

CHURCHFIELD AND PLAWFIELD INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

At a Meeting of the Churchfield and Plawfield Internal Drainage Board
hosted at, Upwell the Crown Lodge Hotel on Monday the 7th March 2022

PRESENT

S A Calton Esq (Chairman)	S A Calton Esq
D J W Boyce Esq (Vice Chairman)	D Cowling Esq
P Allen	Cllr C J Crofts
G D Boyce Esq	D J Lunn Esq

Miss Sam Ablett (representing the Clerk to the Board) was in attendance.

The Chairman enquired whether ALL Board members were happy for the meeting to be recorded. All members were in agreement.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from M D R Fairey Esq and Councillor C N T Rose.

B.1150 Declarations of Interest

Miss Ablett 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.

B.1151 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 8th March and 25th June 2021 are recorded correctly and that they be confirmed and signed.

B.1152 Completion of the Annual Accounts and Annual Return of the Board – 2020/2021

The Board considered and approved the comments of the Auditors on the Annual Return for the year ended on the 31st March 2021.

RESOLVED

- (i) That in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations the minutes record that approval of the accounts was given on 25th June 2021.
 - (ii) That the Chairman was authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement, on behalf of the Board, for the financial year ending 31st March 2021.
- b) The Board considered and approved the Audit Report of the Internal Auditor for the year ended on the 31st March 2021.

B.1153 Election of Board Members

Miss Ablett reported that the term of office for the elected Members of the Board would expire on 31st October 2022 and submitted the proposed register of electors which is applicable to the 2022 election.

RESOLVED

That the Register be approved.

B.1154 Anglian Water - Culvert at Points 35-36

Further to minute B.1116 Miss Ablett reported the Consulting Engineer had confirmed Anglian Water had removed the dam by hand last year so the flow of water in the watercourse was no longer restricted.

She advised that at that time, the presence of a badger set in the side of the watercourse near to Point 36, had been identified, and the material excavated by the badgers had blocked the drain and restricted the flow once again. She added it had been hoped Anglian Water would remove the dam with machinery and whilst there they could remove the material at the same time, but unfortunately the work had been carried out manually.

Miss Ablett reported that the Conservation Officer had advised that if work was carried out on the opposite bank the material could be removed, but the badger set itself must not be disturbed.

RESOLVED

That the Consulting Engineer contact Anglian Water and request that they carry out the works to the culvert at Points 35-36 as a matter of urgency.

B.1155 Contraventions of Byelaws

a) Access Strip – Points 48-49

Further to minute B.1117(b) Miss Ablett reported that both the nursery plants and the rabbit wiring had been removed by Mr Clifton.

b) Development on land to the east of Church Field, south west of 54 Well Creek Road and east of Baldwins Drove, Outwell – Mr J Vickers (MLC Ref No. 604)

Further to minute B.1117(c) Miss Ablett reported that following the last Board meeting a letter had been sent to the applicant's agent requesting submission of the appropriate documents relating to consent for the disposal of surface water/treated foul effluent. She advised that despite the applicant's agent confirming that construction remained on-going, no documents had been received. Miss Ablett enquired how the Board wished to resolve this on-going matter.

Councillor Crofts reported that the applicant had not yet been given planning permission for change of use to residential and the enforcement team were looking into the matter. He advised the applicant was appealing the planning decision and no doubt his agent would be dealing with this on his behalf.

The Chairman advised that the only matter the Board should be considering is the proposal for disposal of surface water/treated foul effluent from the site.

Members considered that if a reply to the Board's letter was not received in the very near future a strongly worded letter should be sent to the applicant's agent, requesting submission of the appropriate documents as the work had commenced without the Board's consent.

RESOLVED

That a strongly worded letter be sent to the applicant's agent, requesting submission of the appropriate documents relating to consent, as work had commenced without the Board's permission.

B.1156 District System Sections 42-40

Further to minute B.1118 the District Officer reported the Board could gain access to both sides of the drain, although there was a small stretch that could not be reached. He further reported that although the drain was being maintained, the flow of water was being restricted and agreed to continue to monitor the position and report back to the Board.

B.1157 Flooding and Drainage Matters at Upwell Health Centre Car Park, land east of New Road, south of Townley Close, north of Listers Road, Upwell (MLC Ref No 602)

Further to minute B. 1119, Miss Ablett referred Members to the Consulting Engineer's report. She advised the homeowners had cleared part of the private drain and the Council, together with Mr Bradley, another landowner, had agreed to clear their respective sides of the private drain, which would assist with drainage of the channel. She confirmed a notice would be sent to Mr Bradley shortly.

Miss Ablett advised the Assistant Clerk/Solicitor had advised the Board was not responsible for connecting the private ditch to the Board's drain. She confirmed a further meeting had been arranged with the working group on 4th April and enquired how the Board wished to resolve the on-going matter relating to the 300mm pipe crossing 37 New Road.

The Chairman agreed that as it was a private drain it was the landowner's responsibility to connect their drainage to the Board's drain. He added that if the pipe had been destroyed by a third party it was still the riparian owners' responsibility to dispose of their water responsibly. He reported the Borough Council, who owned at least half the site, have no statutory powers but the Board does have powers under its Byelaws, so the Board had offered to manage any works. The Board had previously carried out a survey incurring significant costs, in order to ascertain whether the problem was a matter for the Board, and the Assistant Clerk/Solicitor was trying to obtain payment from the relevant parties, as was promised by some. He further advised that should the residents request any assistance with the design and construction of a connection, the Board would be willing to manage the work and charge the residents accordingly, however the Board would not be undertaking any of the work.

Members agreed the Working Group should be advised the matter was not the Board's responsibility however, should residents require any assistance the Board would be happy to help, but at a cost to the residents.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the Working Group advising the connection of the pipe was not the Board's responsibility however, should residents require assistance with the design and construction of a connection, the Board would be happy to assist, but at a cost to the residents.

B.1158 Sulivans Dam

Further to minute B.1120, the District Officer reported that the removal of the two of the dam boards from Sulivans Dam had been the right decision as the remainder of the Board's system had benefited. The Chairman confirmed this matter would be revisited should there be any concerns raised by the current farmer.

B.1159 Clerk's Report

Miss Ablett reported: -

i) COVID-19 Actions

That due to the risk of COVID-19 mutations appropriate measures are being put in place, revised and reviewed as per government advice and using activity-based risk assessments.

ii) Middle Level Commissioners and Administered Boards Chairs Meeting

That a seventh Chair's Meeting was held on the 2nd November 2021.

The meeting covered a wide variety of matters likely to affect IDBs. A summary of the key points and resolutions follows;

- a) The MLC Chair introduced the meeting and took the opportunity to warn those present that government were pushing for land in this area to be set aside to mitigate the impacts of climate change. In this respect there was concern that the data underpinning this move was out-of-date and inadequate and that there was a risk that no proper account would be taken of the storage effects of the land as it is currently managed compared to how it might react if managed as wetland.
- b) To better fit in with the farming calendar the annual safety audits carried out by Cope are to be moved to January and February. In response to a question from the floor, Chairs were advised that it is ultimately the Board and not the MLC's responsibility to manage safety at Board owned assets, although the MLC will assist where they can.
- c) Chairs considered that it was considered important that IDBs and the MLC have a policy on climate change. It was felt likely that this will become increasingly important as pressure mounts for action to be taken. In this respect the Clerk advised that the MLC intended to carry out a baseline assessment of its carbon footprint which would then be used to underpin plans for reductions in CO2 release and for mitigation. This model would be made available to those IDBs which wished to follow a similar path. Once what could be reasonably achieved has been defined a policy to steer implementation would be produced. Obviously, the aim will be to achieve net zero or as close to it as can be realistically and practically be achieved.
- d) The Chief Executive outlined the work of WRE, including the regional reconciliation of water supply just carried out, the proposals for two new reservoirs (one in Lincolnshire and one in Cambridgeshire) and the future plans for water security providing a 1 in 500 year level of drought tolerance for potable water supply. On this latter point he advised that he had been pushing hard for the needs of agriculture to be taken into account, noting that wet farming and environmental targets for farming would require extra water in this region. Also, he considered that separating

agricultural need from environmental need was an error and failed to recognise the close tie between the two.

- e) It was reported that it seemed increasingly likely that despite lobbying MPs and Defra it will be the case from the 1st April 2022 that IDB's will lose access to red diesel for anything other than powering generators and for heating. This will increase costs and will present problems with the use of contractors who also work for agriculture which will have an exemption, hence can continue to use red diesel in plant.
- f) On member training it was agreed that the MLC would set up a Zoom type seminar running several of the ADA video training sessions back-to-back. All members of all MLC administered IDBs would be invited and attendance will be recorded. This was seen as the most efficient way of delivering the training that Defra expects members to have undertaken.
- g) For the next round of IDB meetings, the MLC website secure pages will be used for Board meeting documents. Members will be sent links to the appropriate webpage with a password. The documents can then be downloaded whenever it is convenient to do so. **MEMBERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THIS ROUTE RATHER THAN REQUIRE PAPER COPIES OF DOCUMENTS.** In exceptional circumstances – for example for those members without email addresses - a paper copy of the relevant documents can still be printed off, bound and sent out. The use of the Microsoft Teams software is also to be explored for future years.
- h) GDPR was discussed and it was resolved that for internal matters, or where working with partner organisations all email addresses will be visible to allow members to see who has knowledge of the matter under discussion. All external communications will normally be blind copied unless there is a need to show the address or the address is already known (for example when a member is passing on a query he or she has received themselves). It was also agreed that the website could continue to show names and primary contact numbers as long as addresses were not identified.

iii) Applications for Byelaw Consent

That the following applications for consent to undertake works in and around watercourses have been approved and granted since the last general meeting of the Board;

Mr C Crofts	Retrospective installation of culvert approx 4m long and 150mm dia – private watercourse off Lowside	06/04/21
Miss Y Parfett	Installation of permanent precast concrete headwall and outfall pipes to serve the menage water system.	20/07/21
UK Power Networks	Installation of underground 125mm plastic twin walled rigi duct to house electricity cable – Points 14 and 15 at Justdogz Kennels	10/8/21

iv) Association of Drainage Authorities

a) Annual Conference

That the 84th Annual Conference of the Association was held on Wednesday the 10th November 2021.

The Conference was once again held virtually and was split into two parts; the Conference in the morning and AGM in the afternoon. It is expected that, whilst in future years it is hoped to return to a face-to-face format, the clear separation between conference and AGM is likely to be retained.

Speakers this year included Rebecca Row MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Defra), Dieter Helm (economist) and Lord De Ramsey (then President of ADA).

Topics covered included the challenges of climate change and the need to step up to the plate in delivering on the aim to achieve a net zero target as soon as possible, the importance of partnership working and the importance of agriculture in feeding the nation. The latter included the need to better educate the population, who clearly desire to move forward on delivering climate change and ecological objectives, but do not fully appreciate the role of agriculture, its real impacts or even properly understood where and how food is sourced. One example given that challenged a common assumption that agriculture was bad for the environment was that recent monitoring of CO2 release had shown that a well irrigated peat field of onions released less CO2 than adjacent dry grassland.

In his speech Lord De Ramsey announced that he was stepping down as President and that his place would be taken by Henry Cator. He was warmly thanked by ADA for his many years of service and was presented with a painting by an artist which it is known he admires. Henry spoke about how pleased he had been to be invited to take over the role and that he looked forward to working with ADA to meet the future challenges of the industry.

The AGM that followed gave an update on the work of ADA, noting the likelihood that, despite vigorous lobbying, the expectation was that from 1st April 2022 IDBs would no longer be able to use red diesel for anything other than heating or to run generators. This will impact on costs and will provide challenges to the continued use of agricultural contractors. The passing of the Environment Bill was touched upon which will release barriers to the formation of new IDBs and will also provide opportunities for IDBs to explore extending their boundaries if it was clearly beneficial to do so. Innes Thomason spoke on the work of ADA and the consultations ADA had responded to, including proposals to extend beaver introduction and a water abstraction licencing charging review amongst other things. Finally, it was reported that the ADA Board had agreed to a 1% rise in subscriptions for the 2022/23 year and noted that with inflationary pressures a higher increase should be expected next year.

b) Annual Conference

That the Annual Conference of the Association of Drainage Authorities will be held on Wednesday the 9th November 2022, venue to be decided.

c) Meeting of the River Great Ouse Branch

That the Annual Conference of the River Great Ouse branch of the Association was held on Tuesday the 1st March 2022.

d) Updating IDB Byelaws

Further to minute B.1074, ADA has advised that there was an error in the Model Byelaws relating to a Penalty Notice which referred to s37 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, which

was actually repealed on the 1.12.2020 by the Sentencing Act 2020. Consequently, Defra has amended the Penalty Notice attached to the byelaws to include the correct reference. This Penalty Notice is not part of the Byelaws and, as such, is a simple correction. There is no requirement either to readvertise, or seek Defra approval and the version now uploaded to the website is the corrected one.

v) Environment Act

In November 2021 Defra announced that the Environment Act became law. The stated aim of this Act is to improve air and water quality, tackle waste, increase recycling, halt the decline of species, and improve the natural environment. However, the Act also includes powers (specific to IDBs) which amend the Land Drainage Act 1991, addressing the technical issue of missing or incomplete data, which is preventing existing internal drainage boards from expanding and new ones from being established. Defra have stated that they will be working on the associated secondary legislation over the coming year and will be engaging with IDBs through ADA on this.

vi) National Drainage Show & Floodex 2022

That the National Drainage Show & Floodex 2022 will be held at ExCel, London on the 23rd and 24th November 2022.

B.1160 Consulting Engineers' Report, including planning and consenting matters

The Board considered the Report of the Consulting Engineer.

Development at Janis, 176 New Road, Upwell – Mrs J Watts (MLC Ref Nos 309, 338, 375, 461, 551, 568 & 640)

Miss Ablett reported it appeared several items had been placed within the Board's maintenance strip and enquired how the Board wished to deal with the contravention of the Board's byelaw.

Members considered the items deposited were not causing a problem at the moment, however all landowners/occupiers must be treated equally. They agreed a letter should be sent to the applicant advising them of the encroachment and although maintenance works could be undertaken at this point in time, should the position change in the future, any items placed within the maintenance strip would have to be removed.

Development at Waterways, 125 Small Lode, Upwell – Mr & Mrs Singfield (MLC Ref No 500) & Mr & Mrs Minas (MLC Ref Nos 586 & 601)

Miss Ablett reported that following the last Board meeting a further letter had been sent to both the applicants and their agent requesting submission of the appropriate documents relating to the byelaw/discharge consents required to regularise the erection of a barn and stables close to the Board's drain, but a response had not yet been received. She enquired what action the Board wished to take.

Mr G Boyce reported there had been a change of ownership, which would explain why a response had not been received and advised that Mrs Garrod was the current owner.

Members considered a letter should be sent to Mrs Garrod, at the same address, explaining the situation regarding the requirement to request consent from the Board and advising of the appropriate documents that must be submitted. The Chairman requested a copy of the letter be forwarded to him and the District Officer.

The Right to Connect

Miss Ablett reported the Middle Level Commissioners had been asked to write to the Government to voice concerns over the Right to Connect to public sewers for new housing development and how this is expected to increase flood risk. The LLFA was going to request the Right to Connect be stopped or changes to it considered.

However, where a Board's District includes re-development of sites within older parts of town centres, more sustainable discharge points for site drainage could be more costly. (Infiltration systems, balancing ponds etc.)

Although this matter is not of much concern to this Board, the Planning Engineer had asked whether the Board would support removal of the Right to Connect to public sewers or not.

Members agreed this should be opposed

RESOLVED

i) That the Report and the actions referred to therein be approved.

ii) Development at Janis, 176 New Road, Upwell – Mrs J Watts (MLC Ref Nos 309,338,375,461,551,568 & 640

That a letter be sent to the applicant advising them of the encroachment and although maintenance works could be undertaken at this point in time, should the position change in the future, any items placed within the maintenance strip would have to be removed.

iii) Development at Waterways, 125 Small Lode, Upwell – Mr & Mrs Singfield (MLC Ref No 500) & Mr & Mrs Minas (MLC Ref Nos 586 & 601)

That a letter be sent to Mrs Garrod, the new owner, explaining the situation regarding the requirement to request consent from the Board and advising of the appropriate documents that must be submitted.

That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Chairman and the District Officer.

iv) That the Board opposes the Right to Connect by public sewers

B.1161 Capital Improvement Programme

Members considered the Board's future capital improvement programme.

The Chairman reported the capital improvement programme included the Board's culvert improvement plans and confirmed it was hoped works to culverts at Points 2-4 and 21-25 would be undertaken over the next two years. He advised that until all culverts had been inspected the Board could not be certain of the costs involved.

Miss Ablett confirmed that a provision had been included in the budget for the culvert improvements, but this was only an estimate. She reminded Members of the limited funds available to the Board and stressed the importance of obtaining accurate costings of any works to be undertaken, which would assist the Board with planning improvement works accordingly.

The Chairman agreed the cost of the culvert works was unknown and could be significant due to road closures that would be required.

The District Officer advised there was an issue with the culvert under New Road, which was in poor condition and had already been surveyed.

The Chairman enquired whether the Consulting Engineer should be requested to review the survey that had previously been carried out by ADC Ltd., together with the photographs that had been taken of the culvert, to obtain an engineer's opinion on the necessary works and to discuss this with both him and the District Officer.

Members agreed this was the best way forward.

RESOLVED

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

That the Consulting Engineer reviews the survey carried out by ADC Ltd, together with photographs from approximately 2 to 3 years ago and discusses the works necessary, together with the likely costs involved with both the Chairman and District Officer.

B.1162 District Officer's Report

The Board considered the Report of the District Officer.

Mr G Boyce enquired what action was officially required by the Board regarding fly-tipping. Miss Ablett advised that if rubbish was in a private drain, its removal was the responsibility of the land owner, however it was the Board's responsibility to remove rubbish from its maintained drains to ensure that the flow of water was not restricted.

She advised that Fenland District Council, when asked, would remove any fly-tipping/rubbish if it was cleared from the drain and left at the roadside, however this was not the case with the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk.

Councillor Crofts reported that the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk had recently employed 2 members of staff to deal with the matter of fly-tipping and it was hoped they would react in a timelier manner to reported incidents. He confirmed that any concerns regarding fly-tipping could now be reported online.

The District Officer enquired whether rubbish removed from the drains and left at the roadside by the Board would be collected. Councillor Crofts confirmed it would.

Mr P Allen reported a large car port had been erected within the Board's maintenance strip at a property in the proximity of School Road and enquired whether a consent application had been received.

The Chairman advised the drain was not maintained from the side on which the car port had been erected however, a consent application should still be made by the resident. Mr P Allen advised there were new owners of the property and as the car port was erected before they purchased the property, they would probably be unaware of the situation and of the Board's requirements.

Members agreed a letter should be sent to the resident advising that a consent application must be made for the car port that had been erected within the byelaw strip or it would have to be removed.

Miss Ablett asked the District Officer to provide her with the resident's contact details.

The Chairman referred to the comments made by the District Officer in his report, relating to his fee and reminded Members of the considerable work carried out by the District Officer on behalf of the Board and of his conscientiousness. Members discussed the proposed fee and agreed that the sum allowed for the District Officer's services should be increased.

The Chairman highlighted to members that the District Officer may wish to retire one day and he enquired whether members were aware of anyone who would be interested in shadowing the District Officer to gain an understanding of the role, He added that if members became aware of anyone who had an interest in drainage to bear this in mind.

(NB) – Mr D J W Boyce declared a financial interest when this item was discussed.

RESOLVED

i) That the Report and the actions referred to therein be approved and that the Officer be thanked for his services over the preceding year.

ii) That a letter be sent to the resident advising that a consent application must be made for car port that has been erected within the maintenance strip or it would have to be removed.

(Name and address to be provided by District Officer)

B.1163 Conservation Officer's Newsletter and BAP Report

Miss Ablett referred to the Conservation Officer's Newsletter, previously circulated to Members.

Members considered and approved the most recent BAP report.

B.1164 District Officer Expenses

The Board gave consideration to the appropriate reimbursement of the out-of-pocket expenses for 2022/2023 incurred by the District Officer on the Board's behalf.

RESOLVED

i) That the Board agree that reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the District Officer for 2022/2023 be allowed, if substantiated by an invoice and that the Chairman be authorised to agree the final amount.

ii) That the Board agree that a sum of up to £3,200 be allowed for the services of the District Officer for 2022/2023.

iii) That the payment submitted for 2021/2022 in the sum of £2,620.73 be approved.

(NB) – Mr D J W Boyce declared a financial interest when this item was discussed.

B.1165 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.

RESOLVED

That no proposals be formulated at the present time.

B.1166 Environment Agency – Precepts

Miss Ablett reported that at the Environment Agency Flood Defence Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to adopt an indicative 2% increase in the precepts of IDB's for the next 6 years commencing from 2022/23, with the ability to revisit annually should exceptional circumstances indicate this is required.

The Committee voted for a 0% increase (for exceptional circumstances) above the indicative 2% increase for the year ending 31st March 2023 – total of a 2% increase in the level of precept on IDB's for the year ending 31st March 2023.

The precept for 2021/2022 was £2,838.37

B.1167 Association of Drainage Authorities Subscriptions

Miss Ablett reported that the Clerk had been advised that ADA has increased subscriptions by 1% for 2022 from £565 to £571.

RESOLVED

That the requested ADA subscription for 2022 be paid.

B.1168 Health and Safety

Further to minute B.1133 the Chairman advised the Board had previously had one meeting with COPE Safety Management, however as the Board had no pumping stations, he did not feel it necessary to have a meeting every year.

The Chairman reminded members of the risk relating to lone working, which would always be a matter of concern. He confirmed that as long as someone was aware of where the District Officer was working and of when his work was likely to be completed the Board were meeting Health & Safety requirements. The District Officer confirmed that either Mr G Boyce, his father or his wife were made aware of his location so somebody always knew where he was and as he had his mobile phone with him at all times, they were also able to keep in contact.

The Chairman advised that as Health & Safety had to be monitored continually, he considered the Board should request a meeting in the coming year.

The District Officer enquired whether there were any lone working and working near water risk assessments available.

The Chairman requested the Consulting Engineer forward details of lone working and working near water risk assessments to the District Officer.

RESOLVED

That a Health & Safety meeting with COPE Safety Management be arranged for the coming year.

That the Middle Level Commissioners arrange for details of lone working and working near water risk assessments be sent to the District Officer.

B.1169 Annual Accounts of the Board – 2021/2022

Miss Ablett reported that in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations, Internal Drainage Boards' accounts were required to be approved by resolution on or before 30th June.

B.1170 Defra IDB1 Returns

Miss Ablett referred to the completed IDB1 form for 2020/2021 which the Board noted and approved.

B.1171 Review of Internal Controls

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

B.1172 Risk Management Assessment

The Board considered and expressed satisfaction with their current Risk Management Policy.

B.1173 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities

Miss Ablett reported that, as resolved at its' last meeting, the Board will continue with a limited assurance review and not take advantage of the audit exemption available for smaller public bodies with income and expenditure less than £25,000.

RESOLVED

To continue with a limited assurance review as has been carried out in previous years.

B.1174 Exercise of Public Rights

Miss Ablett 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.1175 Payments

The Board considered and approved payments amounting to £5,895.50 which had been made during the financial year 2020/2021 (1st February to 31st March 2021) and £25,344.15 made during the financial year 2021/2022 (1st April 2021 to 31st January 2022).

(NB) – The District Officer declared an interest in the payment made to him.

(NB) – Councillor Crofts declared an interest (as a Member of the Middle Level Board) in the payments made to the Middle Level Commissioners.

B.1176 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 2022/2023 and were informed by Miss Ablett 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 17.79% and 82.21%.

RESOLVED

- i) That an additional £1,000 be added to the estimates in respect of an increase in the sum allowed for the services of the District Officer.
- ii) That the estimates be approved.
- iii) That a total sum of £38,754 be raised by drainage rates and special levy.
- iv) 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 £6,896 and £31,858 respectively.
- v) That a rate of 8p in the £ be laid and assessed on Agricultural hereditaments in the District.
- vi) That a Special levy of £31,858 be made and issued to the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk for the purpose of meeting such expenditure.
- vii) That the seal of the Board be affixed to the record of drainage rates and special levies and to the special levy referred to in resolution (vi).
- viii) That the Clerk be authorised to recover all unpaid rates and levy by such statutory powers as may be available.

B.1177 Date of next Meeting

RESOLVED

That the next Meeting of the Board be held on Monday the 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm at the Crown Lodge Hotel, Outwell.