

Minutes of a Meeting of the Maxey Internal Drainage Board held at  
37, Priestgate Peterborough on Tuesday the 17th May 1966 at 2-45 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. L. H. Vergette in the Chair

Messrs. W. R. Neaverson

L. W. Hadman

M. Jackson

*S. Egan*

*M. Robinson*

D. S. S. Horsford - the Board's Engineer and the Clerk

1. Apologies were received from Lt. Col. The Hon. P. E. Brassey and  
Mr. A. Crowson

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on the 25th January 1966 were read  
and confirmed and signed by the Chairman

3. It was reported that the meeting referred to in the last minutes had been  
held at Uffington Station on the 19th April last at 2-30 p.m. when there were  
present:-

Mr. L. H. Vergette

Messrs. S. Egan

M. Jackson

H. A. Vergette

A. Crowson

W. R. Neaverson

C. E. Naylor

A. H. Broughton

D. S. S. Horsford

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The following items were considered:-

(A) Beldam Dyke Members of the Board inspected the Dyke during the afternoon  
and owing to the recent heavy rain fall were able to view the drain under  
near flood conditions. The inspection was followed by a brief discussion  
~~and it was~~ and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the owners  
of the adjoining land whose trees had fallen into the drain and which were now

obstructing the flow of water. ~~As per~~ ~~the~~

<sup>As per</sup> (a) To remove the trees from the drain

(b) To point out to them that no appreciable improvement in drainage could be obtained until this work had been done. The Engineer was asked to provide the Clerk with the names and addresses of the owners concerned together with the respective Ordnance Survey numbers.

(B) Flax Pit Drain The Engineer reported that Mr. Hurst of Uffington had complained about the condition of the Flax Pit Drain adjoining his land. Members of the Board then decided to inspect the area concerned and it was resolved that the Flax Pit Drain was satisfactory and that no action should be taken. ~~I for making up the road leading to the drain.~~ ~~It was provided that~~

4. The Draft Accounts for the year ended the 31st March 1966 were considered and approved. ~~Passed by this Board~~

5. On considering the estimates for the current year it was proposed by Mr. Eggar seconded by Mr. Hadman that the rates for the current year should be as for last year namely for the General District 6s. Owners Rate 1s. 6d. Occupiers Rate 4s. 6d. and for the North Fen District 15s. Owners Rate 3s. 9d. Occupiers Rate 11s. 3d.

6. The following points were then considered these points have been raised by the District Auditor

(a) The Board's Engineer reported that the rate per chain for casual labour during the current year varied between 5s. per chain and 6s. 6d. per chain according to the size of the drain concerned

(b) The Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk to the Newborough Drainage Board to suggest that in future this Board should pay two sevenths of Mr. Horsford's insurance stamps as far as the employers contribution was concerned

(c) The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had informed him that overdraft sanction had to be obtained from the Ministry each year, and it was the opinion of the Board that with the new rate for the current year it should

(b) ...  
operating the ...  
possible to avoid having any overdraw

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(d) It was agreed that Barclays Bank should be instructed that the maximum overdraft on the Wages Account for each month should be the sum of £450

7. It was reported that the Chairman of the Board and the Board's Engineer had seen Mr. R. Garford with regard to the field in the North Fen District and its drainage and that Mr. Garford was satisfied with the steps that the Board had undertaken to take

8. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the River Board to point out the accumulation of gravel at the Alne Bridges as a result of the recent flood condition and to say that this Board might well be grateful of some of the gravel for making up the road leading to the North Fen Pump provided that the River Board would make arrangements for the loading of the gravel on to vehicles supplied by this Board

9. The Clerk was instructed to write to the following existing members of the Board to ask whether they wish to continue as Board members namely Mr. J. W. Crowson, Mr. G. A. S. Fox and Mr. C. E. Goodfellow, and it was also agreed that the County Land Agent Mr. Ashpole should be asked to become a member of the Board in place of Mr. H. L. Samson who was ill and unlikely to be able to take his place on the Board again.

MRB DEED  
Crowson  
WALBLOWSON