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 9th May 2023

PRESENT

M E Heading Esq (Chairman)	R Mason Esq
D Nicholas Esq	G Wakeham Esq
Ms A Morris	R Gowler Esq

The Clerk to the Board and Operations Engineer were in attendance.

Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received from C Martin Esq and L Nicholas Esq.

C.218 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.219 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 29th April 2022 are recorded correctly and that they be confirmed and signed.

C.220 Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED

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

C.221 Commissioners' Financial Statement

The Commissioners considered and approved a financial statement showing the sum of £15,929.29 was standing to the credit of the Commissioners on the 31st March 2023, viz;

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

GENERAL FUND

31-Mar-23			01-Apr-22		
Payments made:-			Balance brought forward		14,529.29
Curf & Wimb. Comb.IDB - Contribution	0.00				
Middle Level - Administration charge	120.00		31-Mar-23		
		120.00	Rent - T Noble	1,400.00	
			Interest on Deposit Accounts	0.00	
					1,400.00
Balance carried forward		15,809.29			
		15,929.29			15,929.29

BALANCE SHEET

Capital Section

Liabilities		Assets	
Capital Provisions	75,000.00	Land - Turf Fen 10.500 acres	75,000.00
Revenue Section			
Creditors	350.00	Debtor (Rent)	0.00
General Fund	15,809.29	Balance in hand - Barclays Bank Clients' Account	15,159.29
	91,159.29		90,159.29

C.222 Use of Commissioners' funds

The Chairman reported that the Middle Level Commissioners had resolved to receive the funds and land of the Commissioners for investment into their Bank Raising scheme should the Commissioners resolve for that to happen.

Ms Morris enquired as to the location of the land in relation to the proposed Fens Reservoir plan. The Chairman reported that past investments had been made into fencing, gates and signage.

It was felt that any investment of the Commissioners funds into the Middle Level Commissioners Bank Raising Scheme ought to be for enhancements over and above what would ordinarily be delivered. The Clerk reported that the full business case for the scheme will be in place for next year's meeting and include a firmer delivery programme and that this would assist the Commissioners with any decision making.

The Chairman suggested that it would be prudent to also have the ability to have assets and finance available to inform and influence the proposed Fens Reservoir footprint. The Commissioners agreed.

Ms Morris suggested a suitable use of funds would be to fund the safety signage within the area of the Commissioners interests that Curf & Wimblington IDB resolved to erect in response to their COPE Health & Safety report. The Commissioners agreed.

RESOLVED

That no transfer of funds or land be made to the Middle Level Commissioners at this point. The situation to be reviewed at the next meeting once the Bank Raising Scheme full business case is available and the Fens Reservoir design is clearer.

That a map be created to show the Commissioners land, responsibilities and interests to help with future decision making.

To fund one of the safety signs that Curf & Wimblington IDB resolved to erect in response to their Health & Safety review.

C.223 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.

POST MEETING NOTE:

Rental Agreement: Turf Fen, Chatteris
Rent last reviewed in June 2015 and took affect from 1st January 2017. It's a year-to-year agreement and either the landlord or tenant can give a min of 12-month and a max of 24-month notice to end the term.

C.224 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.225 Assets

Commented [PB1]: This is/was the same as item C214 so for next year can they just be the same agenda item please?

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.226 Date of next Meeting

RESOLVED

That the next Meeting of the Commissioners be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 16:15

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Chairman

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Date