

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE, AT 6.30 PM ON TUESDAY, 25th OCTOBER 2011

Item	Action
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1 – WELCOME</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the October Meeting and thanked Mr Clark for standing in as Chairman at the September meeting and Mrs Fryer for acting as Secretary. The Chairman also welcomed a new member to the Group, Mr Wayne Best, who lives in Wellington, but works in Gloucester on, amongst other issues, flood protection matters.</p> <p>2. There were 26 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs Avery, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Gibson, Mr and Mrs Clark, Mrs Edwards, Mr Nickols, Mrs Sanford and Mr and Mrs Tilford.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the last Meeting. This was proposed by Mr Dowler, seconded by Mrs Watson and unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman showed the Meeting the trophy which had been given to the BFPG at the Pride of Herefordshire Award Ceremony on Wednesday 12th October. The Group had been declared to be the Winners of the Environmental Champion Award for 2011 and, in addition to the trophy (which has to be returned at the end of the year) were presented with a Certificate, a cheque for £100, and a bottle of Tanners Champagne. The Chairman said that the Award was most welcome outside recognition of all the hard work which members had contributed and everyone should be extremely proud of the Group's achievements.</p> <p>5. He went on to say that the original plan had been for the bottle of champagne to be drunk after the Meeting in celebration of the Award. However with so many members it would not go very far! One of the suggestions he had received was that, instead, it might be better to auction it at the Quiz Night to boost the Group's funds. This idea was unanimously accepted and the Champagne will be auctioned during the Quiz Night interval.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4 – TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>6. In the Treasurer's absence the Chairman read out a written report which stated that the Group's funds at present total £1,553.60p.</p> <p>7. The Treasurer had also reported that during the course of working parties this year it had become obvious that there was a need for a rather more powerful petrol trimmer with a brush cutting head. The cost of this would be in the region of £300, to</p>	

<p>include not only brushcutter and line trimmer heads but also a helmet with visor. In reply to a question about the number of times a brush cutter would actually be needed during the course of a year, the Operations Manager said that a privately owned brush cutter had been used at every working party where dense undergrowth was a problem. It was proposed by Mr Harris that the Group should buy its own brush cutter and supporting equipment and this was seconded by Mrs Bowden. It was agreed that the Operations Manager would look for the “best buy” and report back to the Group at the November Meeting.</p>	Operations Manager
<u>AGENDA ITEM 5 – UPDATE ON ‘PROJECT BODENHAM’: THE PPL GRANT</u>	
<p>8. The Chairman reminded members that ‘Project Bodenham’ had now reached Phase 6 - the Manufacturers’ Surveys. For those properties having UK Flood Barriers and Flash Flood Door equipment, the surveys were already in progress, having started on Monday 24th and continuing on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday, 26th October. For those properties which were having Flood Ark doors fitted, the surveys will take place on Monday, 31st October.</p> <p>9. The Chairman then moved on to Phase 7 - Fitting the Products. He told the Meeting that the Secretary was still being contacted by residents expressing worries about whether or not they would have to pay for the work being undertaken. He was concerned that, despite all the meetings and all the information that had been circulated, some people still did not seem to understand the process. At the initial meeting when the Project was announced everyone eligible had been told that it would be highly unlikely that anyone would have to make a contribution to the cost of the flood protection equipment.</p> <p>10. Since then, apart from those who have chosen to have the new Flash Flood Doors fitted, nothing has changed. However, until the manufacturers’ surveys have been completed and the results costed, Amey will not know the exact cost for each property. That is why this Phase is so important and needs to be finished as soon as possible so that everyone can know exactly where they stand. We understand that Mr Ziad Malik, the Amey Project Manager, has managed to get agreement from the Environment Agency that any underspends may be used to cover any overspends on other properties within the scheme. If there is any likelihood of a householder being required to make a personal financial contribution this will be discussed with them by Amey. Only when each householder is happy with the terms and conditions for their own property will they be invited by Amey to sign a contract for the equipment to be fitted.</p> <p>11. It should be noted that also included in the terms and conditions will be the requirements that each householder agrees to maintain, store and correctly fit the portable items provided, to sign up for the Flood Warning System and to take part in any flood exercises which may be organised as part of the Emergency Planning System for the County.</p> <p>12. UK Flood Barriers have said that they hope to have their products ready for fitting in December and will endeavour to have the work completed by the end of the year. We have not yet received a time scale for the work from Flood Ark, but the Secretary will contact those affected as soon as she is informed.</p> <p>13. All the work has to be completed by 31st March 2012 to comply with the Grant.</p>	Secretary

<p>20. Mrs Bick reminded the Group that she and Mrs Davies would be accepting items for the Raffle up to and including the evening of the event.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 9 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>21. The issue of fly tipping in the Moor Brook where it joins the Millcroft Brook by Smeadels Lane was brought to the attention of the Group. The Treasurer had already arranged with the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board for various items to be taken away and no sooner had this happened than yet more fly tipped material had appeared. The Chairman has taken a photograph of the rubbish and sent this to Mr Dan Trewin at the Environment Agency who was aware of the situation and had asked to be informed if there was a recurrence. The Secretary has also reported the issue to the Parish Clerk and asked for the appropriate sign to be erected at the site to warn of the penalty for fly tipping.</p> <p>22. With regard to the Millcroft Brook, it was agreed that the Operations Manager would talk to the new leaseholders of the Golf Course. He was asked to remind them of the havoc caused in previous years when benches, sleepers and Astroturf golf mats were located too close to the brook as it passes through the golf course with the result that during flash floods these items had been swept into the brook and ended up blocking the Brockington Road and Millcroft Barn culverts.</p> <p>23. Mr Grumbley noted that it was around this time of the year that the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board would be cutting the high hedges in Mr Pugh’s field adjacent to Orchard Close. The result of this would be the collection of some very large debris at the bottom of the ditch around the field and this would need to be cleared by the Group to keep the drainage system clear. It was agreed that, sadly, it was too late in the year to attend to this now. However, the task would be high on the Working Party Schedule for 2012, together with the clearance of the as yet unfinished West corner of the ditch.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 10 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>24. The dates for the 2012 Meetings at Siward James have been confirmed by Mrs Evans and they will be sent out with the Minutes of the October Meeting. They will also appear in the <i>Newsletter</i>, on the Parish Website, and on the notice boards around the village.</p> <p>25. The next Meeting, the last of the year, will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29th November at the Siward James Centre.</p> <p>26. There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 7.10pm.</p>	<p>Chairman Secretary</p>

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Chairman: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Treasurer: Mr Tony Clark
Operations Manager: Mr Mike Stephens
Deputy Operations Manager: Mr Robin George
Secretary: Mrs Babs Mitcheson 797170

The Moor:

The Moor Road: Mr Tony Clark: 797943
Orchard Close: Mr Graham Price : 797621
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: Mrs Iris Evans 797412
Ash Grove Close: Mrs Jean Fryer: 797338
Ash Grove View: Mr David Harris: 797575
Millcroft Road: Mrs Barbara Gibson : 797643

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:
The Forge: Mr Simon Nickols: 797144
Church and Bodenham Village:
Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549
Mr Mike Mullenger: 797199

Bodenham Flood Protection Group Meeting Dates 2012

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

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 797170

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