the Capital Programme be approved in principle and kept under review.

B.1754 District Officer's Report

The District Officer was not present at the meeting and hence no report was given.

B.1755 Conservation Officer's Newsletter and BAP Report

The Clerk referred to the Conservation Officer's Newsletter, dated December 2020, previously circulated to Members and advised that the BAP targets had been revised now that ADA had issued updated guidance.

Members considered and approved the most recent BAP report.

B.1756 Clerk's fee

Consideration was given to the fee of the Clerk.

RESOLVED

That the proposed rate for 2021/2022 be approved.

(NB) – The Lord De Ramsey declared an interest (as a Member of the Middle Level Board) when this item was discussed.

B.1757 State-aided Schemes

Consideration was given to the desirability of undertaking further State-aided Schemes in the District and whether any future proposals should be included in the capital forecasts provided to the Environment Agency.

The Board considered that if proceeding with capital investment schemes above say £10-15k then if grant-in-aid can be obtained then it should be.

It was acknowledged that there would be some up-front costs in preparing a business case which would only be recovered for successful bids, but with up to 100% grant being possible for some scheme this was felt as a worthwhile risk.

RESOLVED

That no proposals be formulated at the present time but that this remain under review.

B.1758 District Labour District Officer's Salary

The Board considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the salary of the District Officer be increased in accordance with the Middle Level Commissioners' pay award, as indicated on the Supplementary Schedule.

RESOLVED

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted.

B.1759 Environment Agency – Precept

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had issued the precept for 2020/2021 in the sum of £21,877.00 (the precept for 2019/2020 being £21,877.00).

The Board noted that the precept had been held at the same rate as the previous year despite the fact that the local authority levy had seen an increase of 1.5%.

B.1760 Claims for Highland Water Contributions – Section 57 Land Drainage Act 1991

The Clerk reported that the sum of £4,420.18 (£14,313.28 less £9,893.10 paid on account) (inclusive of supervision) had been received from the Environment Agency based on the Board's actual expenditure on maintenance work for the financial year 2019/2020 together with the sum of £10,767.52 in respect of 80% of the Board's estimated expenditure for the financial year 2020/2021.

It was reported by the Clerk that the actual figure for highland water claims was above the original estimate due to the winter 2020/2021 event. This was a similar position to the majority of Boards in the area.

B.1761 Contribution from Developer

The Clerk reported that a contribution towards the cost of dealing with the increased flow or volume of surface water run-off and treated effluent volume had been received.

B.1762 Health and Safety

Further to minute B.1732, the Chairman reported that all matters raised by Cope Safety Management had been dealt with.

B.1763 Review of Internal Controls and appointment of Internal Auditor

The Board considered and expressed satisfaction with the current system of Internal Controls.

The Clerk advised that their Internal Auditor, Whiting & Partners, were in the third year of a three year contract and that normally we would be tendering for this work at this stage. However, with COVID-19 the Middle Level Commissioners had approached Whiting & Partners and asked if they would be prepared to continue into a fourth year on the same terms. They had agreed. It was also being proposed that going forward auditors be invited to tender for a five-year term, the principle being that this gave both parties certainty over a longer period. For the Boards this meant that the investment in time in getting a new auditor up to speed represented better value.

RESOLVED

That the Board approve the one-year extension of the appointment of Whiting & Partners as Internal Auditor and to support the proposal for a five year contract to be tendered thereafter.

B.1764 Risk Management Assessment

- a) Members considered and approved the Board's Risk Register.
- b) The Board considered and approved the insured value of their buildings and gave consideration to having a professional valuation of the Board's real estate assets, for insurance purposes.

RESOLVED

That no changes be made to the valuation at this time and for the matter to be reviewed again at the next annual meeting.

B.1765 Exercise of Public Rights

The Clerk referred to the publishing of the Notice of Public Rights and publication of unaudited Annual Return, Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement and the Notice of Conclusion of the Audit and right to inspect the Annual Return.

B.1766 Annual Governance Statement – 2020/2021

The Board considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended on the 31st March 2021.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement, on behalf of the Board, for the financial year ending 31st March 2021.

B.1767 Payments

The Board considered and approved payments amounting to £344,245.67 which had been made during the financial year 2020/2021.

(NB) – Mr German declared an interest in the payments made to K R German and Sons.

(NB) – The Lord De Ramsey declared an interest (as a Member of the Middle Level Board) in the payments made to the Middle Level Commissioners.

B.1768 Annual Accounts of the Board – 2020/2021

The Board considered and approved the Annual Accounts and bank reconciliation for the year ended on the 31st March 2021 as required in the Audit Regulations.

It was agreed that the piling works should be funded from rates. Anticipated maximum expenditure on this item £20k.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return, on behalf of the Board, for the financial year ending 31st March 2021.

B.1769 Expenditure estimates and special levy and drainage rate requirements 2021/2022

The Board considered estimates of expenditure and proposals for special levy and drainage rates in respect of the financial year 2021/2022 and were informed by the Clerk that under the Land Drainage Act 1991 the proportions of their net expenditure to be met by drainage rates on agricultural hereditaments and by special levy on local billing authorities would be respectively 89.24% and 10.76%.

The Clerk reported that the Finance Committee had recommended a rate of 21.0p in the £ should be set with a Special levy of £4,768 on Fenland District Council and a Special levy of £14,106 on Huntingdonshire District Council.

RESOLVED

- i) That the estimates be approved.
- ii) That a total sum of £175,442 be raised by drainage rates and special levy.
- iii) That the amounts comprised in the sum referred to in ii) above to be raised by drainage rates and to be met by special levy are £156,568 and £18,874 respectively.
- iv) That a rate of 21.0p in the £ be laid and assessed on Agricultural hereditaments in the District.
- v)
 - a) That a Special levy of £14,106 be made and issued to Huntingdonshire District Council for the purpose of meeting such expenditure.
 - b) That a Special levy of £4,768 be made and issued to Fenland District Council for the purpose of meeting such expenditure.
- vi) That the seal of the Board be affixed to the record of drainage rates and special levies and to the special levies referred to in resolution (v).

vii) That the Clerk be authorised to recover all unpaid rates and levies by such statutory powers as may be available.

B.1770 Display of rate notice

RESOLVED

That notice of the rate be affixed within the District in accordance with Section 48(3)(a) of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

B.1771 Date of next Meeting

The Clerk reminded Members that the next Meeting of the Board would be held on Thursday the 2nd December 2021 at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley which would include an inspection of the District commencing at 9.30am.

B.1772 Letter of thanks

The Chairman requested that a letter be sent to Kelvin German thanking him for all of the years of help, the works completed and the ad-hoc assistance still being provided.