

1. Governance

Recommendation:

- Note the information contained in this report

1.1 Apologies for Absence

1.2 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, Part 2 Members Interests, Members must remove themselves from the discussion or determination of matters in which they have a financial interest.

In matters where Members have a non-financial interest, they should not participate in the discussion or determination of a matter where the interest might suggest a danger of bias.

1.3 Public Forum

1.4 Minutes of the Meeting held 18 May 2026

MEMBER	3.6. 2024	11.11. 2024	3.2. 2025	2.6. 2025	10.11.2 025	2.2. 2026	18.5. 2026
David Barratt DB	√	Resigned					
Adrian Black AB	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Chris Black CB	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
Karen Carless KC					New √	√	√
John Davison JD		New √	√	A	√	-	√
Tony Ellerby TE	A	A	√	√	√	√	√
Ian Fleetwood IF	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
David Forington DF	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Will Forington WF	A	√	√	√	√	√	√
Trevor Foster TF	-	√	√	√	√	A	√
Samuel Godfrey SG	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Benjamin Jackson BJ	√	A	√	√	√	A	√
Robert Kissaglis RK	-	√	√	A	A	Resigned	
Janet Longcake JL	√	√	√	-	√	√	-
Phil Marris PMa			New √	√	A	√	√
Paul Metherringham PM	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Lesley Rollings LR	-	√	√	A	Resigned		
Ralph Ogg - Vice Chair	√	A	A	-	A	√	√
Neil Poole - Chair	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Helen Rowson HR	√	-	√	A	√	A	A
George Strawson GS	√	√	A	A	√	√	A

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

Craig Benson (Clerk)	Clerk
Paul Jones (Engineer)	Eng
David Blake (Finance Officer)	FO
Janette Parker (Rating Officer)	RTO
Jordan Edge (Graduate)	JE

In attendance on behalf of the Environment Agency

Sarah Hawkings - Asset Performance Team Leader (North)	SH
Andy Isham – Maintenance lead/Midlands/Asset Performance North AI	



Apologies for Absence

2026.33 Apologies were received from Mr G Strawson and Mrs H Rowson.

Declarations of Interest

2026.34 SG and BJ with regards Item 2.7.

Minutes of the Meeting held 2 February 2026

2026.35 All Members agreed that they were a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

2026.36 None.

Complaints/FOI Requests

2026.37 Information noted as stated in papers.

CLERKS REPORT

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

2026.38 Policy – Information noted.

2026.39 Legislation – Information noted.

2026.40 ADA - Information noted with Clerk advising that if any Member wished to join the ADA Trent Branch Tour then to let him know. He then confirmed that a formal opening of Ravensfleet would be held for the Board when the mains connection had been completed.

2026.41 Environment Agency – SH gave a brief update on current maintenance proposals at Bottesford Beck, Burringham Outfall and desilting of outfalls along the Trent. She advised of a recent walkover of the River Eau with Scotter Parish Council in March confirming that maintenance would be undertaken this year. SH then reminded the Clerk and Eng that the overarching agreements were due for renewal early next year and discussions would need to be started to continue these. AB then asked if works would be carried out on Messingham Catchwater to which SH responded that there were no plans for maintenance this year as works had been undertaken in the previous year. Discussions continued with SH offering to send information on Riparian responsibilities. Clerk confirmed if they were sent to himself or the Eng they would distribute to Members.

2026.42 Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB and Ancholme IDB – The Clerk gave a brief overview of the report that had already been distributed advising that an agreement in principle to merge with Ancholme IDB was required from Members. Discussions took place with SG asking for clarification on what agreement was required. The Clerk confirmed that was an agreement in principle to the full merger and that the Committee concluded that there would be no benefit to merging without being able to extend to catchment. DF stated that it would be a substantial area and the Board would struggle to manage as it did now. BJ advised it would come down to a two member per district approach, and they should have meetings with landowners and then feedback to the main Board. The Chair added that nominated Members from the Council would also need to take on more of this as ultimately the largest subscriber to the rate would be the Council. He then stated that the main concern was to ensure there was no loss of local knowledge. Maintenance concerns were discussed with SG raising the need to comment on additional planning applications and consents in the extended area. The Clerk confirmed that the Board were already doing this on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council. BJ added that it was important to demonstrate that it was good value for everyone, concurring with IF's comments that water was a commodity and that may mean storing water and providing reservoirs and his view was that the new Board should be self-funding from selling water and other schemes within 15 years. The Chair proposed approval of the agreement in principle, DF seconded and All Members in Favour.



FINANCE REPORT

- 2026.43** Rate Report – FO confirmed the final balance for the year ended 31st March 2026 advising of a slight increase due to late land transfers. He confirmed for the current year that 35% of rates and 50% of special levies had been collected.
- 2026.44** Audit – Information noted.
- 2026.45** Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1 – FO took Members through. Approval proposed by All Members.
- 2026.46** Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2026 – FO took Members through advising that overall a surplus of £13,000 had been generated resulting in a carry forward balance of £258,903 with a reserve level of 36%. SG queried what would happen to reserves if the merger went ahead. The Clerk confirmed that any reserves for particular schemes would be ring fenced for that element. The FO made reference to the proposed sale of the Tractor & Flail which the Clerk confirmed would be via blind tender and WF advised that he was aware of someone interested in purchasing. WF proposed to accept the accounts as presented, this was seconded by DF and approved by All Members.
- 2026.47** Budget Comparison for the Year Ended 31 March 2026 – Information noted following discussions held on the Accounts.
- 2026.48** Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2 – FO took Members through. Approval proposed by BJ, seconded by CB and agreed by All Members.
- 2026.49** Ten Year Budget Estimate – Information noted.
- 2026.50** Schedule of Payments – Approval proposed by TE, seconded by NP an agreed by All Members.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Engineer advised the report was for note with the following added.

- 2026.51** Ravensfleet Pumping Station – Eng gave a brief overview of the report in the papers. He expressed thanks to the Assistant Catchment Manager, Mark Pettitt and Catchment Manager for the additional diesel pumping in excess of 160 hours to keep the project on course. WF asked when the Catchwater pipe would be completed. Eng confirmed that a funding variation had been submitted to the EA and was currently progressing through their finance approvals.
- 2026.52** Asset Management System – Eng referred to the report issued with the papers and advised that an agreement in principle to the costs was required from Members and introduced Graduate Jordan Edge who had prepared the report. JE gave a brief presentation on the system and discussions were then held. The Chair requested clarification on the costs for the system, the length of the contract and any termination clause asking that this be circulated to Members by email to respond with a decision. He then thanked JE for his work on the report.
- UPDATE: The poll held after the meeting resulted in 10 Members responding with All in Favour of proceeding with the AMX system.**

- 2026.53** Telemetry – Information noted.

IDB Fund – Storm Recovery & Asset Improvement

- 2026.54** Burringham Habitat Management and Bank Repairs – Information noted.
- 2026.55** Wharton Road – Eng gave an overview of the efforts to complete the work stating that a decision had been taken to halt the project, so the Board was not at risk financially. He advised that contact had been made with Lincolnshire County Council Highways and the Clerk confirmed that a response had been issued where it had been stated that “Lincolnshire County Council will continue to inspect and maintain the structure, however, we will not be replacing it until LCC’s officers consider it necessary”. DF proposed that the Council be invoiced for the money spent by the Board to date. The Clerk added that he and the Eng had considered the next options



stating the situation was a contravention of the Board Byelaws and that notice could be served on them to remedy the situation. Discussions took place with the conclusion that All Members agreed in favour of serving notice on the Council to undertake the necessary works.

2026.56 Mobile Pump Assets – Information noted.

2026.57 Crosby Soakmere – Information noted.

2026.58 Maintained Ordinary Watercourses – Eng confirmed that the tender documents had been submitted to North Lincolnshire Councils procurement team who were yet to confirm dates for the process. He added that an agreement was needed to form an evaluation panel with Members and the Clerk suggested this be made up of no more than five members, to be fair 3 nominated and 2 elected along with the Chair, himself and the Eng. The Board were also asked to agree to an extension to the current maintenance contract should this be necessary if the tender process was not completed in time due to the tight timescale. It was agreed that dates would be advised to Members once confirmed by North Lincolnshire Council Procurement and anyone wishing to be on the panel could confirm then.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

2026.59 Information noted.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT

2026.60 Information noted.

REPRESENTATION

2026.61 Information noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2026.62 9 November 2026 at Messingham Community Hub.

Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

1.5 Matters arising not discussed elsewhere.

1.6 Complaints/FOI requests

The Board have received no complaints since the last meeting.