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3396	<p>Appointment of Vice Chairman Nominations were invited for Vice Chairman. Mr Godwin was proposed and seconded. No other nominations were received.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Godwin be appointed Committee Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. 	
3397	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from the Land Drainage Engineer, Cllr Toleman, Mr G Simms & Mr G Littleton</p>	
3398	<p>Chairman's Announcements There were no Chairman's Announcements.</p>	
3399	<p>Declarations of Interest No interests were declared.</p>	
3400	<p>Minutes of Previous Engineering Committee Meeting Miss Hewlett requested that minute 3283 read "It was resolved that: The Engineering Committee should hold a special meeting to examine how best to proceed with the comments from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and that he should be invited to attend"</p> <p>Members agreed</p> <p>It was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to the amendment above the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2021 be approved as a true and correct record. 	
3401	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes In relation to minute 3282 Cllr Riddle advised Members that in Mr Simms absence he had stepped into the role of Chairman of the Project Steering Group (PSG). Since then only one meeting had been held and this was to</p>	

	<p>prepare for a meeting scheduled with the Environment Agency on 16th May. Therefore, the request for the PSG to investigate the figures of Motion Consultants fees and report back had been deferred until the next PSG meeting on 31st May.</p>	
3402	<p>Machinery and Plant Replacement Programme</p> <p>This item was requested by Ald Williams the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee who expressed concerns over the proposed plant and machinery expenditure over the next few years, in relation to the Boards current Capital Programme.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his concern at reducing the spend budget on plant and machinery any more. The replacement intervals had already been increased from 5 years or 5000 hours to 7 years or 7000 hours. He added that plant and machinery were important for reliability and providing appropriate kit for operatives. He reminded Members that the Boards primary responsibility was the maintenance of 550km of water course and this should not be overlooked.</p> <p>The PO added that replacement plant and machinery is very well assessed and considered before purchase.</p> <p>Ald Williams recognised that this was a viable and practical cycle and questioned if the Asset Register could be expanded to show more detailed information for example repairs costs, breakdowns, effectiveness...</p> <p>Cllr Riddle agreed that an expanded Asset Register could provide beneficial information to the relevant Committees.</p> <p>Miss Hewlett added that she had asked for Sage reporting to be improved some time ago.</p> <p>The AO reported that this had been put on hold owing to the member of staff, who is the primary Sage user, becoming suddenly ill and having to take a considerable amount of time off and the remaining staff covering the day-to-day work load.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Griffin, the AO advised that the invoices were coded to the appropriate department and nominal codes. This basic reporting functionality is already in place but specific reporting requirements had yet to be agreed.</p> <p>The CE reminded Members that the plant and machinery replacement programme had been put into place to aid cashflow and assist with budgeting to avoid huge fluctuations year on year.</p> <p>Miss Hewlett stated that it had been agreed to contact Sage to help in terms of reporting and that it would be beneficial to Committees; she felt that this subject had gone round in circles, it was not acceptable and irrespective of staff absence this should be done.</p> <p>In addition to this Miss Hewlett requested that the Finance and General Purposes Committee jointly meet with the Engineering Committee more regularly. Ald Williams supported this.</p> <p>Mr Barnes suggested that this should only be if needed and that the Engineering Committee are open to the number of meetings necessary to transact Board business.</p> <p>Cllr Riddle advised that meeting frequency had been discussed as part of the Boards restructuring and joint meetings will be called where common interest arise.</p> <p>It was resolved that</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board be requested to approve allocation of funds for Sage to assist in the Board's reporting requirements. 	
3403	<p>Outcome of meeting with Environment Agency</p> <p>Cllr Riddle advised Members that he, Mr Barnes, the PO and Ald Williams had had a very productive meeting with David Hudson and Sam Chapman from the Environment Agency (EA) on 16th May in respect of the pump station replacement programme.</p> <p>The conclusion was that the Board would only need to put in fish friendly pumps and elver passes to be compliant with legislation.</p> <p>This would bring the cost down to a more manageable figure and the 2028 deadline would be achievable.</p> <p>The EA requested regular meetings with the Board and requested the Board submit a plan of its proposed works.</p> <p>Mr Hore asked if there had been a change in regulation, Cllr Riddle explained that there hadn't and Mr Hore further questioned why this option was not explored before.</p> <p>Members noted that there may be other required works to consider such as angles of discharge, surveys, drawings etc....</p> <p>Ald Williams encouraged Members to consider starting a reserve to ensure the Board's successors had the funds for future associated pump station works.</p> <p>The CE added that only replacing the pumps would save considerable sums on items such as telemetry and automatic weed screens. The Chairman added that there would be huge savings on consultant costs also.</p> <p>Mr Godwin expressed concern about leaving out functionality such as telemetry and automatic weed screens as he felt these were important requirements for the pumping stations.</p> <p>Cllr Riddle agreed that it was important the Board considered all aspects of what works it should carry out.</p> <p>Cllr Griffin suggested that it might be beneficial to complete the next pump replacement in this way so comparisons could be drawn between the two different approaches.</p> <p>In response to a question from Miss Hewlett the Chairman advised that an additional Board meeting would be called in order to discuss this once the PSG had prepared the information.</p> <p>It was resolved that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSG prepare papers for the Board detailing the direct replacement of the pumps with fish friendly pumps, elver passes and other associated works; and • The PSG meet at least fortnightly. 	
3404	<p>Land Drainage Engineers Report</p> <p>In the LDE's absence the CE explained to Members that Elmore Back Pump Station replacement was almost finished with final works to be completed mid-June.</p> <p>In response to a question from Ald Williams the CE confirmed that the materials for the June work had been paid for but the installation cost was still to be invoiced.</p>	

	The Chairman added that he had visited the station and was impressed with the work and recommended Members to visit it.	
3405	Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting is to be determined.	
	The meeting closed at 14:05pm	