

MINUTES of PUBLIC INTEREST MEETING held at the Old Nene Golf and Country Club. Muchwood Lane, Ramsey, Cambs PE26 2XQ held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7 pm.

PRESENT: Mr Peter Wagstaffe(Chairman)(PW), Mr Dale Abblitt(Vice Chairman)(DA), Councillor Roger Brereton(RB), Mr Rupert Waters(RW), Mr Lloyd Smith(LS), Mr Derek Smith(DS), Mr Leo Butler(District Officer)(LB) and Mr John Chrisp(Clerk)(JC).

#### PIM 2022.2.1

No apologies were recorded.

No Members of the Public were present in response to the Notice posted on the Board's Website.

#### PIM 2022.2.2

CONSIDERATION of the STATUTORY RECOMMENDATIONS made in the letter sent to the Board by PKF Littlejohn dated the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in their capacity as appointed Auditors to the Board (copy attached).

The letter was considered, and it was noted that the submission of the AGAR for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was late. Explanation was given that due to lack of available staff in August the Accountants Whitings acting as Independent Internal Auditors for the Board had delivered audit enquiries to the Clerk so close to the deadline for submission to the Central Auditors that there was insufficient time to meet the deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The Clerk had asked for a personal meeting with Whitings to expedite the process prior to the deadline but this was not forthcoming. A meeting of the Clerk with these Accountants was held after the expiry of the deadline and the Statement of Account and AGAR have now been approved, and the audit has been signed off. Following this meeting there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Board to receive a detailed update upon the current position in the Board's finances and operations. The Statement of Accounts and AGAR as amended and approved by the Internal Auditors will then be placed before the Board for its approval prior their submission to PKF Littlejohn.

The meeting having commenced at 7 pm closed at 7.15 pm.