

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



**MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S
MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2016**

ITEM	ACTION
<u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u>	
<p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first Meeting of the New Year, with a particular welcome to two new residents, Mr and Mrs Wilson who have moved into Church Walk in Bodenham.</p> <p>2. <u>Flood Risk.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman noted that, while the North of England and parts of Scotland had suffered devastating floods over Christmas, we had so far been fortunate. The Ketch Lane junction had been flooded by the river over the period 3 – 8 January, with the water reaching a depth of 18 inches for part of that time. Despite this, on 5 January three drivers had decided to risk the flood and had come to grief in Ketch Lane with the result that they had to be rescued by Saffrons Garage.</p> <p>b. Over much the same period the early warning telemetry system had provided 0.5m alerts on six occasions (26, 27 and 30 December and 2, 7 and 9 January). There was also a further alarm at 0.9m on 3 January, but it fell very rapidly from a peak of 0.969m. On that last occasion the Millcroft Farm relief channel operated for a few hours.</p> <p>c. On 5 January an ‘on-site’ meeting was held with the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward, Mrs Donna Tregenza, and she agreed to arrange for the roads leading to the junction to be officially declared closed and for ‘Flood’ and ‘Road Closed’ signs to be put on the C1121 at Millcroft Farm, at the bridge, at the North end of Ketch Lane, and at the South end of Smeadals Lane. The Secretary offered to keep Mrs Tregenza informed of water levels at the Ketch Lane junction so that the signs could be removed when the water subsided and this was welcomed. The Secretary submitted reports on the water level at the junction every morning and evening until 10 January. She also arranged for Mr Buck at The Weir House and Mr Henshaw at the Saffrons Cross end of Ketch Lane to take in the signs when they were no longer required (the Millcroft Road ones being deployed and removed by the Secretary as usual).</p> <p>3. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 32 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mr Dowler, Mr Pritchard, Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Parker and Miss Easson.</p>	

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<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the November Meeting. These had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and were also available in hard copy on the tables. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Avery, seconded by Mr Tilford and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>5. <u>Safer Neighbourhood Team Briefing.</u> The Chairman recalled that at the last Meeting PCSOs Steph Annette and Sue Berrett had given a presentation on Crime Prevention, and had left a selection of literature for residents to take away with them and pass on to neighbours. Some of these leaflets were still available, should any member want them.</p> <p>6. <u>Housing Developments - Bell Homes.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board had checked and approved Bell Homes’ calculations for surface water run-off from their development of 40 houses to be built on the field opposite England’s Gate Inn. Herefordshire Council had therefore given approval for construction to proceed and it seemed likely that work would start fairly soon.</p> <p>b. Herefordshire Council had also asked the Parish Council to:</p> <p>(1) Propose a name for the road which will run through the Bell Homes estate. After asking local residents for suggestions and discussing these, the Parish Council had suggested ‘England’s Field’, that being the name of the parcel of land on which the houses will be built.</p> <p>(2) Decide whether the new development should have street lighting. The Parish Council had said that there should be no street lighting.</p> <p>7. <u>The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS).</u> The Chairman reported that he had not yet had any response to the suggestion that the QAVS Award certificate, the crystal and the citation should be kept, together with the Group’s Pride of Herefordshire Award, in a cabinet in the hall of the Siward James Centre. He was waiting to hear whether the Trustees of the Siward James and Arkwright Trust would agree to this and would pursue this.</p> <p>8. <u>Balfour Beatty.</u> The Chairman reported that there had been no follow up as yet to the meeting which he and the Secretary had had with Mr Mark Watkins on Friday, 30 October regarding the culvert in Mr Pugh’s field and the need to replace the Ketch Lane culverts. However, he remarked that this was hardly surprising since these issues would not be high on Balfour Beatty’s list of priorities at this time of year.</p> <p>9. <u>Visit by Mr Vieira.</u> The Chairman also reported that Mr Osvaldo Natale Vieira, the Brazilian interested in emergency planning who is currently living and working in Hereford, had also been in touch. The Secretary had promised to let him have the dates of working party sessions when these were known.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Secretary</p>

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<p>10. <u>BFPG Fund Raising Quiz Night (Friday 27 November).</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman thanked Mrs Griffiths and her team of Mrs Watson, Mrs Dowler, Mrs Hartfield and Mrs Fryer for organising and running what had been a very successful and enjoyable evening. On behalf of the Group he also expressed particular thanks to Trisha Sanford, her daughter Felicity Sanford and husband Steve Coney for once again providing and administering the quiz itself.</p> <p>b. He reported that the Quiz Night had raised £365.67 and he thanked all those members who had supported it by attending it, making donations towards its cost, or contributing in any other way.</p> <p>11. <u>Sandbags and Salt.</u> The Chairman reminded members that well before Christmas orders had been placed with Balfour Beatty for 100 filled sandbags and 100 bags of salt. He confirmed that these were all delivered in December and added to the stocks behind the Parish Hall.</p>																	
<p><u>ITEM 4 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></p> <p>12. <u>Proposed Visit by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.</u> We were due to receive a visit from The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, on the afternoon of Friday, 8 January and preparations for this were fairly well advanced. However, we were told on 4 January that the visit would not take place after all.</p>																	
<p><u>ITEM 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>13. On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman reported that the balance as at 31 November was £2,995.28.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="135 1332 1212 1478"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Income for December/January</u></td> <td colspan="2"><u>Expenditure December/January</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations and Quiz Night</td> <td>£415</td> <td>Expenditure Quiz Night</td> <td>£79.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Hire of Siward James Sep-Nov</td> <td>£22.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td>£101.83</td> </tr> </table> <p>Excess of Income over Expenditure £313.17 Balance as at 31 January 2016 is £3,308.45.</p>	<u>Income for December/January</u>		<u>Expenditure December/January</u>		Donations and Quiz Night	£415	Expenditure Quiz Night	£79.33			Hire of Siward James Sep-Nov	£22.50			Total Expenditure	£101.83	
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<p><u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>14. <u>Annual Coffee Morning.</u> The Chairman reminded members that Group's Annual fund-raising Coffee Morning would be held in the Siward James Centre from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Saturday, 6 February 2016. He hoped that as many as possible would find time to support it. Once again it was being organised by a team led by Mrs Liz Davies. Mrs Davies told the Meeting that, if anyone had any prizes for the Raffle, they should be given to her, any cakes should be given to Mrs Nicolson and prizes for the Tombola Stall to Mrs Butcher. (Afternote: The Secretary has sent out a reminder to Group members with appropriate contact details).</p>	<p>All Mrs Davies</p>																

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<u>ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
<p>15. <u>‘Clean for the Queen’ Litter Pick.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that, although not strictly a matter for the BFPG, he would like to draw members’ attention to a campaign being run by <i>Keep Britain Tidy</i> to clear up Britain in time for HM The Queen’s 90th birthday. The aim is to encourage volunteers across the country to clean up their local areas and this would include a special clean-up weekend on March 4–6. Members could find details on the <i>Keep Britain Tidy</i> website at http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/clean-for-the-queen-for-her-majesty-s-90th-birthday/2549/2/1/999/3</p> <p>b. The Chairman went on to note that over the past few years it had become normal practice for the Parish Council to organise two annual litter picks, one in April and the other in the October or November. This year the plan was to time the Spring Litter Pick to coincide with <i>Keep Britain Tidy</i>’s clean-up weekend by holding the event on Saturday, 5 March. Although earlier than usual, this would have the advantage that any litter would not be concealed by new vegetation, as had sometimes occurred in the past.</p> <p>c. Anyone who wished to take part should come to the Parish Hall at 10.00am on Saturday, 5 March where they would be provided with litter picking equipment, including gloves and high visibility jackets, and would be able to decide which part of the Parish they wished to cover. The actual litter pick only lasted a couple of hours and a free lunch was provided afterwards. In the past this meal had been in the Parish Hall, but on this occasion the Hall was not available because of another event and so lunch would be in the Siward James Centre instead.</p> <p>16. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>17. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50pm.</p>	<p>All</p>

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

23 February 2016

Bodenham Flood Protection Group

Invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 6th February 2016

at Seward James Centre

From 10.00am to 12 noon



**Cake Stall, Tombola and Draw
Exhibition of photographs from
the Village by the**

Bodenham Flood Protection Group

Free Admission

All Are Welcome.

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