

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b><u>ITEM 1 – WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the October Meeting. He told the meeting that although the weather had not been good and we had not had the Indian Summer we may have hoped for, it had been a good month from the BFPG perspective:</p> <p>2. There had been a very good working party session at Ketch Lane on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October when it was discovered that unexpectedly the old (East) culvert was actually clear of silt. It therefore did not need to be cleaned and the working party were able to concentrate on clearing the water course downstream before having some drinks and nibbles at Millcroft Farm. He thanked all those who came and helped.</p> <p>3. Because the Ketch Lane culverts were clear the working party were also able to cancel the proposed final working party session of the year which was to have been on 19th October.</p> <p>4. The only serious downpour the village had during the month was on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October when the Brook rose to 0.924m by about 10.00pm. This was only just enough to get some water into the first part of the relief channel and no further.</p> <p>5. There were 28 members present and apologies were received from Mr Bowden, Mr Grumbley, Mr Mullengar, Mr Nickols, Mr Pritchard, Miss Gibson and Mrs Parker.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>6. The Chairman asked those present if they were happy that he sign the Minutes of the September Meeting which had been circulated previously and were also available in hard copy at the meeting. The approval was proposed by Mr Dowler and seconded by Mr Nickolson.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>7. <b><u>Project Bodenham Update.</u></b> The Chairman told the meeting that final inspection took place as planned on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September and as far as Amey were concerned, Project Bodenham is now complete. However, he felt that there were still some issues with a couple of the flood barriers which have been fitted and the Secretary has been in touch with UK Flood Barriers and Ziad Mallick (Amey) to get these sorted out.</p> <p><b><u>Afternote:</u></b> On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November the Chairman and Secretary were present when the manufacturer of Flash Flood Doors together with representatives from UK Flood Barriers and Amey dealt with the ongoing issue of water ingress from this equipment. The equipment is now sound and the Chairman and owners are happy that the equipment fitted is now fit for purpose.</p>	

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<p>8. <b><u>The ‘Buddy System’</u></b>. The Secretary sent out the updated chart to all the Area Representatives and the date of <b><u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm</u></b> has been agreed to meet at Millcroft Farm to discuss the matter.</p> <p>9. <b><u>Grants</u></b>. The Treasurer said that he had spoken with Mr David Tristram who was in charge of Grants at Herefordshire Council with regard to funding towards a new box culvert at the Ketch Lane and Millcroft Road junction. He will look at all controlled grants and see if there are any that would be available to the BFPG. The Treasurer has also agreed to trawl a wider net and see if there are any other sources available. He also agreed to follow up the contacts for Grants suggested by Mr Tilford.</p> <p>10. <b><u>Waders</u></b>. Mr Mullenger has spoken with Woody at Woody’s Angling who had previously supplied the Group with waders but has been told that Woody can only supply the heavy duty neoprene ones in size 6 size for £90 which is considerably more than paid by the Group for the original purchases. Mr Hemming has agreed to try and find prices for a set of neoprene chest waders and three pairs of thigh waders for use by the group at working party sessions via fishing websites and report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>All Area Reps</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>Mr Hemming</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>11. The Treasurer told the meeting that September had been very quiet with neither income nor expenditure during the month. The balance therefore stood at ££1,667.28.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE PLANS</u></b></p> <p>12. <b><u>BFPG Fund Raising Quiz Night. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012</u></b>. Mrs Bick reminded the meeting that the fund raising quiz night was now Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November with doors opening at 7pm. Tables for 6 – 8 could be reserved by contacting her and the cost per person would be £6. The poster advertising the event would shortly be around the village and prizes for the Draw should be given to Mrs Davies. Tickets would be £1 as in previous years. There would be light refreshments provided during the interval and that all those coming along could bring their own wine. Glasses will be provided by the Parish Hall.</p> <p>13. <b><u>Next Meeting - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012</u></b>. The Chairman told all those present that the next Meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November would be the last Meeting of the year. Mr Stephens the Operation Officer suggested that it would be a good idea to celebrate the end of another successful year by having drinks and nibbles after the meeting. Mrs Evans the Warden of Siward James said that she had no objection to this.</p>	<p><b>Mrs Bick</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Davies</b></p> <p><b>Operations Manager</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.</p>	