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MEETING OF THE MAXEY INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

at 37, Priestgate, Peterborough on Tuesday 21st February,

1967, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. L. H. Vergette in the Chair

Messrs. A. H. Vergette.

Mr. R. Neaverson

Mr. W. Hadman

Mr. J. D. Perkins

Mr. H. Robinson

Mr. D. Coles

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Coles

to the Board and expressing the hope that he will find being a

member of it enjoyable and useful.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 18th

October 1966 were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman

An apology for absence was received from Mr. M. Jackson

The following points arising on the last minutes were

discussed.

(a). The Engineer reported that he had not ~~xxxxxx~~ been

able to avail himself of the offer of gravel from Nine Bridges

owing to weather conditions and the Clerk was asked to enquire of

the River Authority whether it would be in order for members of

the Board to take gravel provided they paid the cost of loading

and transport

(b). The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from Messrs.

Charles Miles & Sons Limited relating to the land occupied by

Mr. G. V. Sharpe in which they asked whether the Board would remove

the obstructions to the ~~Beldam~~ Dyke and the Clerk was instructed

to reply saying that it was up to them to remove the obstructions

themselves as they were only effecting their own property

(c). The Engineer reported that it had been agreed ~~as~~ between

the other Boards by which he was employed that this Board should

pay two sevenths of his Insurance Stamps.

(d). The Chairman reported the result of his interview with

Mr. Wood who was objecting to paying drainage rates and the Clerk

reported the conversations he had had on the telephone with Mrs.

Hurst. With regard to the latter it was pointed out that the

flooding that she was experiencing was due to a drain which was

the responsibility of Mr. Neaverson and not the responsibility of

the Board

The Chairman <sup>reported</sup> that he and Mr. Jackson had met the Clerk

to the Northborough Parish Council and the President of the Womens

Institute at Northborough on the 14th January at 2p.m. and a letter

of the Maxey Judgment  
at 39 Priestgate  
11. February 1967 at 2.30 pm

thought that this dyke should be piped and filled in. On the proposition of Mr. Hadman seconded by Mr. Robinson the Clerk was asked to write to both the Rural District Council and the County Council to inform them of the position and asking whether those Council's would be prepared to contribute towards the expense of doing this

6. The Engineer reported that it was anticipated that the North Fen Pump would have to be dismantled in March or April for it to be repaired and he was given authority to obtain a temporary replacement from the Ministry of Agriculture should the need arise. It was agreed that during the Autumn and after consultation with Mr. L. W. Hadman that the Milfield drain from the Brook Drain to the College Garden should be cleaned out. The Engineer reported that he had attended a meeting at Thorney with reference to the North Sea Gas Main which was to be laid over the Board's area. He reported that it would be crossing the following drains: Wellmore Drain, Brook Drain, Long Green Drain and Nix's Drain. He further stated that it should be at least 6 feet below the existing beds of these drains.

7. The Clerk was asked to write to Messrs. Towgood and Beckwith Ltd. to enquire as to the present position with regard to the installation of the new machinery which was to be installed with a view to decreasing the amount of effluent that leads to the Cuckoo Inn badly needed cleaning out and it was decided that this should be attended to as early as possible.

8. The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from Messrs Charles Miles & Sons Limited relating to the land occupied by the Board to take gravel provided they paid the cost of loading and transport. The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from Messrs Charles Miles & Sons Limited relating to the land occupied by the Board to take gravel provided they paid the cost of loading and transport. The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from Messrs Charles Miles & Sons Limited relating to the land occupied by the Board to take gravel provided they paid the cost of loading and transport.

9. The Chairman reported the result of his interview with Mr. Wood who was objecting to paying drainage rates and the Clerk reported the conversation he had had on the telephone with Mrs. Hurst. With regard to the latter it was pointed out that the other Board by which he was employed that this Board should pay two severals of his Insurance Stamps. The Engineer reported that it had been agreed as to themselves as they were only effecting their own property. The Chairman reported that he had had a letter from Messrs Charles Miles & Sons Limited relating to the land occupied by the Board to take gravel provided they paid the cost of loading and transport.

Meeting of the Maxey Internal  
Drainage Board held at 37, Priestgate  
Peterborough on Tuesday 16th May, 1967  
at 2.45. p.m.

Present: Mr. L. H. Vergette, In the Chair  
Messrs. L. W. Hadman.  
Mr. M. Jackson.  
Mr. C. E. Naylor.  
Mr. J. Perkins.  
Mr. W. R. Neaverson.  
Mr. S. Eggar.  
Mr. D. Coles.  
Mr. H. A. Vergette.  
Mr. T. W. Robinson.  
The Rate Collector.  
The Board's Engineer.  
The Clerk.

1. The minutes of the last meeting held on the 21st  
February 1967 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman  
2. An apology for absence was received from Col. P.E.  
Brassey

3. The following points arising on the last minutes were  
discussed:-

(a) The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the  
River Authority that it would be in order for the Board and  
for any members of the Board to take gravel from Nine Bridges  
provided they got in touch with the River Authority before doing  
so

(b) The Clerk reported that he has had no reply from  
Messrs. Charles Miles & Sons Ltd. relating to the field occupied  
by Mr. G. V. Sharpe.

(c) The Clerk reported that he had written to both the  
Peterborough R.D.C. and the County Council with regard to those  
Authorities contributing towards piping the drain in Northborough  
which had been complained of by the Parish Council and he further  
reported that the R.D.C. had disclaimed any responsibility for any  
part of the cost but that he had heard from the Clerk to the  
County Council to say that the Board's letter would be placed  
before the appropriate committee

(d) The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Messrs.  
Towgood & Beckwith Ltd. that the installation of the new plant  
with a view to decreasing the amounts of solid in the effluent  
had now been completed and was working satisfactorily

4. The draft Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1967 were considered and approved subject to audit

5. On considering the estimates for the current half year it was proposed by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Naylor that the rates for the current year should be as for last namely for the general district six shillings, owners rate one shilling and sixpence, occupiers rate four shillings and six pence and for the North Fen District seventeen shillings, owners rate three shillings and ninepence, occupiers rate eleven shillings and three pence

6. The following points were reported by the Clerk as a result of his interview with the District Valuer:-

(a) It was stressed that overdraft sanction should be obtained each year before an overdraft in incurred. It was pointed out that as a result of the same rate being levied this year as last, it was possible that an overdraft would be avoided during the current year

(b) It had been pointed out that there was no minute authorising the purchase of the van and thereupon it was proposed by Mr. Perkins seconded by Mr. Hadman that the purchase of the van should be confirmed

(c) It had been pointed out that there was no liability for Schedule D Tax which should be reclaimed and the Clerk informed the Board that this was being dealt with

(d) The Auditor had pointed out that no contributions had been received during the last few years from the County Council in connection with the drain at Bainton and the Clerk reported that this had now been put up to date by the Board's Engineer

(e) The District Auditor advised that the wages sheet should be checked each week in the Clerks Office and it was reported that this was being done

(f) It was pointed out again that the rate per chain for roading to be referred to in the minutes should cover both casual workers and the Board's permanent employees

(g) It was further pointed out that there was no minute whereby there was authority to make up the pay of any sick workman employed by the Board up to his normal wages and it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Hadman seconded by Mr. Neaverson that this should be rectified

(h) The Auditor further reported that a considerable amount in rates had been written off by the Rate Collector as irrecoverable and on the proposition of Mr. Perkins seconded by Mr. Robinson it was agreed that the following rates for the year 1965/6 should be written off, namely:-

Land sold for building plots	£ 12. 17. 6.
Properties condemned or demolished and taken out a rating	11. 2. 0.
Post Office Telecommunications assessments deleted	26. 10. 0.
Exhausted sand and gravel workings (now disused and under water)	29. 14. 0.
Assessment reduced for Schedule A Sand and Gravel Pits	186. 16. 2.
The above having been reduced to £70 and £4 in 1961/2 and 1962/3 from £900.	
Land taken by River Board at Bainton	4. 10. 0.
	<u>£ 271. 9. 8.</u>

(1) The District Auditor also suggested that the purchase of a completely new rate book for each year was wasteful and the Clerk was asked to see whether anything could be done whereby one rate book could be used for more than one year

7. A Letter was read from the Rate Collector asking for an increase of his salary to £350 per annum from £300 per annum as from the 1st June and this was agreed.

8. The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Conference of Drainage Authorities was to take place at the Connaught Rooms Kingsway, London on the 15th June next and it was agreed that the Board's Engineer should be asked to attend

9. The Board's Engineer suggested that the new rate per hour for the permanent workmen of the Board for a 42 week should be increased as from the 1st July as follows:-

For one who has not completed five years with the Board	s. d.
For other Workmen	6. 4. per hour
Mr. Dunnett as Foreman	6. 7. per hour
and this was agreed.	7. 1. per hour

10. It was proposed by Mr. Jackson that Mr. Noel Darby of Marholm Farm Marholm should be invited to become a member of the Board and it was proposed by Mr. Neaverson that Mr. A. G. Allen of 5 Lincoln Road, Glington should also be invited and the Clerk was instructed to write to them accordingly

A meeting of the Maxey Internal Drainage Board held at The Exeter Arms Helpston on Tuesday the 25th February 1969 at 2.30.P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. L. H. Vergette in the Chair  
Messrs. H. A. Broughton, J. D. Perkins, M. Jackson,  
W. G. Franks, D. Coles, H. A. Vergette, N. Darby,  
C. E. Goodfellow, W. R. Neaverson, C. E. Naylor S. Eggar  
The Rate Collector, The Engineer and The Clerk

1. In view of the fact that this meeting had been called solely to discuss the proposals of the River Authority contained in its letter of the 29th August last the minutes of the previous meeting were not read.
2. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Franks as a member of the Board.
3. A discussion followed with regard to the proposal made by the River Authority that this Board should consider amalgamating with other Internal Boards and also the letter from the Clerk to the Baston, Langtoft and the Deepings Internal Drainage Board dated the 31st January 1969 in which it was suggested that if the Maxey Internal Drainage Board would enter into a similar agreement as the Baston Board had done with the Deepings Fen Board whereby the administration of the Boards were centralised while keeping their own identity the advantages which the River Authority suggested would accrue, would be obtained without the individual Boards losing their identities.  
With regard to the latter proposal it was felt that while there were certain advantages in this suggestion initially there was no doubt that ultimately the Maxey Internal Drainage Board would in fact lose its identity and be submerged with the others.  
It was finally decided that the Clerk should write to the Clerk to the River Authority to arrange an appointment for Mr. L. H. Vergette and Mr. Eggar to see the Chairman of the River Authority.