

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2016

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<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the October Meeting and said that once again he had nothing of consequence to report regarding flood risk.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 28 members present and apologies were received from Mrs Burnill, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fryer, Mr Gilding, Mr Harris, Mr Maxwell, and Ms Tremain.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the September Meeting. These had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and were also available in hard copy on the tables.</p> <p>4. Referring to Minute 2, Mrs Griffiths explained that it was owing to an Emergency Gardening Club Meeting that so many members had been unable to attend the September BFPG Meeting. The clash of dates had been unfortunate, but the nature of the Gardening Club's business and the diary commitments of those who had to attend the Club's Meeting meant that 27 September had been the only date on which it could be held.</p> <p>5. The Chairman thanked her for taking the time to explain this. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Avery, seconded by Cllr Tilford and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>6. <u>River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (IDB) Support.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded members that at the September Meeting he had promised to find out why the IDB's usual assistance on the Millcroft Brook had not been forthcoming this year and what the Board might be able to do next year to help the Group. He had spoken to Mr Les Harrison, the Engineer to the IDB, who had explained that, as always, the Board's operations were heavily weather dependent. Spraying had been carried out early in the year, but at that stage weed growth had been very slight and as a result the spray had not been as effective as usual.</p> <p>b. As regards flail mowing of the Millcroft Brook along the single track section of Millcroft Road, this had been done in October, but by that time the Group had already completed their work on that stretch of the watercourse. In any</p>	

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<p>case it would not have helped the Group greatly: spraying was the important operation and Mr Harrison was keen for the Group to carry out their own spraying programme on the Millcroft Brook, as it did on the Orchard Close drainage system. This was because the Group were better able to judge the best time to meet their own needs than the IDB which had much of Herefordshire to cover.</p> <p>c. Mr Stephens confirmed that he would be happy to take on spraying not only the Millcroft Brook but also the ditch along Ketch Lane. However, to do this, he would need additional RoundUp Biactive which is the approved herbicide for this task. The Secretary confirmed that she would contact Mr Harrison and ask whether the Board would be prepared to increase the amount of herbicide they donated to the Group.</p> <p>7. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> The Chairman thanked all those who had attended the annual Bonfire Party at Millcroft Farm on Saturday, 8 October. He particularly thanked all those who had generously contributed not only more liquid refreshment but also some very tasty eats for the occasion.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>8. The Chairman reported that there had been no income since the previous Meeting. However, there had been expenditure of £15.75 for the hire of the meeting room in the Siward James Centre from June to September. The balance therefore now stood at £3,524.32. This would, of course, be increased by a further £66.28 when the Parish Clerk had received the VAT refund. The Chairman remarked that he believed that the Parish Clerk had recently received this refund and he hoped that it would soon be credited to the BFPG's Account.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>9. <u>Recent Working Parties.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman recalled that he had said at the September Meeting that he thought it likely that a further session on 6 October would be required to complete the task of checking and repairing sandbags. Accordingly, ten members had met at Hamwyn Joinery on that date and checks of the sandbags behind the Joinery and in the cages at Chapel Lane and Siward James Close had been successfully finished. However, the supply of empty sandbags had been completely used up and so the cage on the Bodenham School car park still remained to be checked.</p> <p>b. The Chairman added that he had recently spoken to Mrs Donna Tregenza, the Senior Locality Steward for Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP). She had confirmed that BBLP now had empty sandbags in stock and had promised to deliver the Bodenham allocation of 150 empty bags as soon as possible. The Chairman said that, once these had been received, a new date would be arranged to complete the checks. Since it was only the School car park cage which remained to be checked, it had been agreed that the Secretary would contact a small group of volunteers and complete the task sometime during the day rather than organise a full working party evening session.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

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<p>10. <u>Annual Quiz Night.</u> The Chairman reminded members that the Group's final social occasion in 2016 would be the Annual Quiz Night in the Parish Hall on Friday, 25 November. He confirmed that Mrs Tricia Coney and her husband had once again agreed to set the Quiz and be the Quiz Master and Adjudicator for the event. Mrs Griffiths confirmed that arrangements for the evening were well in hand and that posters and flyers had been distributed to advertise the event. A copy of the poster is attached to these Minutes and members are asked to give the Quiz the widest possible publicity. The Secretary has also sent an email all BFPG Members and asked them to contact Mrs Griffiths if they felt they could offer any assistance. Finally, the Chairman asked members to book their tables for 6 early, so that the organising team have some idea how many will be coming on the night.</p>	<p>All Mrs Griffiths</p>
<p><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>11. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The Chairman said that the next Meeting would also be the last one for 2016 and would be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 29 November 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>12. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.05 pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

29 November 2016

Bodenham Flood Protection Group

Invite you to a

Quiz Night

On Friday 25 November 2016 at
Bodenham Parish Hall



Doors Open 7pm

Entry is £6 per
person



Including Refreshments

Tables for 6

Bring your own wine – glasses available

Prizes for Winning Table

All Are Welcome

To book a table or for more information

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