

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Board at a Meeting held at 27 Norfolk Street, Boston on **Wednesday, 17th September 2020**

Present - P Richardson (Chairman)

Members:	B. Beales	G. Middleton
	C. Baker	M. Leggett
	C. Goodham (Vice-Chairman)	A. Tait
	S. Evans	R. Smith
	C. Hardy	J. Ward
	A. Harrison	J. Webb
	R. Hall-Jones	

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1.1 **Apologies**

The Chairman thanked Board Members for attending the Inspection and Tour of the District. Thanks were extended to the Chief Engineer for progressing the projects currently being undertaken.

1.2 **New Members**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Stuart Evans and David Middleton to their first Board meeting which he hoped they would find of interest.

1.3 **Borough Presentation**

On 20th July 2020, the Chief Executive and her Manager (now retired) Steve Stone (Chief Executive) gave a presentation to the Borough. The presentation had been very well attended by Councillors and 600 from 126 members and was followed by a very interesting question and answer session.

1.4 **Food & Water Live 2020**

The Board received significant recognition from attendees at the above event and the Chief Engineer received a personal thank you at the event dinner. In recognition of the work he had put into organising the event, the Board's staff were in attendance over the two days. The Duke of Gloucester visited the Board's stand.

1.5 **Annual AGM Conference / AGM**

The AGM Board have agreed to split the traditional conference & AGM into two separate events. The AGM – will be held on 27 September 2021 (online) and the Conference will be held in London on 21 November 2021. This will be attended by the Chairman and three Senior Officers.

1.6 **Board Meetings - 2021**

The first two meetings due for the year are the Committee Meetings (vacancies exist) on 15 November and the Board Meeting on 13th December.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

The Chief Executive confirmed that apologies had been received from R. Hall, G. Smith, J. Grant, and T. Ashton. No apologies were received from R. Jones, P. Bedford, and H. Dapkin. G. Webber had indicated that she might be able to attend.