

1. Governance

Recommendations:

- Note the information contained in this report

1.1 Apologies for Absence

1.2 Declaration of Interest

1.3 Minutes of the Meeting held 21 June 2022

Member	20.10.20	7.12.20	10.2.21	22.6.21	9.11.21	8.2.22	21.6.22
Mrs Rosemary J Webster (Chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr John Richard Fawbert	A	√	√	√	A	√	√
Mr Graham W Martinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mrs Rita Brough (Vice Chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr Mally Boatman	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr Keith Moore	√	√	√	√	Resigned		
EYRC							
Mr Brent Huntington	√	√	√	A	√	√	A
Cllr Liz Sargeantson	√	-	√	A	-	A	-
Cllr Nick Coultish	-	-	A	√	A	-	A
Cllr David Jeffreys	Unable to access	-	A	A	√	√	A
Cllr Barbara Jeffreys	Unable to access	-	A	Resigned			
Cllr Anne Handley	-	A	A	A	√	A	-

In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting, Clerk and Engineer:

Craig Benson (Clerk)
Roger Smith (Engineer)
David Blake (Finance Officer)
Janette Parker (Ratings Officer)

Clerk
Eng.
FO
RO

GOVERNANCE

2022.24 Apologies for Absence were received from Mr. N. Coultish and Mr. B. Huntington. Late apologies were received during the meeting for Mr. D. Jeffreys.

2022.25 Declaration of Interest – None.

2022.26 Minutes of Meeting 8 February 2022 – Minutes considered and proposed as true record by RB seconded by JRF

2022.27 Matters Arising – Clerk advised he had just received an update on the reconstitution of the Board stating that the EA and DEFRA had now agreed the draft order. This now had to be advertised and providing no objections were received then it would progress to the next stage.

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2022.28 FOI/Complaints – None received.

CLERK'S REPORT

2022.29 Legislation – Information noted with Clerk confirming that although an exemption to the use of red diesel had been obtained how long the exemption was for was still to be clarified.

2022.30 – Information noted with the Clerk advising members that the Treasury would be undertaking a review of the Government's arm's length bodies with a view to save in the region of £800m from their budgets.

2022.31 Environment Agency – Information and newsletter on the progress of the Humber Strategy was noted.

2022.32 Association of Drainage Authorities – Information noted with Clerk confirming that he had received the Carbon Calculator information and would review and bring further details to the next meeting.

2022.33 Election Year – Approval for processes set out in papers proposed by MB and seconded JRF.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2022.34 Rate Report – FO advised year end balance of £33.81 which related to one ratepayer. RO advised outcome of investigations following notification ratepayer deceased and confirmed situation would be monitored.

2022.35 List of Payments – Chair queried payment to The Courtyard. FO advised this related to two meetings. **Approval proposed by JRF and seconded MB.**

2022.36 Audit – FO advised report received today which had been circulated to members. He confirmed the auditor was satisfied the Board complied with relevant laws and regulations although he did mention again the need to encourage more nominated members to attend meetings.

2022.37 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 1 – FO took members through. **Approval proposed RB and seconded MB.**

2022.38 Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 – FO took members through the report advising that an overall surplus of £98,907 had been made during the year resulting in a carried forward balance of £297,797. He then referred to the Balance Sheet advising that £304,000 was being invested on an annual basis. MB asked if the increase to the commuted sum related to interest. FO confirmed it did. Clerk then advised that he had recently been notified that the interest rate on the accounts had been increased by 0.05%. Chair stated she was aware Lloyds were offering short term investments with 12 months at 2% and asked that these be considered for the commuted sums. FO advised that as Lloyds were JBA's banker's preferential rates were available and confirmed he would investigate. FO then referred to the pump station schedule advising that exceptionally high costs had been received for electricity at Orchard Cottage assuring members this was being investigated as there was no obvious reason for the increase. **Approval of accounts proposed by RB and seconded MB.**

2022.39 Budget Comparison for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 – FO handed out update to schedule provided in meeting papers advising that the Board were in an overall underspend



position of £19,000 compared to the budget resulting in a positive surplus variance of £23,000 and inflating the reserve balance.

2022.40 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 2 – FO took members through. **Approval proposed by MB and seconded JRF.**

2022.41 Five Year Forecast – FO advised this was just for note and did incorporate inflation and the anticipated increases to electricity costs.

ENGINEERS REPORT

2022.42 Asset Management – Eng. advised that LAW electrical had undertaken tests at all the pump stations and that he had just received the report so was yet to confirm any necessary action required.

2022.43 Hydraulic Model – Eng. confirmed that an application was being made for additional Grant In Aid funds to undertake extra options testing and that discussions regarding this were in hand with the EA.

2022.44 LDA 1991, Section 23 Breach – Eng. confirmed that the obstruction to flow had now been removed.

2022.45 MB queried the removal of the pump at Southfield Lane. Eng confirmed the station kept tripping out so the pump has been removed to locate the fault. He advised that the station had two submersible pumps with the one left being able to cope with current conditions but that if required the Board had a portable standby pump available for use.

2022.46 Chair advised that on a recent site visit with RB and the Engineer it had been noted that pump stations were in need of freshening up. Eng advised that all the pumping station compounds were due for another strim and spray and is to be completed this coming Friday. He added that he would be drawing up a scope of works to repaint the interiors and external doors of the stations in order to obtain quotes as well as arranging for tree works to be undertaken at Orchard Cottage towards the end of the year.

2022.47 Discussions took place regarding the state of attenuation ponds near to Tesco and the Friends of Oakhill site as little maintenance had been undertaken since construction. JRF queried the owner of the ponds. Eng replied it was either Tesco or Siemens but once investigations confirmed ownership then contact would be made to advise of the concerns regarding possible flood risk.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

2022.48 Information noted.

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT


2022.49 Information noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2022.50 None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2022.51 8 November 2022, 3.00pm at The Courtyard, Goole.


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