## STRINE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Kynnersley Village Hall

In Attendance: Bruce Udale (Chairman), John Belcher (Vice Chairman), Harry Gregory, Isabel Moseley, Chris Holman, Neil Phillips, Kate Mayne (clerk), Lucinda Lycett (TWC), Scott Kirby

- 1. Apologies: Richard Hockenhull
- 2. Declarations of interest: none
- 3. Consideration of minutes from the previous meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Harry Gregory proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the previous meeting & this was seconded by John Belcher.
- 4. Matters arising: none
- 5. Approval of annual return to auditors: draft accounts to end of March 2024 were presented to the board for consideration. Both the income and expenditure for this period were below £25,000 and as such the board is able to certify itself as exempt from limited insurance review. The board also discussed the annual governance statement and reviewed its internal control measures.
  - John Belcher proposed that the Certificate of Exemption, accounting statement for 2023/24 and annual governance statement be approved by the board and this was seconded by Isabel Moseley. The board agreed unanimously.
- **6. Annual report approval –** Annual report was not available for discussion at the time of the meeting
- **7. Accounts for payment: -** ADA subs £636 + vat & clerk costs £964.89. Isabel Moseley proposed that these accounts are settled, and this was seconded by Chris Holman.
- **8. Financial report:** the clerk presented accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. 65% of rates for the current year have been paid so far. Clerk noted the increase in accounting costs from the previous financial year.
- 9. Maintenance plan 2024 2025: -

Sections on Hockenhull land not complete last year. Also, through Williams / Jolley land will need attention this year. Clerk and chairman will look at trees and work required on the Hincks & the Dakins. ACTION – Clerk to arrange visit.

The Red Strine needs some attention after 7-8 years with no maintenance.

## 10. Correspondence and meetings: -

The clerk discussed the wireless monitoring which is being set up in the drainage as part of the advanced wireless monitoring for improve water resources, storage, management and abstraction control in agriculture project. The board discussed the need to include rainfall data for urban Telford to get a proper picture of water movement in the area. Lou Lycett mentioned possible rainfall data collection in Horsehay. ACTION – Clerk will follow up on this to find out if data is available for the project from this location.

2 rate payers are also involved in the Patchy Peat solutions project with Harper Adams, which is looking at opportunities to manage or restore peat.

The board has received a letter from Mrs Bufton regarding reeds in the Commission at Long Lane. The board discussed management of this section of the commission.

- 11. Report from Telford & Wrekin Council: Lou Lycett reported that this winter the Shawbury weather station recorded the wettest 12 months since records began there.

  TWC are scoping a modelling survey of the North ern Interceptor channel by Severn Trent Water. This will be a public facing report which should be available for viewing this year.
- 12. Any other business: none
- 13. Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024