



## 1. Governance

### 1.1 Declaration of Interest

Board Members are advised to declare a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any item in the Agenda.

### 1.2 Apologies for Absence

### 1.3 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2023

Member	11.1. 2023	24.5. 2023	1.11. 2023			
Mr R Borrill – Chair	A	√	√			
Mr A Godfrey AG – Vice Chair	√	√	√			
Mr J Akrill JA	√	A	√			
Mr J Anyan JAN	√	A	A			
Mr J Barton JB	√	A	√			
Mr K Bates KB	-	-	-			
Mr S Buckley SB	-	A	-			
Mr S Bunney SB			New √			
Mr C Day CD	A	√	A			
Mr R Douglas RD	A	√	√			
Mr I Dowson ID	A	A	√			
Mr J Evison JE	-	-	-			
Mr R Herring RH	√	√	√			
Mr R Holloway Rho	√	-	√			
Mr B Jackson BJ			New √			
Mr J Jackson	-	A Resigned				
Mrs J Jackson JJ	A	√	√			
Mr J James JJa	A	√	A			
Mr P Jones PJ	A	√	A - Resigned			
Mrs H Rowson HR	A	√	A			
Mr C Sherwood CS	√	√	A			
Mr N Sherwood NS	A	√	A			
Mr M Storey MS	A	√	√			
Mr W Strawson WS	√	√	√			
Mr J Summers JS	√ Resigned					
Mr T Sutton-Nelthorpe TSN	-	√	A			
Mr H Williams HW	√	√	A			

**In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting**

**Officer:** Mr C Benson  
Mr D Blake  
Miss J Parker

Clerk  
Finance Officer  
Rating Officer



### In attendance on behalf of the Environment Agency

Mr M Adams

MA

**Also in attendance:** 1 Member of the Public

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and advised that Mark Adams from the Environment Agency was in attendance to provide an update on the situation following Storm Babet.

### Declaration of Interest

**2023.40** None.

### Apologies for Absence

**2023.41** Apologies were received from Mr J Anyon, Mr C Day, Mr J James, Mr P Jones, Mrs H Rowson, Mr C Sherwood, Mr T Sutton- Nelthorpe and Mr H Williams as well as from the Engineer to the Board. The Clerk advised members that Mr P Jones had also tendered his resignation, so the Council now had 4 vacant seats.

### Co-opting Of New Member

**2023.42** Chair advised that as Johnathon Jackson had now stepped down from the Board there was a vacancy available and the proposal was to co-opt Ben Jackson, who was in attendance at the meeting, to this vacancy. **All Members voted in favour and he was welcomed to the Board.**

### Minutes of the Meeting 24 May 2023

**2023.43** Minutes of the meeting held were considered and **approval was proposed by AG and seconded by RH.**

### Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

**2023.44** None.

### Complaints/FOP/EIR Requests

**2023.45** None.

### Update on Storm Babet

**2023.46** The Clerk presented the Engineers report to the Board on the recent events adding that, on behalf of the Board, letters of thanks had been issued to the Employees and Contractors for their assistance.

**2023.47** Mark Adams introduced himself and thanked everyone for their input and assistance. He then gave a presentation surrounding events and the works undertaken to rectify. The Chair added that a lot of work had been undertaken on pinch points which had helped with getting the water away more quickly this time and thanked the EA for listening to the Board and acting on their concerns. Discussions took place with BJ asking how the EA contacted those affected. MA stated the primary means of contact was via the Flood Warning system. Both the Chair and AG queried the mechanism for reducing the levels in the Ancholme with AG asking why those with abstraction notices couldn't be contacted prior to an event to remove water to allow further capacity in the river. MA replied that as the Navigation Authority the EA had a legal duty to keep the channel at certain depths and that any operational decisions were made in real time. The member of the public in attendance, Mr Popplewell, was then given the opportunity to add his comments by the Chair. He explained the situation with the flood water on their land advising that in conjunction with the EA the flood bank had been breached to return the water to the river before being repaired. He then asked why there could not be a plan in place to mitigate future events and that they would be happy to store water and invited the EA to visit to discuss further. MA thanked him for his assistance in the circumstances and referred to the Middle Ancholme project which was looking at other ways to utilise existing facilities to control the water. He added that would keep the Board updated on this and that the EA would continue to work together with the Board before thanking them for the opportunity to attend today. RH then asked the Clerk if the Board costs





with regard all the extra work would be recovered. Clerk confirmed that this would be looked at once the works were concluded. MA and the member of the public then left the meeting.

## CLERK REPORT

Clerk advised the report was for information with the following added.

**2023.48** Environment Agency – Clerk advised Members that regular meetings were now being held with the EA and that if they had any particular concerns if they advised Officers, then these could be raised at those meetings. He also added that the planned meeting of the Ancholme Catchment Partnership had been delayed due to the Storm Event and was to be rescheduled for some time in November.

## FINANCE REPORT

**2023.49** Rating Report – FO advised the outstanding balance was now £103,285 with the second instalment of the special levy having been received from North Lincolnshire Council.

**2023.50** External Audit – FO confirmed this was now complete with no issues having been raised.

**2023.51** Budget Comparison for the Year Ending 31 March 2024 – FO advised this was for information and that finances were where they would be expected to be at this time adding that a significant increase in bank interest had been received and that opportunities were being investigated to increase this further.

**2023.52** Five Year Budget Estimate – Information noted with FO explaining the changes to the Capital Reserve Account.

**2023.53** Schedule of Payments – **approval proposed by RD and seconded by RH.**

## ENGINEER REPORT

Clerk confirmed the report was for information with the following added.

**2023.54** IDB Employees – Clerk advised the employees had now reached two years' service and that their performance to date was exemplary.

**2023.55** Hydraulic Model – Clerk confirmed this was now complete with draft outputs currently under review by the Engineer. He added that access to the Smart PDF's would be provided for all members via the website and a password and further details would be emailed shortly. He advised that Board approval was sought to the additional testing options stated in the meeting papers which he advised would be covered by the existing budget, reminding Members that the model had been 100% funded. All Members in agreement.

**2023.56** SmartWater – **discussions took place with RHo proposing this was not renewed. AG seconded with all Members in agreement.**

**2023.57** Telemetry – Information noted.

**2023.58** Hibaldstow Pumping Station – Information noted with Clerk adding that due to Storm Babet the lifting of the pump would now take place in November.

**2023.59** Variable Speed Drives – Clerk referred to the report provided by the Board's Catchment Manager who sought Member approval to the costs for Worlaby and Whitton Carr pump stations. Discussions took place with approval proposed by RH and seconded by WS.

**2023.60** Water Level Management – Information noted.

## HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING

**2023.61** Information noted with Clerk adding that the recent training course had to be rearranged due to the Storm event.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER REPORT

**2023.62** Information noted with the Clerk adding that 4 mink traps had been put at pump stations within the Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB district in August 2022 and a report had just been



received stating that 17 minks had been caught in the last year so believed this had affected the water vole population. He stated that it may be something this Board wished to consider adding that the traps were a free service. WS added that the Owl Society had reported that the current population of owls were all new and that water voles operated on a 5-year cycle.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2023.63 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## 1.4 Matters arising there from not elsewhere on Agenda

## 1.5 Complaints/FOI/EIR requests

None received.

  
10/1/2024