

IMBANKING COMMISSIONERS

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for imbanking fen lands and low grounds
within the Parishes of Chatteris, Doddington and Wimblington hosted at
the Middle Level Offices, March on Tuesday the 29th April 2022

PRESENT

M E Heading Esq (Chairman)	R Mason Esq
D Nicholas Esq	G Wakeham Esq

The Clerk to the Board was in attendance.

Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received from R Gowler Esq.

C.209 Declarations of Interest

The Clerk reminded the Commissioners of the importance of declaring an interest in any matter included in today's agenda that involved or was likely to affect any of them.

C.210 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 11th May 2021 are recorded correctly and that they be confirmed and signed.

C.211 Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED

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

C.212 Commissioners' Financial Statement

The Commissioners considered and approved a financial statement showing the sum of £14,529.29 was standing to the credit of the Commissioners on the 31st March 2022.

C.213 Use of Commissioners' funds

Further to minute C.204, the Clerk advised that he had looked into the legality of using a portion of the funds of the Imbanking Commissioners as a contribution towards maintenance works undertaken by the Curf and Wimblington Combined Internal Drainage Board and it appeared that there was no viable avenue for this. It was therefore suggested that other options might be worth considering. After much discussion it was agreed that one possible path would be to transfer the Commissioners' land and funds to the MLC as a contribution towards the bank raising scheme. This was considered likely to be a reasonable and legal use of the assets of the Commissioners, as their defined function was to maintain sections of banks of the 40 foot and 16-foot drains. In return the Commissioners felt that the MLC might be asked to offer some form of good will compensatory support to the local IDB (Curf and Wimblington IDB).

Should the above be followed through then the Imbanking Commissioners would have no assets or funds and would simply cease to meet as they would have nothing to discuss or action.

RESOLVED

That a proposal be formulated in more detail and presented to both the MLC Board and Imbanking Commissioners.

C.214 Mr T Noble – Land at Turf Fen, Chatteris

Further to minute C.205, the Commissioners considered whether any change was appropriate in the level of rental being obtained for their land.

RESOLVED

That no change in the level of rental be made.

C.215 Risk Management Assessment

The Commissioners considered having a revaluation of their real estate assets, as required for audit purposes.

RESOLVED

That no changes be made to the valuation at this time.

C.216 Assets

Further to minute C.207, the Chairman felt that the current rental rates were appropriate, all agreed.

RESOLVED

That no changes be made to the rental rates at this time.

C.217 Date of next Meeting

RESOLVED

That the next Meeting of the Commissioners be held on Tuesday the 9th May 2023.

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Chairman
9th May 2023