

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



**MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S
MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2019**

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the January Meeting, the first of 2019, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented that thankfully the mild weather over Christmas had meant that there had been no risk of flooding.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 20 members present and apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Miss Easson, Miss Gibson, Mr Harris, Mr and Mrs House, Mrs Phipps and Cllr Tilford.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. 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 Mr Hemming, seconded by Mr Dowler and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>Annual Quiz Night.</u> The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Bowden in their absence for organising a very successful Quiz Night on Friday, 30 November. There had been a good turn out and the occasion had raised £350.00 for the Group's funds. The Chairman also thanked Cllr and Mrs Clark for running the Raffle and, in their absence, expressed particular thanks to Mr and Mrs Moule who were the Quiz Master and Adjudicator for the event.</p> <p>5. <u>Annual Coffee Morning 2019.</u> The Chairman thanked Mrs Liz Davies for yet again organising a very successful Coffee Morning on Saturday, 19 January 2019 at Siward James. This had been very well attended and had raised £389.00. The Chairman also expressed the Group's thanks to all those who had supported the event, or otherwise contributed to its success, particularly Mrs Gwen Bowden, Mrs Thelma Butcher, Mrs Jean Fryer, Mrs Chris Hemming, Mrs Jenny Nicolson, Miss Lorna Price, Mr John Rice and Cllr Kathy Tremain.</p> <p>6. <u>Bodenham Natural Flood Management Project.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that, as members would already be aware, the presentation by the Natural Flood Management Project team at the Group's last Meeting had been followed by the 'Launch' of the Project to the wider Bodenham community. This had taken place at the Siward James Centre on the evening of Wednesday, 23 January and been attended by about 35 local residents, including some BFPG members.</p>	

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<p>b. The Launch had taken the form of a series of presentations by Mr Steve Hodges and Mrs Bethany Lewis from Herefordshire Council, Mr Andrew Osbaldiston from the Environment Agency and Ms Kate Speke-Adams from the Wye and Usk Foundation, with Mr Tom Jolley from the Foundation also present. These talks had generated a lot of interest and, following a question and answer session, those present had been given the opportunity to meet the team members and to fill in forms expressing their interest in contributing to the Project.</p> <p>c. The BFPG had supported the event by distributing flyers and posters in the weeks leading up to it and also by providing free refreshments at the Launch itself.</p> <p>d. The Project had attracted further publicity in the form of a half page article in <i>The Hereford Times</i> of Thursday, 17 January, which included a photograph of BFPG members in action in the Millcroft Brook. The Chairman had also been interviewed by Ms Claudia Berry of BBC Hereford & Worcester on Tuesday, 22 January and parts of the interview had been broadcast on the morning of Thursday, 24 January. A short video had also appeared on BBC Hereford & Worcester's Facebook page with clips featuring Mr Jack Hopkins of Lower Hope Farm, Ullingswick and Mrs Bethany Lewis, but, perhaps fortunately, cutting out at the start of the interview with the Chairman.</p>	

ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT

- 7. The balance in the account at the end of November was £3,893.85.
- 8. Income and Expenditure for November and January has been as follows
 - a. **Income.**

BFPG Quiz Night	£	£
• Raffle	£125.00	
• Entry	£210.00	
Income from Quiz Night		£335.00
Donation for Quiz Night		£15.00
Total Income from the Quiz Night		£350.00
Advance donation for BFPG Coffee Morning		£30.00
BFPG Coffee Morning		
• Donations	£31.15	
• Refreshments	£71.00	
• Cakes	£57.90	
• Raffle	£153.00	
• Bring and Buy	£75.95	
Total Profit from the Coffee Morning		£389.00

b. **Expenditure.** The only item of expenditure so far recorded for November and January has been £30.00 for the hire of the Parish Hall for the BFPG Quiz Night. Thanks to a donation this has already been covered.

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<p>9. The balance at the end of January is therefore £4,632.85. (Regarding the profit from the Coffee Morning, as a donation had been received to cover the cost of the hire of Siward James, the profit from the event itself will still be £389.00),</p> <p>10. Outstanding VAT remains at £19.40. (This was for printing of the display and other materials for the BFPG 10th Anniversary Event).</p> <p>11. The Treasurer expressed her thanks to all those involved with fund raising for the Group. Without their leadership, we would not be in such a healthy financial position. She added that, just for information:</p> <p>a. Mrs Liz Davies had now raised £4,653 since her first Coffee Morning in 2009. Not only that, this year's Morning had provided the highest income since 2015 when the event raised £440.</p> <p>b. The Quiz Night has raised a total of £3,163.21 since 2010. The £350 raised in November last year was a marked rise in profit from 2017 when we raised only £251.98.</p> <p>12. Many thanks therefore to all those who organise these events and to all members for supporting them.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 – SOCIAL CALENDAR</u></p> <p>13. Looking ahead through 2019, the Chairman suggested that it would be useful to discuss the forthcoming social events for the year:</p> <p>a. <u>The Annual Barbecue.</u> The Chairman asked if any members would consider hosting the Barbecue. This has usually been held sometime in June or July, at the convenience of the hosts. If anyone would like to volunteer to host the event this year, would they please contact the Secretary.</p> <p>b. <u>The Annual Bonfire Party.</u> The Chairman told the Meeting that the Millcroft Farm bonfire was already a good size and, unless there were any objections, he would like to host the Party again. It was agreed that it would take place on Saturday, 12 October at 6.00pm. The Secretary would send out more details nearer the date.</p> <p>c. <u>Annual Quiz Night.</u> The Chairman reported that Mr and Mrs Bowden, and Mr and Mrs Moule have confirmed that they will be free on Friday, 29 November 2019. The Secretary has booked the Parish Hall from 5.00pm to allow time to set up the main hall for the event.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>14. <u>Brook House Relief Channel.</u> Mr Maxwell asked if the relief channel around Brook House could be added to the BFPG's Working Party Schedule for 2019. The Chairman confirmed that he and the Secretary would visit the site with Mr Maxwell and, depending on the amount of work required to deal with the build up of silt, would ensure that the appropriate number of sessions were allocated to the task.</p> <p>15. <u>Herbicide Spraying.</u> The Chairman noted that he would start spraying those areas which required it from March onwards, depending on the weather conditions and the growth of the weed.</p>	<p>Chairman Secretary</p> <p>Chairman</p>

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<p>16. <u>Culvert Replacement Update.</u></p> <p>a. Cllr Tremain asked if the Chairman could provide any update on the proposed replacement of the Millcroft/Ketch Lane culverts and of the culvert in the Orchard Close drainage system. The Chairman reminded members that Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) had been tasked with producing designs for both projects. These drawings had been published, but no decision had been taken on how, or by whom, the projects would be implemented.</p> <p>b. The Chairman added that, in the case of the Millcroft/Ketch Lane culverts, Cllr Price from Herefordshire Council had kindly taken the time to visit the site. Indeed, he had suggested that the BBLP designs could be improved by a total re-alignment of the culverts to avoid any form of curve in the watercourse which would slow its flow and thus create the risk of silt being deposited in the channel. However, the cost of any replacement scheme would probably be in the region of £250,000 and would require a partnership funding approach involving a number of agencies in addition to Herefordshire Council. Cllr Price had promised to take the issue away and work towards its resolution, but had made it clear that this would require time and patience.</p> <p>c. Turning to the replacement of the culvert in the field to the West of Orchard Close, BBLP had produced the design and it was understood that Mr Pugh, the landowner, had agreed to the proposed scheme subject to certain conditions. However, both BBLP and the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board, who had constructed the Orchard Close system in 1999/2000 under contract to Herefordshire Council, had both indicated that they had no interest in, or responsibility for, taking the project any further, even if the Parish Council contributed to its funding. The Chairman said that, in view of his other parish and domestic commitments, he had been unable to take the issue forward and so there, for the moment, the matter rested.</p> <p>d. Cllr Baker, the Ward Councillor for Bodenham, kindly offered to investigate both the schemes for the Group, and report back to the Chairman.</p> <p>17. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 26 February 2019.</p> <p>18. There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.55pm.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p>

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

26 February 2019