

WYTHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Environment Committee at Norfolk Street on Wednesday
13 November 2020

Present - B. Burtles (Committee Chairman)
Absence - T. Ashton
C. Cunniff
S. Harman
P. Richardson (Chairman)
A. Seal

1. JAMES GRANT

The Chairman confirmed that he was sure of Committee Members had heard the very real news of James' passing and advised that one minute silence would be held at the next Board Meeting as a mark of respect.

2. APLOGUES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:-
N. Jones and C. Butler

3. ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Committee Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting. The Chief Engineer confirmed that the report was a positive reason because of time constraints, as a result of the recent weather event. The Chairman confirmed that an Ecologist had been employed and he was progressing very well with the projects, he had undertaken surveys and checked relevant boxes which were all quiet now. The Ecologist also updates the SMP Tracker. Details will be loaded onto the website following the meeting.

The Chief Engineer was much more comfortable that the Board was meeting its obligations and the team were able to load onto the SMP GIS systems details of types and locations of any species seen (invasive and non-invasive) whilst working out in the drains.

The Ecologist was also the 'ECOW' (Ecological Data of Works) for the Wharfedale Pumping Station project - where an independent view could be given with regard to health & safety, welfare and environmental implications of the project.

4. CHIEF ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED WORKING

The Chief Engineer briefly ran through the Environment and Conservation estimates for 2024/25.

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND That the estimate for 2024/2025 of £26,825.00 be recommended for approval by the Board at the December 2020 Board Meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business, and the meeting was closed at 8.05pm

Chairman