

CURF AND WIMBLINGTON COMBINED INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

At a Meeting of the Curf and Wimblington Combined Internal Drainage Board
held at the Middle Level Offices, March on Tuesday the 15th May 2018

PRESENT

R Gowler Esq (Vice Chairman)	C E Martin Esq
R J Angood Esq	R E Mason Esq
Mrs M Davis	Donald S Morris Esq
C Gowler Esq	Duncan S Morris Esq
Mrs A Langley	D G Nicholas Esq

Mr Robert Hill (representing the Clerk to the Board) and Mr Morgan Lakey (representing the Consulting Engineers) were in attendance.

Mr Hill reported that the Chairman had given his apologies for this meeting

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the Chair.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from S Edgley Esq, M E Heading Esq, L A Nicholas Esq, D R Stokes Esq.

B.353 Declarations of Interest

Mr Hill 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.354 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 16th May 2017 are recorded correctly and that they be confirmed and signed.

B.355 Capital Improvement Programme

Further to minute B.325(iii), Mr Hill reported that the Chairman had authorised in November for a loan of £100,000 to be drawn from the Public Works Loan Board. He further reported that the loan was repayable over 10 years at 1.83% interest with annual repayments being £10,988.44.

RESOLVED

That the actions of the Chairman be approved.

B.356 Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED

That M E Heading Esq be appointed Chairman of the Board.

B.357 Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED

That R Gowler Esq be appointed Vice Chairman of the Board.

B.358 Death of Mr John Childs OBE

Mr Hill referred to the death of Mr John Childs on Thursday the 26th April 2018.

He informed Members that Mr Childs had been a long standing member of the former Curff DDC/Curf IDB and had been Chairman from April 1986 to June 2002.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for Mr Childs.

RESOLVED

That the Board's appreciation of the services rendered by Mr Childs be recorded in the minutes.

B.359 Resignation of Mr A Risely

Mr Hill referred to an e-mail from Mr Risely dated the 22nd May 2017 informing Members of his resignation.

B.360 Election of Members of the Board

Mr Hill reported that, as the number of candidates for membership of the Board did not exceed the number of persons to be elected (FOURTEEN), the following candidates were elected as Members of the Board for a period of three years from the 1st November 2017, viz:-

ANGOOD Richard John	MARTIN Clive Edward
EDGLEY Stephen	MASON Raymond Edward
GOWLER Christopher	MORRIS Donald Sowby
GOWLER Robin	MORRIS Duncan Sowby
HEADING Marc	NICHOLAS David George
LANGLEY Mrs Alison Jane	NICHOLAS Leslie Alan
STOKES David Robin	

(NB) – Councillor Mrs M Davis is also a Member of the Board as the nominee of Fenland District Council under the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

B.361 Vacancy in Membership

Consideration was given to the filling of the vacancy in membership of the Board caused by the resignation of Mr Risely.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to P J Lee & Sons to ascertain if they wished to nominate a representative for membership of the Board.

B.362 Inspection of District

RESOLVED

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for an inspection in 2019.

B.363 Water Transfer Licences

Further to minute B.323, Mr Hill referred to a letter received from ADA dated the 27th October 2017 and to the Clerk's response to Defra and also to the fact that licencing of water transfers came into force on the 1st January 2018. He advised that, as a licence is only required for transfers from EA main river and no inter-IDB transfers require licencing, this new arrangement will not directly impact the Board.

B.364 Change of attendants at the Board's Pumping Stations

a) Finchams Farm

Further to minute B.329, Mr Hill referred to a letter from Mr Neil Clark dated the 28th February 2018 tendering his resignation and suggesting Mr Matthew Murphy as his replacement.

Mrs Langley advised that, due to work commitments, Mr Murphy was unable to carry out these duties. Mr C Gowler reported that Mr Lloyd from the Middle Level Commissioners was currently keeping an eye on the station.

RESOLVED

That Mr Don Morris be authorised to approach a suitable local resident to ascertain if they would be interested in taking on the duties at the pumping station and, until a replacement is found, Mr Lloyd and Mr C Gowler to liaise to ensure continuation of cover.

b) Bensons Pumping Station

Mrs Langley reported that Mr Derek Watson was due to retire in September 2018.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to take any actions concerning the attendants at both pumping stations, as they consider necessary.

B.365 Association of Drainage Authorities
Further Research on Eels

Further to minute B.334(e), the Board considered making a further contribution towards the research on eels.

RESOLVED

That the Board contribute an additional £100 towards further research on eels for 2018/2019.

B.366 Consulting Engineers' Report

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

Curf & Wimblington Combined I.D.B.

Consulting Engineers Report – May 2018

Weed Control and Drain Maintenance

The maintenance works carried out last year generally accorded with the maintenance programme approved by the Board at its last annual meeting.

A Roundup herbicide application was applied to the Board's drains included within last year's phased machine cleansing programme, and also to other District drains where it was required to control sporadic growths of emergent aquatic vegetation.

A recent inspection of the Board's District drains has revealed that the majority are in a generally satisfactory condition and being maintained to a good standard. The inspection indicates that many of the District drains that fall within this year's phased machine cleansing programme, will only require light machine cleansing to retain their good status.

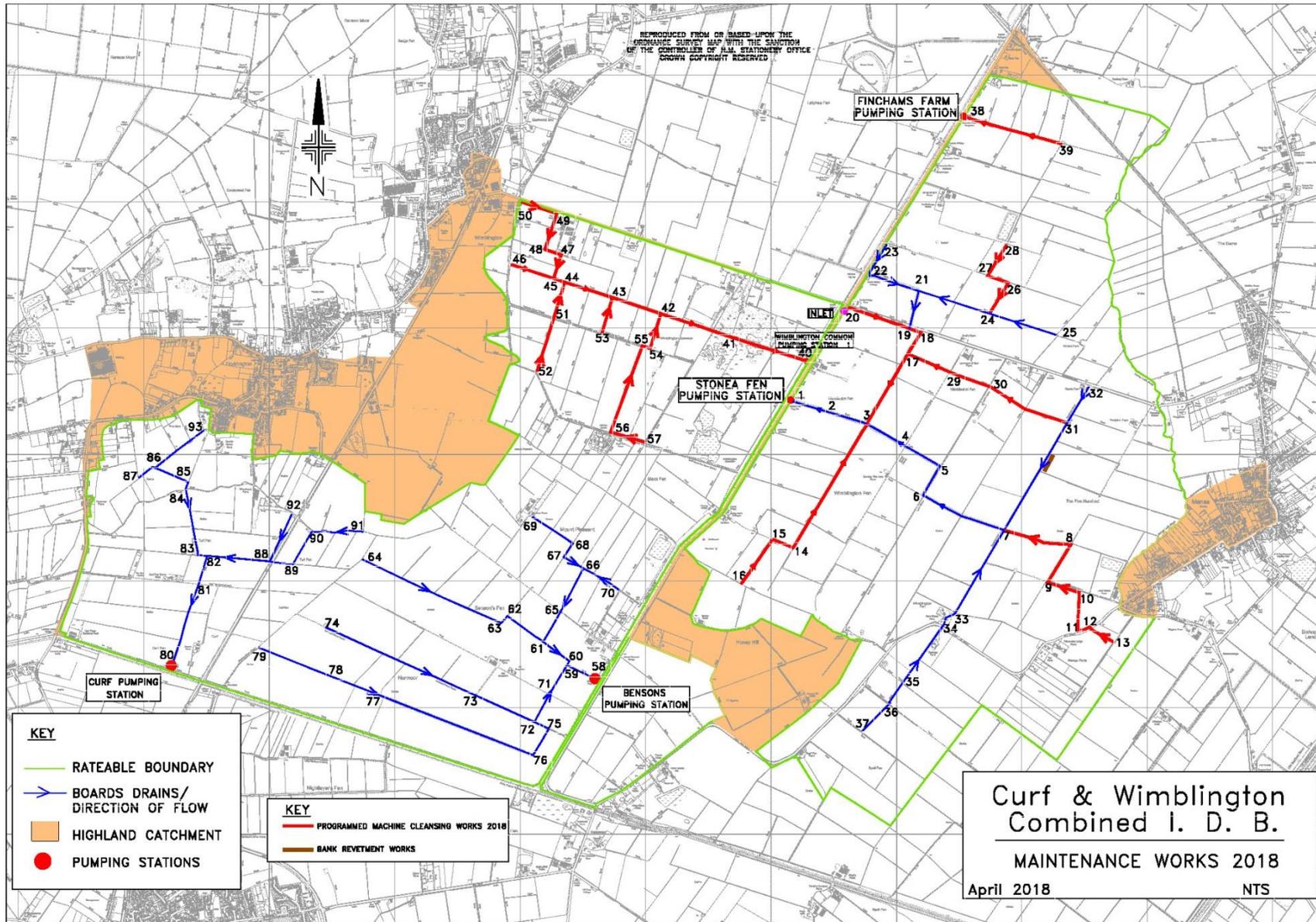
However, the inspection did highlight evidence of bank subsidence in the eastern bank of Ghant Drove drain, reach 7-31. Board members will be aware that this area of the district has been prone to bank slippage issues for a number of years, given the granular nature of the local substrates, and hence requires periodic renewal of the timber toe board and piling in order to retain it in a satisfactory condition. It is recommended that approximately 20 linear metres of timber piling and toe board revetment be installed in the coming season



Bank Subsidence, reach 7-31

affected length from being completely closed by subsidence and bank slippage. A provisional sum has been included in the estimated costs for this item.

Following the Board's agreement at the annual meeting in 2016, Finchams Farm Pump drain, reach 38-39 has been included within the Board's phased machine cleansing programme on an annual basis. Board members will be aware of the on-going reactive/emergency machine cleansing that has been required for several seasons. A sum to allow for the cleansing work to be undertaken has been included within the Board's estimated costs.



	brought forward		26640.00
6. Fees for inspection, preparation and submission of report to the Board, arrangement and supervision of herbicide application and maintenance works	Item	Sum	2200.00
	TOTAL		£ 28,840.00

Orders for the application of Roundup herbicide by the Middle Level Commissioners are accepted on condition that they are weather dependant, and they will not be held responsible for the efficacy or failure of any treatments.

Pumping Stations

Other than the matters previously reported or described below, only routine maintenance has been carried out since the last meeting and the pumping plant at each of the Stations is mechanically and electrically in a satisfactory condition

Bensons

With the Chairman's approval an order for a replacement pumpset was placed with Sulzer Pumps during August 2017 for their AFLX0601 440 PE300/6 submersible unit, complete with new column pipe. Manufacture was completed in February 2018 and its installation has been delayed pending suitable access conditions being available. The absence of which has led to installation being aborted on two previous occasions. A shutdown of the overhead HV power lines by UK Power Networks is required and this requires several weeks' notice. The next window under consideration is 16 May.

Stonea Fen

During the summer the weedscreen cleaner ultrasonic differential controllers failed and were replaced.

The combination drive gearbox on pump no 2 is leaking lubricant. It is recommended that the gearbox is removed during the summer to allow replacement of the seal.

The weedscreen cleaner travel and hoist mechanism is becoming noisy and requires a service/overhaul.

Finchams Farm,

The lubrication pump was removed and overhauled during November 2017.

Pumping Hours

Bensons

Year	Pump No 1 (current hours counter reading)	Pump No 2 (current hours counter reading)	Total Hours Run
20/4/17 - 18/4/18	16 (7877)	553 (7997)	569
14/4/16 - 20/4/17	16 (7861)	205 (7444)	221
21/4/15 -14/4/16	417 (7861)	513 (7444)	930
5/4/14 – 21/4/15	299 (7586)	55 (6931)	354
5/4/13 – 14/4/14	80 (7287)	361 (6876)	441
27/3/12 – 5/4/13	59	763	822
28/4/11 – 27/3/12	4	34	38
23/4/10 – 28/4/11	9	218	227

Curf

Year	Pump No 1 (current hours counter reading)	Pump No 2 (current hours counter reading)	Total Hours Run
24/4/17 - 18/4/18	247 (6870)	122 (6654)	369
14/4/16 - 24/4/17	67 (6623)	115 (6532)	182
21/4/15 -14/4/16	201 (6556)	83 (6417)	284
5/4/14 – 21/4/15	240 (6355)	199 (6334)	439
5/4/13 – 14/4/14	129 (6115)	281 (6135)	410
14/3/12 – 5/4/13	378	339	717
28/4/11 – 14/3/12	2	4	6
23/4/10 – 28/4/11	193	2	195

Finchams Farm

Year	current hours counter reading since installation of replacement controls in 1986	Total Hours Run
20/4/2017 - 18/4/17	10486	376
14/4/16 - 20/4/17	10110	208
21/4/15 -14/4/16	9902	314
5/4/14 – 21/4/15	9588	322
14/3/13 – 5/4/14	9266	284
17/2/12 – 24/4/13	-	567
28/4/11 – 17/2/12	-	10
23/4/10 – 28/4/11	-	273

Stonea Fen

Year	Pump No 1 (current hours counter reading)	Pump No 2 (current hours counter reading)	Total Hours Run
20/4/2017 - 18/4/17	433 (4393)	194 (9075)	627
14/4/16 - 20/4/17	52 (3960)	278 (8881)	
21/4/15 -14/4/16	426 (3908)	130 (8603)	556
14/4/14 – 21/4/15	488 (3482)	152 (8473)	640
24/4/13 – 14/4/14	523 (2994)	191 (8321)	714
20/2/12 – 24/4/13	632	645	1277
28/4/11 – 20/2/12	24	38	62
26/4/10 – 28/4/11	288	83	371

Wimblington Common

Year		Total Hours Run
20/4/2017 - 18/4/17	13169	279
14/4/16 - 20/4/17	12890	173
21/4/15 -14/4/16	12717	751
14/4/14 – 21/4/15	11966	693
24/4/13 – 14/4/14	11273	299
8/2/12 – 24/4/13	-	550
21/4/11 – 8/2/12	-	26
26/4/10 – 21/4/11	-	200

Insurance

The Board's new insurer AXA/HSB now includes Engineering Insurance cover for sudden and unforeseen breakdown of pumping plant. However, two recent claims were made by local IDBs and were rejected as AXA/HSB considered that the pumps should have been removed for service on a 5 yearly frequency, this is currently being contested by the MLC and the company's further consideration is awaited.

Eel Regulations

Following sustained pressure from the IDB sector, notification has been received that a paper was presented to the EA Executive Directors' Team proposing some changes to their current regulatory process. It is understood that Executive Directors supported the recommendations in the paper and that work is now underway to establish how the EA will transition the changes and what this means in the interim for operators such as IDBs.

In line with what IDBs have been calling for, there is to be a new approach identifying the best achievable eel protection (BAEP), in terms of what is technically feasible and generally affordable. The EA also proposes to change when and where it applies its eel cost benefit analysis tool; how it considers affordability of eel protection at individual sites; and how it balances costs with risk to eel at individual sites. The EA will also investigate where there are opportunities to revise its current programming approach to optimise outcomes for eel. Finally, it will work with sector leads in developing new guidance and processes.

However, it is important to note that the EA will not be in a position to introduce its new regulatory approach until it has developed all of the new, interdependent, components of the process which the EA advise will take up to 12 months.

Internal Consultation with the Board

The process of "internal consultation" between the Commissioners and the Board (usually, but not always, with the Chairman and/or District Officer) to seek the Board's comments and thus aid the decision-making process, is generally working well and will be continued and reviewed at a later date.

Planning Procedures Update

Informatives on Decision Notices

Despite positive steps being taken, a review of the decisions that have recently been made has identified that only three had informatives advising the applicants of their separate legal obligation to comply with the requirements of the Board's Byelaws and the Land Drainage Act.

Whilst this is promising these equate to approximately 15% of the permissions granted within the Board's catchment area, unfortunately, one should actually also refer to the LLFA as the site is outside of the Board's rateable area.

It is left to the Board's discretion whether it wishes the Commissioners to make a formal response to the Councils concerned directly on its behalf, or whether it requests that its Council representatives ensure that such informatives are requested.

Planning Agents Training Day

Having identified engagement issues between "Developers" and the Commissioners and Associated Boards, a Training Day was held in late October. Approximately 50 invitations were sent out to a cross section of interested parties representing developers, agents and consultants and including all the LPA areas that we deal regularly with. Council Officers were also invited. The event was oversubscribed with twenty-five people attending but several others are on a 'short list' if another similar event is held. The feedback suggests the event was well received.

The format of the event was to inform those attending of the unique nature of the area; where the IDBs fit into the development process; what the issues are; and how the Middle Level Commissioners deal with them.

Analysing the figures very crudely 46% of attendees were agents; 34% consultants; 18% developers and less than 1% Council Officers. The areas covered were 37%, predominantly consultants, all the LPAs; 45% Fenland and 18% West Norfolk. There was no specific representation from Huntingdonshire District, East Cambs District, South Cambs District or Peterborough City Councils.

Planning Applications

In addition to matters concerning previous applications, the following 28 new applications have been received and dealt with since the last meeting:

<i>MLC Ref.</i>	<i>Council Ref.</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type of Development</i>	<i>Location</i>
444	F/YR17/0308/F	Mr M Green & Miss N Wilkes	Residence (Extension)	Benwick Road, Doddington
445	F/YR17/0342/F	Mr T Knowles	Storage	Manea Road, Wimblington*
446	F/YR17/0372/F	Mr & Mrs M Farrington	Residence (Extension)	Glebe Close, Manea
447	F/YR17/0387/F	Mr Ernie Payne	Residence	Glebe Close, Manea
448	F/YR17/0449/F	Miss T M Duda	Residence (Extension)	Church Street, Wimblington
449	F/YR17/0479/F	Mr Martyn Hazell	Residence (Garage)	Doddington Road, Wimblington
450	F/YR17/3070/COND	Matthew Homes	Residential (57 plots)	Teachers Close, Manea*
451	F/YR17/0506/F	Mr & Mrs Wilkes	Residence	Westfield Road, Manea*

452	F/YR17/0578/F	Mr & Mrs Whiterod	Residence (Extension)	Ancaster Way, Doddington
453	F/YR17/0600/F	Mr J McGarvie	Residence (Temporary)	Nixhill Road, Wimblington
454	F/YR17/0675/O	Mr J Allen	Residential (up to 5 plots)	Newgate Street, Doddington
455	F/YR17/0680/F	Mr B Feast	Residence (Extension) and Agricultural store	Curf Fen Drove, Chatteris
456	F/YR17/3100/COND	Matthew Homes	Residential (57 plots)	Teachers Close, Manea*
457	F/YR17/0789/F	Mr E Payne	Residence	Glebe Close, Manea
458	F/YR17/0735/F	Mrs R White	Residence (Extension)	New Street, Doddington
459	F/YR17/0881/F	Mr & Mrs M Farrington	Residence (Extension)	Glebe Close, Manea
460	F/YR17/0910/F	Mr J McGarvie	Equine	Ingles Lane, Doddington
461	F/YR17/1178/F	Mr C Johnson & Miss H Binge	Residence (Extension)	Primrose Hill, Doddington
462	Enquiry	AWSL	Refurbishment of sewerage Pumping Station	Eastmoor Lane, Doddington
463	F/YR17/1155/O	Mr Morris	Residential (up to 2 plots)	Westfield Road, Manea
464	F/YR17/1166/F	Mr C Marshall	Residence (Garden/ infilling of drain) (retrospective)	Kingsland Close, Doddington
465	F/2011/17/CW & F/YR17/2011/CCC	Allpress Farms Ltd	Silage clamps for AD Plant	Byall Fen Drove, Chatteris
466	F/YR18/0010/F	Mr D Cole	Residence	Station Road, Manea*
467	F/YR18/0030/F	Mrs J Walker	Residence	Benwick Road, Doddington
468	F/YR18/0087/F	Mr & Mrs Joyce	Kennel blocks (2 units)	Manea Road, Wimblington
469	F/YR18/0123/AG1	Mr J Cook	Agricultural	Westfield Road, Manea
470	F/YR18/0132/O	Mr & Mrs Savage	Residence	Westfield Road, Manea
471	F/YR18/0168/F	Mr C Gillies	Residence	Turf Fen Lane, Doddington

Planning applications ending 'COND' relate to the discharge of relevant planning conditions

Planning Applications ending 'CW' relate to County Waste

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

The following applicants have chosen to use the soakaway self-certifying process and, in doing so, agreed that if the soakaway was to fail in the future they would be liable for discharge consent.

- *Mr M Hazell – Residence (Extension) at Glebe Close, Manea (MLC Ref No 449)*
- *Mrs J Walker – Residence at Benwick Road, Doddington (MLC Ref No 467)*

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 Boards' interests.

- *Developments at Delfland Nurseries, Benwick Road, Doddington – Delfland Nurseries Ltd* (MLC Ref No 101, 186 & 423)
- *Residential development, off-site road improvements and associated works involving demolition of existing agricultural building on land east of Bevills Close and north of Eastmoor Lane, Doddington – Client of Woods Hardwick* (MLC Ref Nos 177 & 182), *Ashley King Developments* (MLC Ref No 294) & *Stafford Infrastructure Engineering (SIE)* [Client of Lee Bevans] (MLC Ref No 314) & *Whetstone Developments Ltd* (MLC Ref No 360 & 426)
- *Residential development on land south of 21 and 27 School Lane, Manea - Leigh Property Investments Ltd* (MLC Ref Nos 195 & 300) & – *SSL (Fund) General Partnership* (MLC Ref No 318), *Leigh Property Investments Ltd* (MLC Ref Nos 361 & 368) & *BGS Developments Ltd* (MLC Ref No 440)
- *Erection of 6 dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling at 18 Westfield Road, Manea – Mr L Skinner* (MLC Ref Nos 231, 235 & 321)
- *Developments at Skylark Garden Centre and Country Store, Manea Road, Wimblington - Skylark Garden Centre* (MLC Ref No 234 & 435) (Previously Wimblington Common MLC Ref No 046 & 048 – *Mr R Gowler*)
- *Erection of 38 x 2-storey dwellings comprising; 2 x 4-bed, 16 x 3-bed and 20 x 2-bed, with garden sheds and erection of 2.1 metre high fencing at land south west of Williams Way, Manea - Crestel Partnership Ltd* (MLC Ref No 309)
- *Proposed anaerobic digestion plant at Lavenham Fen Farms to the south-west of the B1093 Manea Road/A141 Isle of Ely Way junction, Wimblington – Client of RMA Environmental* (MLC Ref No 406) and *Aardvark Environment Matters* (MLC Ref No 408)
- *Erection of 29 dwellings involving demolition of existing buildings at Lavender Mill, Fallow Corner Drove, Manea– Mr K Jordan & M Judd* (MLC Ref No 413)
- *Erection of a storage building at land north of Two Hoots, 100 Westfield Road, Manea - Mr R Morris* (MLC Ref No 419)

In view of the absence of recent correspondence and any subsequent instruction from the Commissioners it will be presumed, unless otherwise recorded, that the Commissioners are content with any development that has occurred and that no further action is required at this time.

Grain storage facility at the former Dalgety Arable Limited site, Manea Road, Wimblington - Executors of F Knowles Will Trust (A Knowles) (MLC Ref No 194) & Mr T Knowles (MLC Ref Nos 245, 254, 264, 379, 400 & 445)

Further to the Board's 2016 Meeting Report, another planning application was submitted to the District Council in February but was refused permission in July. However, a planning appeal followed in September and was subsequently allowed by The Planning Inspectorate subject to the imposition of conditions which did not include a surface water condition.

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

The construction of 2 agricultural irrigation reservoirs, by the extraction and export off-site of approximately 685,000 tonnes of unprocessed sand and gravel at Lyons Farm, Wimblington Fen, Wimblington – Nicholas Farms (MLC Ref Nos 211, 244, 269, 427 & 428)

Further to the Board's instruction at the last meeting, minute B.324 Consulting Engineers' Report item (v) a copy of the letter sent to the applicant's agent was forwarded to the applicant but no response has been received.

Residential development (Kingsland Close) at 65 Newgate Street, Doddington - Mr J Kingsland (MLC Ref No 284)

Despite the application being opposed on the Board's behalf planning permission was granted for the above development in 2013. The development, which consists of eight residential properties, has been the subject of several subsequent planning applications for individual plots and is at an advanced stage. However, it is noted from the Board's records that the appropriate documentation associated with the site's development including an application for discharge consent have not been received.

Initially it is suggested that a note be placed on the Local Land Charges Register (LLCR) for the individual plots but, in an effort to expedite the matter the Board may wish to consider issuing "Advisory" Notices to the individuals concerned.

Therefore, in order to resolve this matter and guide further discussions it would be beneficial to receive the Board's opinion, further instruction and approval to initially write to the persons concerned in order to resolve this potential issue.

Where possible the use of the post-application consultation procedure will be encouraged.

Erection of residential development on land west of Teachers Close, Manea – Mr P Jolley (MLC Ref No 285), Portman Developments (MLC Ref No 308), Matthew Homes (MLC Ref No 404, 418 & 441) & Client of Woods Hardwick (MLC Ref No 433)

Further post-application discussion has been undertaken with the applicants' consultant, Woods Hardwick.

In respect of surface water disposal an analysis of the figures provided infers that discharges from the developed site are less than the undeveloped site, for the events supplied, as a result, discharge consent is not required and, therefore, a contribution is not payable.

This assumes that:

- (i) The attenuation facility is constructed and the control device installed in accordance with the design documents supplied and, unless agreed with the Board in writing, that this remains unchanged for its lifetime.
- (ii) Adequate arrangements have been made and that such maintenance is undertaken as and when required. Also, that the works are regularly inspected and assessed to ascertain condition and serviceability, that the results of such inspections and assessment are recorded and that such records are made available to the Board on demand.

However, if it is found that the surface water disposal system is not attenuating flows as required, the Board reserves the right to treat the development as increasing the rate of flow or volume discharged and to require a discharge consent application to be made together with the payment of the associated fee. In such a case, a request will be made to note the position on the LLCR until the matter is resolved to the Board's satisfaction.

Erection of 32 dwellings at land north of 28-30 High Street, Manea – Primepower Properties Ltd (MLC Ref No 374)

Further to the last meeting, the District Council's Planning Committee refused the application in June 2017. However, a planning appeal was submitted in August and

subsequently allowed by The Planning Inspectorate subject to the imposition of conditions. These include a surface water condition that was requested by the LLFA. No further correspondence has been received from the applicant or the applicant's agents and no further action has been taken in respect of the Board's interests.

Development in the vicinity of The Oaks and Cathedral View, Turf Fen Lane, Doddington – Various applicants including Brand Associates (MLC Ref No 392), Mr & Mrs G Glowacki (MLC Ref No 398), Mr M Wilson (MLC Ref No 436) & Mr R Glowacki (MLC Ref No 442)

Further discussion has been undertaken with the applicants' consultant concerning an application for byelaw consent submitted to the Board in error as the site was outside the Board's rateable area.

"Growth" in this area continues but very few applicants have contacted the Board or submitted the appropriate documentation. Board members will be aware that historically the area has experienced flooding and, whilst it is accepted that some mitigation works were undertaken, there are concerns that both treated foul and surface water is being discharged without the Board's consent and could contribute to problems in the future.

Initially it is suggested that a note is placed on the LLCR for the individual plots but, in an effort to expedite the matter the Board may wish to consider issuing "Advisory" Notices to the individuals concerned.

Therefore, in order to resolve this matter and guide further discussions it would be beneficial to receive the Board's opinion, further instruction and approval to initially write to the persons concerned in order to resolve this potential issue.

Where possible the use of the post-application consultation procedure will be encouraged.

Fenland District Council (FDC)

No further correspondence has been received from FDC concerning the Neighbourhood Strategy and no progress has occurred with its District Wide Level 2 SFRA.

No further action has been taken in respect of the Board's interests.

FDC Liaison Meeting

A meeting attended by representatives from the Commissioners and FDC was held in November to improve working relations between the two authorities.

The actions arising from the meeting included:

- Development of a joint protocol/leaflet to clarify the inter-relationship between FDC, CCC (in its role as the LLFA), the Commissioners & associated IDBs and the EA in relation to flooding and surface water drainage for developers.
- The Commissioners to offer a seminar for “planners”.
- The Commissioners to review their approach to responding to planning applications with a focus on major schemes/Broad Concept Plans (BCP’s).
- Meeting to discuss the potential tourism opportunities on our waterways perhaps initially focusing on March.
- Communication opportunities for FDC to promote/signpost the Commissioners’ information and pre-application process or to join this up with its own processes.
- Investigate whether the FDC Local Validation List review can include requirements to benefit the Commissioners or drainage in general.

Another meeting is to be held in May this year.

Cambridgeshire Flood Risk Management Partnership (CFRMP)

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

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

The Great Ouse Tidal River Baseline report

This EA document is complete and available in PDF format. The report sets out the status of flood risk management on the tidal River Ouse. One of the most critical/important maps highlights cost benefits in terms of GiA and other funding sources. The report also sets out issues going forward with regard to long term funding of managing the catchment.

The Future Fenland Project

Phase 1 of this EA project, which concerns all of the Fens, has commenced. This will take a couple of years to complete and will include Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. A workshop for stakeholders was held in January and a further one will be held during March 2018. One of the aims of this phase is to outline the total cost benefit analysis of maintaining the Fens.

Phase 2 will assess how the Fens may change in the future based on information from phase 1. This may include considering changes in land uses and funding streams.

There are varying views on the future of the Fens and the development of the project. One of the concerns raised was the source of future funding for the management of the Fens and the conflicting views on how it should be managed.

Programme Development Unit (PDU)

This EA team will focus on helping partners deliver projects more efficiently. There are a number of large EA projects that the PDU will be involved with, therefore a hierarchy of projects will need to be established to ensure clarity of their involvement.

Flood risk activities: environmental permits (formerly flood defence consents)

There is currently a proposal by the EA to raise the costs of permitting in stages from the current £170 minimum potentially up to £1441.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has advised that the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has also been involved in a similar process with ADA. A response has been prepared by ADA and for more detail see item 33 on the Agenda.

Members will be aware that the statutory fee for obtaining consent stated within the Land Drainage Act has, for many years, been only £50.00 which does not cover the real costs of processing such a consent.

Cambridgeshire County Council – Flood and Water Team – Ordinary watercourse consents have been considered and issued when required.

The Bedford Group of IDBs has advised that Ordinary watercourse consents in its area were not originally considered with protected provisions in the Development Control Order (DCO), a planning document. A legal agreement was subsequently agreed that reflects the IDBs' byelaws and protected provisions.

It is understood that the EA had a similar situation at Peterborough on a Main River, even though it was a stakeholder in the project.

IDBs are reminded that they are not Statutory Consultees in such consultations but do need to be aware of forthcoming schemes in order to protect their interests.

Rain Gauges Project

Note. *The Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU - previously called OJEC, the Official Journal of the European Community) is the publication in which all tenders from the public sector which are valued above a certain financial threshold according to EU legislation, must be published. The legislation covers organisations and projects that receive public money, such as Local Authorities, NHS Trusts, MOD, Central Government Departments and Educational Establishments.*

The Eastern Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC) area (largely Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex) will be joining this Central RFCC project which is likely to be Project Managed by the EA.

The gauges will be located on secure and accessible EA or Anglian Water Services Ltd (AWSL) structures, such as water recycling centres (WRCs), and the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge.

It is intended that information from the rain gauges will be for the use of all partners for flood investigations etc with all sites available via telemetry using a web interface, possibly with three levels of membership – Administrator, Partners and the Public - and associated viewing rights within the web interface with the latter only seeing “local” information. This interface will be based on the software that AWSL already uses for its existing rain gauges and combined sewer overflows (CSOs). The data will not be directly compatible with EA data however a widget will be developed for this purpose. Discussion/negotiations are ongoing with the Met Office regarding a data swap.

The size of the project is causing delays but draft OJEU tender documents, a business case and inter LLFA and AWSL legal agreements are currently being drafted.

As members of the CFRMP, the Middle Level Commissioners have been asked to comment on the proposed location of rain gauges. The LLFA advises that the proposed new gauges have been chosen because they are adjacent to major areas of population and known “wet spots”. The nearest rain gauges to the Board’s area are at Middle Level Commissioners’ Offices and March WRC. The LLFA proposed a gauge at Doddington, presumably on the WRC.

Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor

Funded by the Local Levy the EA has employed a Strategic Flood Risk Planning Advisor on a two year contract. The role will include providing input to LPA’s Local Plans (most of which, within Cambridgeshire, are approaching completion) and highlighting flood mitigation opportunities within strategic development proposals.

Integrated FRM PhD research project

A PhD researcher at the Flood Hazard Research Centre (FHRC) Middlesex University is working on integrated flood risk management within Cambridgeshire with the aim of understanding the connectivity between different networks (such as the RFCC, CFRMP, catchment partnerships, local resilience forums, enterprise partnerships) and to see how these influence the integration of different FRM objectives (preventing new risk, reducing existing risk and managing residual risk) and other wider sustainable development objectives. An interview attended by the Chief Executive and Planning Engineer was held with the researcher on 5 January, to discuss their roles; the role of IDBs and partnership working, amongst other things.

Fenland Flooding Issues Sub-Group

Following the extreme rainfall event experienced within March during August 2014, a March Flood Investigation Sub-Group was formed. The meetings associated with this investigation have proven beneficial to all the stakeholders involved and may lead to the resolution of many historical issues and, as a result, the responsibilities of the Sub-Group were extended to cover any local flooding issues within the District Council's area. There are currently no issues within the Commissioners' catchment.

General Advice

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

- (a) Mr D Hankins – An application for byelaw consent for the installation of 8 No. field underdrain outfalls in the district drain between Points 30 and 31 near Ghant Farm, Boot's Road, Manea was recommended for approval.

Consulting Engineer

1 May 2018

Curf & Wimblington Combined (308)\Reports\May 2017

Mr Don Morris considered that Ashmans were doing a good job with the Board's flail mowing.

Mr Lakey reported that for the installation of the new pumping unit at Bensons pumping station, a power shutdown was required and, although arrangements had been previously made, these had had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions at the time making access for the crane difficult. He was, however, hopeful that the installation would be carried out tomorrow, the 16th May 2018.

Mr Lakey referred to the Consulting Engineer's comments concerning the gear box oil leak and the service/overhaul of the weedscreen cleaner travel and hoist mechanism. Mr Hill reported that the Engineer had estimated for budgetary purposes the sums of £2,000 and £8,000 respectively for these works.

With regards to planning application (MLC Ref No. 284), Mr Mason reported that the development was generally complete, and that, due to information received from Anglian Water, there could be issues with the pipework installed to take the surface water from the development.

Mr R Gowler tabled a photograph of the culvert at Point 45 and reported that upstream of this there was now a large developed area, the flows of surface water from which now appeared to be greater than the capacity of the culvert pipe, which has caused water to back up at this point and localised flooding to the adjoining fields. He proposed that when drain maintenance works were being carried out this year, the now redundant culvert upstream of Point 45 should be removed and a larger pipe installed to alleviate these problems. In response to Mr Hill, Mr Lakey considered these works could be carried out for a budgeting estimate of £2,000. Members gave consideration to the use of development funds for these works, as the problem was being caused by run-off from the developed area.

RESOLVED

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

(ii) Weed Control and Drain Maintenance

That the recommended works be undertaken.

(iii) That the Middle Level Commissioners be requested to carry out the repairs to the gear box and weedscreen cleaner travel and hoist mechanism at Stonea Fen Pumping Station.

(iv) Residential Development (Kingsland Close) at 65 Newgate Street, Doddington - Mr J Kingsland (MLC Ref No. 284)

That a note be placed on the Local Land Charges Register for the individual plots.

(v) Development in the vicinity of The Oaks and Cathedral View, Turf Fen Lane, Doddington – various applicants including Brand Associates (MLC Ref No 392), Mr and Mrs G Glowacki (MLC Ref No 398), Mr M Wilson (MLC Ref No 436) and Mr R Glowacki (MLC Ref No 442)

That a note be placed on the Local Land Charges Register for the individual plots.

(vi) That the redundant culvert upstream of Point 45 be removed and replaced with a larger pipe to the Consulting Engineer's specifications, when maintenance works are being carried out this year and for these works to be funded from the Development Charges account.

(NB) – The Vice Chairman declared an interest in planning applications (MLC Ref Nos 46, 48, 234 and 435) for Skylark Garden Centre.

(NB) – Mr D Nicholas declared an interest in planning applications (MLC Ref Nos 211, 244, 269, 427 and 428) for Nicholas Farms.

B.367 Capital Improvement Programme

Mr Hill reported on proposals for the current year which have been approved and that the Mechanical and Electrical Engineer had not indicated that there were any pumps that he considered requiring immediate attention. He reported that should another pumping unit show signs of requiring overhaul or replacement, this may have to be dealt with prior to the next meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED

- i) That the Capital Programme be approved in principle and kept under review.
- ii) That the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to take any further actions as they consider necessary.

B.368 Environmental Officer's Newsletter and BAP Report

Mr Hill referred to the Environmental Officer's Newsletter, previously circulated to Members.

Members considered and approved the most recent BAP report together with the information sheets about floating pennywort.

Mr Hill referred to Cliff Carson's recent health issues and that he was now back at work and had recently filmed a piece on otters which was due to be shown on the BBC Spring Watch programme towards the end of the month. He reported that Cliff was due to retire at the end of June and that the process to find his replacement was in hand.

In response to the Chairman concerning the shaping of drains, Mr Lakey did not consider this to be beneficial as any shaping would be lost as a result of future flail mowing operations.

RESOLVED

That the Commissioners make a £50 contribution towards a gift for Cliff Carson's retirement.

B.369 Pumping Station duties

- a) The Board gave consideration to the payment in respect of pumping station duties for 2018/2019.

The Chairman referred to the Middle Level Commissioners' pay award indicator which was 2.58%.

b) The Board gave consideration to the fuel allowances payable to Messrs Watson and Carson.

RESOLVED

i) That the Board agree that the sum of £4,761.00 be allowed for the provision of pumping station duties for 2018/2019.

iii) That the Board agree that a £292.00 and £108.00 fuel allowance be allowed to Messrs Watson and Carson respectively.

B.370 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.371 Application for byelaw consent

Mr Hill reported that the following application for consent to undertake works in and around watercourses had been approved and granted since the last general meeting of the Board, viz:-

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Description of Works</u>	<u>Date consent granted</u>
Mr D Hankins	Installation of 8 No field underdrain outfalls in district drain – between points 30 and 31 near Ghant Farm, Boots Road, Manea	8 th December 2017

RESOLVED

That the action taken in granting consent be approved.

B.372 Environment Agency – Precepts

Mr Hill reported that the Environment Agency had issued the precept for 2018/2019 in the sum of £9,404 (the precept for 2017/2018 being £9,265).

B.373 Claims for Highland Water Contributions – Section 57 Land Drainage Act 1991

a) Mr Hill reported that the sum of £357.30 (£5,923.43 less £5,566.13 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 2016/2017 together

with the sum of £4,654.54 in respect of 80% of the Board's estimated expenditure for the financial year 2017/2018.

(b) Further to minute B.332(b), Mr Hill referred to the discussions with the Environment Agency over the monies available to fund highland water claims.

RESOLVED

That the position be noted and the situation kept under review.

B.374 Letting of Herbage

Consideration was given to the letting of herbage in the District in 2019.

RESOLVED

That herbage be let as follows viz:-

i) Narrow Drove, Green Drove (from Narrow Drove to the South Bank) and South Bank (from the Commissioners' Pumping Station to Block Fen Drove) to Mr Robin Gowler for £10 per annum.

ii) North Bank (from Boots Bridge to the Commissioners' Pumping Station) to M F Martin Limited for £5 per annum.

(NB) – The Vice Chairman and Mr Martin declared interests when this item of business was being discussed.

B.375 Association of Drainage Authorities

Mr Hill reported:-

a) Annual Conference

That the Annual Conference of the Association of Drainage Authorities would be held in London on Wednesday the 14th November 2018.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to obtain a ticket for the Annual Conference of the Association for any Member who wishes to attend.

b) Annual Conference of the River Great Ouse Branch

On the Annual Conference of the River Great Ouse branch of the Association held in Prickwillow, Ely on Tuesday the 6th March 2018 and the fact that the administration of this branch has now been passed to the Middle Level Commissioners.

Mr Hill advised that the new members elected to the Branch's Executive Committee included the Middle Level Commissioners' Operations Engineer, Jonathan Fenn and the Chairman, Marc Heading who was appointed Vice Chairman (with Harry Raby of the

Bedford Group being appointed Chairman). He added that the agreed aim of this reworked branch will be to be more pro-active and accordingly it was expected that the Executive Committee will meet periodically to discuss catchment wide issues and will then report back to the Branch at its Annual Conference on what it has achieved over the year.

c) Subscriptions

That it was proposed by ADA to increase subscriptions by approximately 1% in 2018, viz:- from £609 to £616.

RESOLVED

That the increased ADA subscription be paid for 2018.

d) Liability of Board Members

Mr Hill referred to, and the Board noted, a Guidance Note received from ADA dated the 28th September 2017 which summarised the issue of when Members of an Internal Drainage Board may be held personally liable for actions which they take in that capacity.

Mr Hill advised that the Board had management liability insurance in place, which was in respect of claims made as a result of a wrongful act against members of the Board arising from the management and operations of the Board and that the cover attached was £5,000,000.

e) Updating IDB Byelaws

Mr Hill referred to a letter received from ADA dated the 20th October 2017.

Mr Hill reported that most of the IDBs in the area have a set of Byelaws which were made under Section 34 of the Land Drainage Act 1976 for the secure and efficient working of the drainage system in their area.

Defra have now suggested that the Byelaws which have been adopted by IDBs should be updated to include within their purpose powers in relation to environment matters. To do this it will be necessary to update the current Byelaws in line with the standard model byelaw published in October 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be requested to draft new Byelaws to include compliance with the environment regulations for consideration by the Board at their next meeting.

f) New Model Policy Statement

Mr Hill referred to the publication of the new model Policy Statement issued in late April 2018 by ADA.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be requested to draft a new Policy Statement for consideration by the Board at their next meeting.

g) Floodex 2019

That Floodex 2019 will be held at The Peterborough Arena on the 27th and 28th February 2019.

B.376 Capital Programme Strengthening and Delivery

Mr Hill referred to, and the Board noted, the slides presented by the Environment Agency at the Great Ouse IDB and EA Strategic Group meeting on the 19th April 2017.

B.377 Middle Level Commissioners and Administered Boards Chairs Meeting

Mr Hill reported that a meeting of the Chairmen of all of the Middle Level Commissioners' administered Boards met on the 8th March 2018 to discuss the challenges facing Boards. Innes Thomson, Chief Executive of ADA, spoke on the arrangements adopted by other Boards around the country.

Matters raised included:-

- 1) Advantages, disadvantages and barriers to amalgamation.
- 2) Future meetings and the opportunity for Boards to request items be added to the agenda.
- 3) Reviewing Board membership numbers.
- 4) Frequency of Board meetings.

B.378 Member training and the appointment of a Health and Safety Officer

Mr Hill reported that ADA has been encouraging member training for a number of years and Defra will, from 2018, require Boards to report upon any training that has been provided to members. This was to be reported by way of an entry on the IDB1 forms and the listed topics on this form are; Governance, Finance, Environment, Health, safety and welfare, Communications and engagement, amongst others. The Board may wish to pick an area where they consider specific tailored training is pertinent for it in a given year or alternatively might ask that the Middle Level Commissioners arrange some joint training with other Boards which they are happy to do.

On Health and Safety, after reviewing arrangements for a number of Boards, it has become clear that it would be helpful if Boards could appoint a member to be in charge of Health and Safety matters. This person would take overall responsibility for Health and Safety supported by Croner through the Middle Level Commissioners. This will help provide clarity going forward as ultimately it is the Boards' role to ensure that sites, equipment and working practices are as safe as can be reasonably expected. Whilst IDBs have an enviable record on safety and much that is needed is likely to already be in place, the HSE would probe the organisational structure should a reportable accident occur and would take a dim view if clarity on the lines of responsibility were unclear.

Members acknowledged the importance of Health and Safety and considered that the role of Health & Safety Officer was far reaching and that more information was required. The Chairman considered there should be a uniformed approach to Health and Safety by all the Middle Level Commissioners' administered Boards and would like further clarification.

RESOLVED

- i) That the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to meet with the Clerk to discuss the matter further and be authorised to take any further actions as they consider necessary.
- ii) That the Board participate in any training organised through the Middle Level Commissioners.

B.379 Defra IDB1 Returns

Mr Hill referred to a letter received from Defra dated the 24th April 2018 and reported on the proposed changes to the Annual Defra IDB1 Returns.

He advised that the IDB1 form is completed each year in accordance with the Land Drainage Act 1991 and is submitted to Defra, the Environment Agency and to each Council which pays an IDB Special Levy. The form provides information on such items as income, expenditure, a policy delivery statement, the bio-diversity action plan, asset management and governance matters.

Mr Hill reported that for the year ended 31st March 2017 the IDB1 return was amended and additional information requested, such as details of board membership, attendance at meetings, whether elections are held and confirmation that the complaints procedure is accessible from the home page on an IDB's website. This information will enable Defra to gather more data in relation to IDBs.

For 2018 the IDB1 form will be further expanded. The additions were developed in co-operation with the Environment Agency, ADA and invited IDB representatives including David Thomas on behalf of the Middle Level Commissioners. The inclusion of items within the form which would either be difficult to report on or provide information which collectively would be of little value have been resisted and the new IDB1 form should, as a result, allow Defra to gain a much clearer insight into what IDBs deliver annually. It is hoped that this in turn will assist with raising further the profile of IDBs.

B.380 Requirements for a Biosecurity Policy

Mr Hill reported that, from 2018, Board's will be required to advise (through the IDB1 returns) whether they have in place a Biosecurity Policy. This is considered necessary following increased concern over the spread of alien invasive weeds from one waterbody to another, possibly through the use of contracted or shared plant which can carry elements of such plants if not properly cleaned after being moved from contaminated locations. ADA have stated that they support the principle of having a policy in place and, conscious that for most boards the policy requirements will be identical, they are producing a model document. The Board were asked to confirm that they were content to adopt a policy as long as it is suitable and will not include overly onerous steps which might restrict their activities.

RESOLVED

That the draft policy be reviewed by the Board at their next meeting.

B.381 The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Mr Hill referred to the Guidance Note on the implementation of the GDPR and that all organisations must become fully compliant by the 25th May 2018.

RESOLVED

That Miss Lorna McShane, Solicitor and Assistant Clerk be appointed the Commissioners' Data Protection Officer.

B.382 Charging for Environmental Permits

Mr Hill reported on the consultation on charging for Environmental Permits which closed on the 26th January 2018. It is suggested within the consultation that charging should be designed to recover costs and as such there may be significant increases in the charges for obtaining Environment Agency permits for some IDB activities which require such consents. ADA have responded on behalf of the industry and their response is available on their website, www.ada.org.uk/2018/01/ada-responds-environment-agency-charge-proposals-2018.

B.383 Completion of the Annual Accounts and Annual Return of the Board – 2016/2017

- a) The Board considered and approved the comments of the Auditors on the Annual Return for the year ended on the 31st March 2017.
- b) The Board considered and approved the Audit Report of the Internal Auditor for the year ended on the 31st March 2017.

B.384 Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England

Mr Hill referred to the recently issued Practitioners' guide to proper practices to be applied in the preparation of statutory Annual Accounts and Governance Statements which will apply to Annual Returns commencing on or after 1st April 2018.

B.385 Budgeting

Mr Hill referred to the budget comparison of the forecast out-turn and the actual out-turn for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

B.386 Review of Internal Controls

- a) Members considered and expressed satisfaction with the current system of Internal Controls.
- b) The Board considered and approved the appointment of Whiting & Partners as Internal Auditor for the three period 2018/2019 to 2020/2021.
- c) The Board approved the Audit Strategy and Audit Plan.

B.387 Risk Management Assessment

- a) The Board considered and expressed satisfaction with their current Risk Management Policy.
- b) The Board considered and approved the insured value of their buildings.

B.388 Appointment of External Auditor

Further to minute B.308 Mr Hill referred to the decision by the Board to join the Sector Led Auditor Appointment Body for the appointment of the External Auditor and that the Smaller Authorities' Auditor Appointments (SAAA Ltd) had formed for this purpose. He reported that they had now confirmed the appointment of PKF Littlejohn to carry out the external audit of the Board for a five year period commencing with the financial year 2017/2018.

B.389 Exercise of Public Rights

Mr Hill 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.390 Annual Governance Statement – 2017/2018

The Board considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended on the 31st March 2018.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement, on behalf of the Board, for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

B.391 Payments

The Board considered and approved payments amounting to £82,303.64 which had been made during the financial year 2017/2018.

(NB) – The Vice Chairman and Mr C Gowler declared an interest in the payments made to R & J A Gowler.

B.392 Anglia Farmers

The Board considered their contractual arrangements with Anglia Farmers for the supply of electricity.

Mr Hill reported that the contract with Anglia Farmers ceases on the 30th September 2018 and advised that, in view of the problems encountered over the past 15 months with the operation of the contract, a report had been sent to all Chairmen.

Mr Hill further advised that, although the Clerk was able to recommend to the Board that they remain with Anglia Farmers for a further contract period, usually 18 months to 2 years, during which time the service provided by them will be monitored, it was the Board's decision and should they wish to be removed from the buying group then it would be the Board's responsibility to negotiate its own separate electricity contract with a supplier.

Mr Hill reported that the Chairman had agreed for the Board to remain with Anglia Farmers.

RESOLVED

That the actions of the Chairman be approved and the current arrangements be continued for a further contract period, during which time the service provided by them, in relation to the running of the contract, be monitored.

B.393 Annual Accounts of the Board – 2017/2018

The Board considered and approved the Annual Accounts and bank reconciliation for the year ended on the 31st March 2018 as required in the Audit Regulations.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Return, on behalf of the Board, for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

B.394 Expenditure estimates and special levy and drainage rate requirements 2018/2019

The Board considered estimates of expenditure and proposals for special levy and drainage rates in respect of the financial year 2018/2019 and were informed by Mr Hill that under the Land Drainage Act 1991 the proportions of their net expenditure to be met by drainage rates on agricultural hereditaments and by contributions would be 90.50% and by special levy on local billing authorities and by contribution would be 9.50%.

RESOLVED

- i) That the estimates be approved, subject to £2,000 being added for works at Point 45 and for these works to be paid from the Development Charges Account.
- ii) That a total sum of £86,179 be raised by drainage rates and special levy and by way of contribution from the Middle Level Commissioners under the Wimblington 2nd District Drainage Order 1922.
- 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 and contribution from the Middle Level Commissioners are £74,472, £7,580 and £4,127 respectively.
- iv) That a rate of 21.00p in the £ be laid and assessed on Agricultural hereditaments in the District.
- v) That a Special levy of £7,580 be made and issued to Fenland District Council for the purpose of meeting such expenditure.

- vi) That a contribution of £4,127 be made by the Middle Level Commissioners in respect of Byall Fen in accordance with Wimblington 2nd District Drainage Order 1922.
- 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 (v).
- viii) That the Clerk be authorised to recover all unpaid rates and levy by such statutory powers as may be available.

B.395 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.396 Date of next Meeting

RESOLVED

That the next Meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday the 14th May 2019 and the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to make any arrangements for an Inspection as they consider appropriate.