

# Lower Severn IDE

## MISSION STATEMENT

We provide land drainage, flood risk management and surface water management to achieve safe, prosperous communities that enjoy the amenity and biodiversity benefits of the water environment.

## Executive Committee

### Draft Minutes

**Members:** Mr M Barnes (Chair), Mr R Godwin, Mr J Hore, Cllr M Riddle (Vice Chair), Mr G Simms

**NB The quorum for this meeting is 3 Members**

**Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 10:30am, IDB Offices/Hybrid (following joint Finance meeting 10:30am), IDB Offices/Hybrid**

Item	
1.	<b>Apologies/Welcome</b>  <b>Present:</b> Mr M Barnes (Chair), Mr R Godwin, Mr J Hore, Cllr M Riddle (Vice Chair), Mr G Simms, Glenn Taute (CEO) and James Thomas (Civil Engineer)  No apologies received.
2.	<b>Declaration of Members' Interest</b> RG declared an interest due to land at Lapperditch.
3.	<b>Minutes of the last committee meeting for approval</b>  All in favour; minutes accepted.
4.	<b>Comments on brought forward Exec Actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fencing works at Oldbury Pump Station are scheduled to be completed within the next few weeks; fencing at the other site has already been completed.</li><li>Representatives attended the GRCC volunteer event in Gloucestershire and received feedback from MR regarding flood wardens and council involvement in flood resilience.</li><li>Tewkesbury Borough Council is developing plans to work more closely with local residents and communities to improve resilience to flood events. Further information will be circulated when available.</li><li>RG reported that a flood resilience group has been established through Severn Voice, covering parishes from Ham to Elmore, to coordinate local resilience planning and community engagement.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GS updated that Slimbridge Parish Council has formed a working group to review drainage and flood management issues within the parish and is developing an action plan to address longstanding concerns.</li> <li>• Members discussed the ongoing Local Government Review and noted uncertainty regarding future responsibilities for flood and drainage management. A decision is expected in October 2026, with implementation anticipated over the following two years.</li> <li>• Jim met with Mike at Longdon Brook to assess issues relating to a ditch and water pooling. Jim will undertake the necessary clearance works</li> <li>• The schedule of activities for the Board meeting on 3rd June was circulated as planned.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Pump Program Report/Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lapperditch and Marshfield are expected to be fully operational by the end of July 2026.</li> <li>• Elmore will receive upgrades to its electrical panel, kiosk, and telemetry system by the same timeframe.</li> <li>• The planned Board visit may coincide with installation works at Lapperditch rather than a fully completed site; the weed-screen installation is expected to be underway during the visit.</li> <li>• Factory Acceptance Testing is substantially complete. The weed-screen units have been demonstrated and the foundation pads are ready to receive the equipment.</li> <li>• Progress at Lapperditch was delayed by the discovery of an unclaimed three-phase cable serving the sewage plant opposite the site. The cable has now been dealt with and buried, allowing work to continue.</li> <li>• Both Lapperditch and Marshfield are now prepared to receive the weed-screen installations.</li> <li>• Planning consent has been obtained to relocate the access drive at Wicks Green, enabling occupation and use of the land after a prolonged period of delay.</li> <li>• The committee discussed ongoing financial negotiations regarding compensation for land associated with the Wicks Green access works.</li> <li>• RG discussed a homeowner near Lapperditch Pump Stations concerns over the aesthetics of its design. GS said it will look better than at present once complete. Fencing will improve the look of Lapperditch Pump Station, as will a planned screening hedge. Programme Board are working with the homeowner regarding choices of colours, plants etc.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MB suggested LSIDB writing in the local Parish magazine; RG said Lapperditch Pump Station is discussed at the Parish Council meetings. GS offered to attend any Parish Council meetings as necessary. GS wants to make sure LSIDB are communicating with residents effectively.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding an ongoing compensation/ rent issues regarding land at Oldbury Pump Station, and issues over land ownership. Best approach discussed; GT to lead liaisons and possibly organise an independent valuation if landowner is agreeable.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Any Other/New/Update Item which the Chair/CEO decide is urgent/be mentioned</b>	None received.
<b>7. Confirmation of new Actions</b>	GT to lead negotiations with landowner near Oldbury Pump Station.
<b>8. Date of Next Meeting: 24 June 2026</b>	Meeting closed

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