

MANEA AND WELNEY DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

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Lady and Gentlemen

Meeting of Commissioners
8th February 2012

I enclose the Agenda for the Meeting of the Commissioners to be held at the **Lamb & Flag Public House, Welney** at 11.30 am on Wednesday the 8th February 2012 following the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Luncheon will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

To avoid ordering and being required to pay for meals which will not be required, **PLEASE NOTE** that meals will now only be ordered where a member confirms in advance that he/she will be present for the meal. Please therefore let me know not later than 2 days before the meeting if you **WILL BE STAYING** for the meal.

Yours truly

I A D SMITH

Clerk to the Commissioners

To the Manea and Welney District Drainage Commissioners

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

The Clerk to report.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 22nd June 2011.

(Minutes already issued)

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

5. Appointment of Chairman

To appoint the Chairman of the Commissioners.
(Present Chairman – J Heading Esq)

6. Appointment of Vice Chairman

To appoint the Vice Chairman of the Commissioners.
(Present Vice Chairman – N V M Walker Esq)

7. Land Drainage Act 1991
Fenland District Council

The Clerk will report that Fenland District Council have re-appointed Councillor M I Archer and R Gowler Esq to be Commissioners under the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

8. Land Drainage Act 1991
Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk

The Clerk will report that the Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk have re-appointed Councillor C J Crofts to be a Commissioner under the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

9. Flood and Coastal Defence Funding Review, Public Bodies Bill and Flood and Water Management Act 2010

Further to minute C.353, the Clerk to refer to a letter from Richard Benyon MP dated 19th July 2011.

(Copy pages 7-8)

10. Environment Agency – Precept

Further to minute C.354, the Clerk to report.

11. Spreading/Disposal of Spoil

Further to minute C.357, the Clerk to report.

12. Water Framework Directive

Further to minute C.358, the Clerk to report.

13. Fence at Glenhouse Pumping Station

Further to minute C.379, the Chairman to report.

14. Consulting Engineers' Report

To consider the Report of the Consulting Engineers

(Copy pages 9-14)

15. Environmental Officer's Newsletter

The Clerk to refer to the Environmental Officer's newsletter, previously circulated to members, and to the Commissioners' Biodiversity Manual.

16. Maintenance Works in the District

- (i) 2011/2012
- (ii) 2012/2013

17. State-aided Schemes

To consider whether to undertake further State-aided Schemes and whether any future proposals should be included in the forward capital forecasts provided to the Environment Agency.

18. Applications for byelaw consent

The Clerk will report that the following applications for consent to undertake works in and around watercourses have been approved and granted since the last general meeting of the Commissioners:-

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Description of Works</u>	<u>Date consent granted</u>
Anglian Water Services	The replacement of an existing water main affecting the drains between Manea & Purls Bridge	29 th November 2010
R Glover	The installation of a pipe drainage scheme with 9 outfalls – Parts Drove, Welney	7 th November 2011
J M Kane	The piping & filling of a length of watercourse of approximately 16 metres in length – east of Wisbech Road, Tipps End	21 st November 2011

19. Determination of annual value for rating purposes

The Clerk will submit the following recommendation for the determination of annual value for rating purposes, viz:-

			<u>Present</u> <u>Assessment</u> £	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Determination</u> £
K Lowry	Wisbech Road Welney (Domestic garden – Special Levy)	4.500a	216	-

20. Rate arrears

To consider the writing off of rate arrears amounting to £151.20

21. Association of Drainage Authorities

a) Annual Conference

The Clerk will report on the Annual Conference of the Association of Drainage Authorities which was held in London on Wednesday the 2nd November 2011.

b) Annual Conference of the River Great Ouse Branch

The Clerk will report that the Annual Conference of the River Great Ouse branch of the Association will be held in Prickwillow, Ely on Tuesday the 6th March 2012.

c) Subscriptions

The Clerk will report that it is proposed by ADA to increase subscriptions by 5% for 2012.

22. Health and Safety Audits

The Clerk to report.

23. Cambridgeshire Flood Risk Management Partnership Update

The Clerk will refer to the Partnership Update dated October 2011.

(Copy pages 15-17)

24. Payments to 31st December 2011

The Clerk to report on payments made up to 31st December 2011.

(Schedule page 18-19)

25. Expenditure estimates and special levy and drainage rate requirements 2012/2013

To consider estimates of revenue expenditure and levy and rate requirements in respect of the financial year 2012/2013.

(Copy pages 20-21)

26. Date of next Meeting

27. Any other business