

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2015

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<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first Meeting of 2015.</p> <p>2. He commented that so far this winter the weather had been relatively kind and there had only been three occasions when the early warning telemetry system had sent out a 0.5m alert (26 November at 3.35am, 12 December at 3.10am and 15 January at 0.50am). On the first occasion the water level had risen only just enough to trigger the alarm, while during the other two events it had reached just under 0.9m without causing the second stage alarm. He referred members to copies of the telemetry system graphs which were on the table and which illustrated the difference between the water levels over the past three months compared with those for the corresponding period in 2013-14. These are attached at Annex A.</p> <p>3. <u>Apologies</u>. There were 28 members present and apologies were received from Mr D Griffiths, Mr S Lavender, Mr J Rice, Mr D Tilford, Mr and Mrs R Bowden, Mrs P Aldridge, Mrs M Bick and Mrs S Schwartz.</p>	
<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 which had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and which were also available in hard copy on the tables. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Mr Clark, seconded by Mr Dowler and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>5. <u>Herefordshire Council</u>. The Chairman reported that he had reminded Mr Steve Hodges at Herefordshire Council of the Group's offer, made ten months earlier, to assist with the reporting of flooding at the Ketch Lane junction and with putting out and taking in flood warning signage on the adjacent roads. Mr Hodges had replied apologising for the lack of response and said that he had passed the offer to colleagues and would remind them of it. The Chairman said that to date he had received no further communication. In writing to Mr Hodges he had also referred to the culverts at Ketch Lane and in Mr Pugh's field, but had received no reply on these issues either.</p> <p>6. <u>Defra Project - Surveying for Flood Resilience in Individual Properties</u>. The Chairman noted that the proposed date for the second Meeting of the Defra Project Board looking at the training of flood risk surveyors was now 12 February at Nobel House in London. The Secretary would attend as before.</p> <p>7. <u>Northamptonshire Flood Warden Training Event (Saturday, 15 November)</u>. The Chairman recalled that at the last Meeting he had mentioned that</p>	

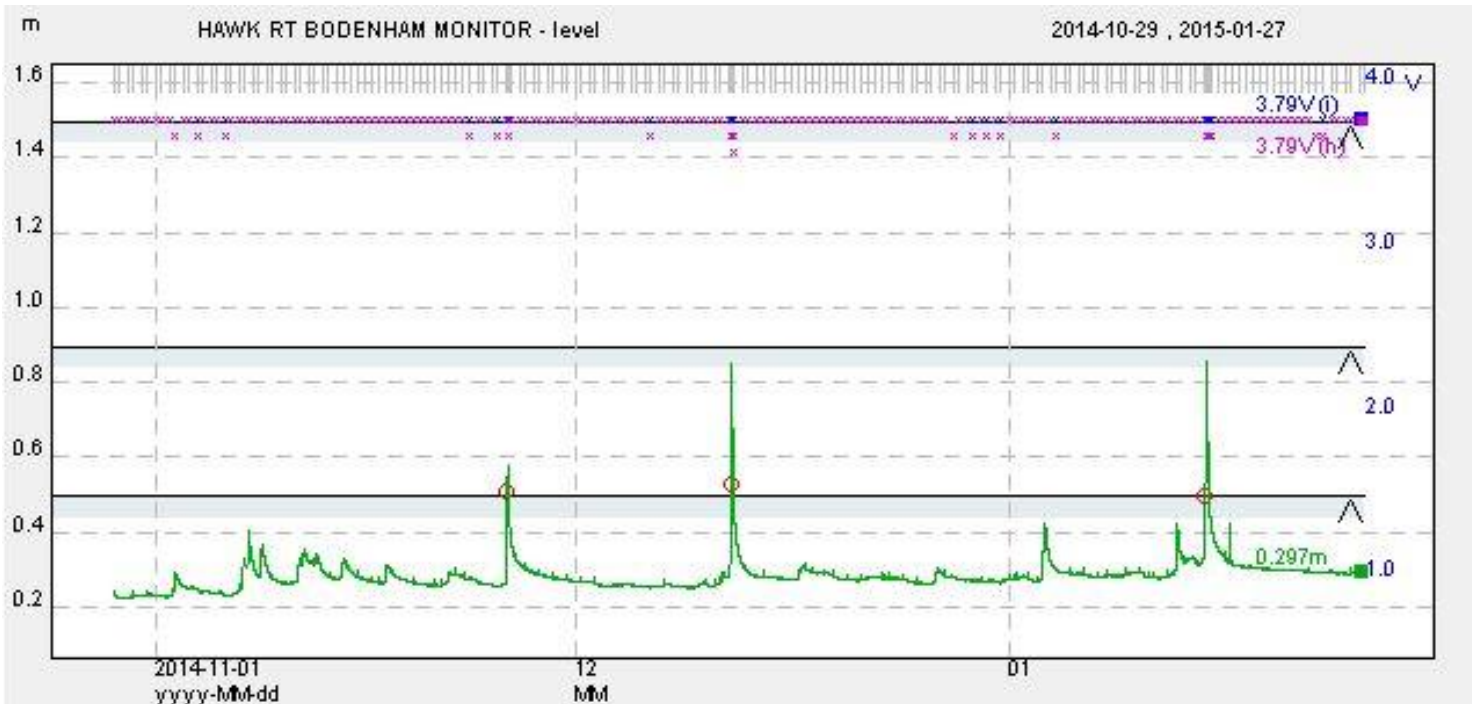
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<p>the member of Northamptonshire County Council leading that Council's work on flood protection and resilience had said that she would be very willing to share her Council's ideas and experience with the relevant members of Herefordshire Council. He had therefore contacted Mr Steve Hodges at Herefordshire Council and suggested such an exchange. This had been favourably received, but it remained to be seen whether Herefordshire Council would take any action on it.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 4 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></p> <p>8. <u>Bovis Homes.</u> The Chairman noted that there had been reports that Bovis Homes are planning to continue with their proposals to build 49 homes on the Shuker's Field site. He asked that, in view of the increased flood risk any such development might pose, especially to Orchard Close, members should inform him or the Secretary of any information they obtained.</p>	
<p>9. <u>The Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service (HVOSS).</u> The Chairman reported that the Secretary had been in contact with Ms Amelia Quinlan at HVOS. The Support Service is running a scheme in conjunction with the Herefordshire Police and Crime Commissioner to reduce anti-social behaviour in both urban and rural areas. The aim is, by enhancing selected places with spring bulbs, to reduce anti-social behaviour and encourage people to be proud of their local area. HVOSS had given the BFPG a large number of daffodil bulbs and these had been planted along the bank of the Millcroft Brook below Millcroft Farm as being the place where they can best be seen and enjoyed by local residents. The Secretary and HVOSS have agreed a sign which will be put up once the daffodils are in flower to publicise that the bulbs are a gift to the BFPG in recognition of their work in the community. Once the daffodils are on show, this may also be a good opportunity for a photo shoot not only to promote the HVOSS scheme but also the work of the Group.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>10. The Chairman stated that there had been one invoice from the Parish Hall for £30.00 in respect of the hire charge for the BFPG Quiz Night in November. The Parish Clerk had been asked to pay this. The new balance was therefore £2,802.95.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>11. <u>Annual Coffee Morning.</u> The Chairman reminded everyone that Mrs Liz Davies had kindly agreed to again organise the annual fund-raising Coffee Morning. Mrs Davies then described the arrangements for the event which would be held on Valentine's Day, Saturday February 14th in the Siward James Centre. As in previous years, there would be tombola, a draw, refreshments and a cake stall, as well as a display of recent photographs of the Group's activities. There would also be a donations box for those who would like to made additional contributions to the work of the Group. She would be putting out the posters and flyers around the Parish very shortly. The Chairman thanked Mrs Davies and asked members to support the Coffee Morning and publicise it to their friends.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12. <u>Fund-Raising Quiz Night.</u> The Chairman remarked that, although the Quiz Night had been a huge success and raised over £300 for the Group, the numbers attending had been slightly down on previous years. The Secretary had discussed this with Mrs Anita Griffiths and wondered if the Group had any ideas how to increase the</p>	

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<p>numbers for 2015. The winter was already a very busy time for the village, when at least two other fund-raising events were regularly held very close to the BFPG Quiz Night, so perhaps bringing the event forward in the calendar might be an option. After discussion it was generally agreed that a Friday evening in the winter was the best time, but that the Quiz Night might be better placed later in November, rather than in the middle of the month. The Secretary agreed to contact Mrs Knott and book the Parish Hall for Friday, 27 November which was the last Friday in the month. Mrs Tricia Coney has once again agreed to be Quiz Master.</p>	<p>Secretary Mrs Coney</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>13. <u>Date of the next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24 February in the Siward James Centre</p> <p>14. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.50pm.</p>	

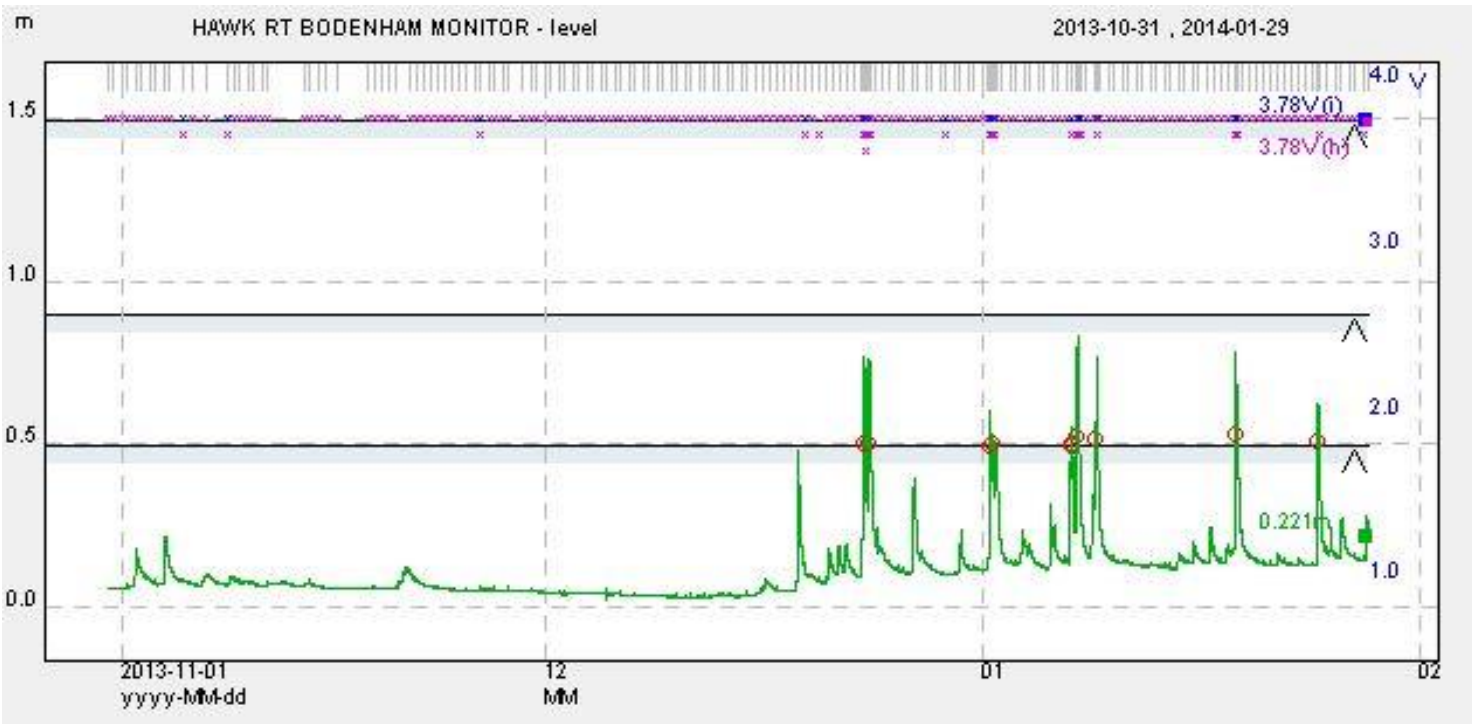
Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

24 February 2015

TELEMETRY SYSTEM CHART (29 OCT 14 – 27 JAN 15)



TELEMETRY SYSTEM CHART (31 OCT 13 – 28 JAN 14)



BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

Chairman: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Treasurer: Mrs Babs Mitcheson
Operations Manager: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Secretary: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

The Moor:

The Moor Road: Mr Tony Clark: 797943
Orchard Close/Chapel Lane: Mr Robert Pritchard: 797428
Brockington Road (2 -31& 35): Mr Simon Dowler: 797363
Brockington Road (1, 32-34, 36 – 42A): Mrs Rebecca Burnill: 797823
Brockington Road (43- 54): Mrs Gwen Bowden: 797868
Siward James: The Warden : 797412
Ash Grove Close: Mrs Jean Fryer: 797338
Ash Grove View: Mr David Harris: 797575
Ash Grove View: Cllr Alec Avery: 797744
Millcroft Road: Miss Barbara Gibson: 797643

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:
Mr Mike Mullenger: 797199
Church and Bodenham Village:
Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Maund Bryan:

Mr Philip Broomhead 797167

Bodenham Flood Protection Group Meeting Dates 2015

These Meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

All Meetings, unless otherwise notified will be held on the last Tuesday of the month at Siward James Centre starting at 7.30 pm

January	27th	July	28th
February	24th	August	25th - AGM
March	31st	September	29th
April	28th	October	27th
May	26th	November	24th
June	30th		

If you are unable to attend or have points which you would like to be raised at the meeting, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Babs Mitcheson on 797170

Or by email at BabsMitcheson@aol.com

The above dates will appear in the appropriate month's Bodenham Newsletter and on the Parish Website.

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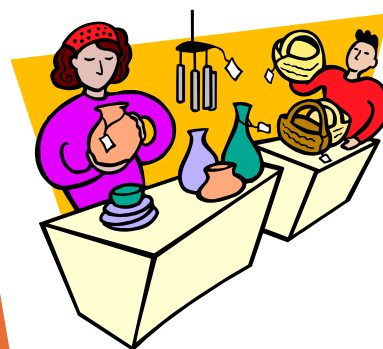
Invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 14th February 2015

at Siward 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.

For more information contact Liz Davies: 797628