

Cllr Peter Johnson

SCDC Appointed person to WLIDB

13th November 2013

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the meeting on 12th November, but the agenda and papers for this meeting are available via Graham Aisthorpe-Watts in Democratic Services at South Cambridgeshire District Council should anyone be interested in viewing them.

The latest news on the Denny End ditch is that Anglian Water have sorted this ditch out and it is now running freely and with regular maintenance this problem will not arise again.

In July I attended the annual ADA demonstration which was held at Cross Guns Pumping Station at Thorney and occupied 2 km of drains. This enabled manufacturers and suppliers of equipment to demonstrate in a live situation and I found this very helpful because sometimes at meetings the engineers talk about various equipment and I am not always familiar with all this. After seeing it all in action and talking to company reps it does help to get a better understanding of what is needed to ensure all our drainage systems work as well as possible and reduce possibilities of flooding. I do have a special interest in drainage boards as I am by birth a Fen boy being born in March and my father actually worked for the Middle Level Drainage Board when he was demobbed in 1946 after returning from Burma.

I hope that the reports attached make sense to all and demonstrate the need for continuing funding to IDB's.

Cllr Peter Johnson (Waterbeach Ward)