

# WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held at 47 North Street, Sutton-PE21 6LL, on Wednesday, 7 December 2022

### Present –

#### Members:

P. Bedford	M. Leggett
B. Barber	P. Paine
C. Doughton	P. Richardson (Chairman)
(Vice-Chairman)	K. Smith
A. Hall	A. Tait
C. Hardy	P. Storer
A. Harrison	J. Ward
B. Hall-Jones	

### 1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1.1 Neil Hoyle

The Chairman confirmed that Neil Hoyle had resigned from the Board due to work commitments.

#### 1.2 Christmas

The Chairman sent best wishes to the staff and thanked them for their efforts this year. He also wanted to extend his thanks to Board Members for their input throughout the year.

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

The Chair Executive confirmed that apologies had been received from T. Ashton, P. Arthing-Morris, J. Watkinson, R. Austin, J. Woods, and J. Grant. No apologies had been received from B. Jones.

#### 3 Declaration of Interest in Any General Item

None declared.

### 4 MINUTES

#### 4.1 Board Meeting – Wednesday 14 September 2022

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 14 September 2022 were submitted and agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

#### Watering exercise

The Chair Executive provided an update to Board Members of the Incident Management which had taken place between 14P and 16P November 2022. This exercise involved a national fire event and was to the test the resilience of SIBs and the other emergency response services. The debrief had shown that this had been a successful event but lessons had been learned and some improvements will be made. There is another exercise planned for 2023 which will be based on a national power outage to show business continuity plans.

The Chair Executive confirmed a typo on page 11, paragraph 5.4 which should read 14 pages per unit.

#### 5 MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE & RISK COMMITTEE – 16 November 2022

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 November 2022 were submitted and agreed as accurate and signed by the Committee's Chairman.

The Chair Executive took Board Members through the proposed amendments to the Risk and Finance Regulations confirming that all proposed amendments were highlighted in red. These amendments had all been agreed at the Committee Meeting. The Chair Executive had