

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2018

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the November Meeting, the last Meeting in the BFPG's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. He gave a particular welcome to three visitors who had kindly come to talk to the Group about the River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project. They were Mrs Bethany Lewis, the NFM Project Officer at Herefordshire Council, Mr Tom Jolley, a catchment advisor from the Wye and Usk Foundation, and Mr Andrew Osbaldiston from the Environment Agency, who is the NFM Project Co-ordinator for the West Midlands area.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> In addition to the visitors, there were 29 members present. Apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Miss Gibson, Mrs Burnill, and Mrs Phipps.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the October 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 Cllr Tilford, seconded by Mr Dowler and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>4. There were no matters arising which were not covered in the Agenda.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>5. The Chairman reported that the balance in the account at the end of October was £3,863.85. There had been one item of income, a donation towards the hire of the Parish Hall for the BFPG Quiz Night of £30. As there had been no expenditure in November, the balance was therefore now £3,893.85. Outstanding VAT remains at £19.40. (This was for the printing of the display and other materials for the BFPG's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration).</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – SOCIAL CALENDAR</u></b></p> <p>6. <b><u>Annual Quiz Night.</u></b> The Chairman reminded the Meeting that this year's Quiz Night would be held that Friday (30 November). He asked Mrs Bowden if she wished to say anything about the organisation of the event and she confirmed that the</p>	

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<p>arrangements for the evening were all in place.</p> <p>7. <b><u>Fund-Raising Coffee Morning 2019.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded members that the fund-raising Coffee Morning will be held on <b>Saturday, 19 January 2019 at Siward James from 10.00am until 12 noon.</b></p> <p>b. Since there would not be another BFPG Meeting before the Coffee Morning, he asked Mrs Davies if she wished to raise any issues about the organisation of the event. She reminded members that there would be a Bring and Buy table run by Mr John Rice and Mrs Thelma Butcher and she asked members for contributions to this, as well as to the raffle. Any such contributions should be given to her, while if anyone who would like to help in other ways, they should also please contact her.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – THE RIVER WYE AND LUGG NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT</u></b></p>	
<p>8. The Chairman then invited Mrs Lewis and her colleagues to speak about the Natural Flood Management Project. Mrs Lewis, Mr Osbaldiston and Mr Jolley showed a short video on a similar project which had taken place in Worcestershire and which illustrated the kinds of NFM measures which could be employed to absorb rainfall and slow the flows down watercourses during storms. They then went on to describe how the Bodenham NFM Project would be led by a Catchment Delivery Group (CDG) with, they hoped, additional help and input from the BFPG and the Bodenham community generally. The intention would be to hold an open ‘launch’ event in the New Year to explain the Project to local residents and invite their support.</p> <p>9. The Secretary suggested that the BFPG Coffee Morning on Saturday, 19 January might provide an opportunity for some local advertising for the Project, while BFPG members might be able to help with the distribution of posters and flyers and through the Parish Website and the Bodenham <i>Newsletter</i>. The Chairman added that, once the CDG team had agreed a date for their launch event, the BFPG might provide help by running either a coffee morning or afternoon tea session for them in Siward James. Mrs Lewis thanked the Chairman and said that she would liaise with him regarding dates in the New Year and thanked the BFPG for their offer of support.</p> <p>10. Mrs Lewis and her colleagues then answered members’ questions, emphasising that the Project would be concentrating on measures to improve the catchments of the Millcroft and Moor Brooks and that Riffins Brook and the River Lugg would be outside its scope. On the Group’s behalf, the Chairman thanked Mrs Lewis and her colleagues for a very interesting presentation and looked forward to seeing them again in the New Year.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>11. Mrs Bowden thanked the Chairman and Secretary for leading the Group through another successful twelve months. The Chairman thanked Mrs Bowden and all the members of the Group for their continuing support throughout what had been a very memorable 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.</p>	

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<p>12. <b><u>Date of the Next Meeting</u></b>. The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</p> <p>13. There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30 pm and invited members and visitors to take part in the long-awaited demolition of Mrs Sue Maxwell's cake, together with other refreshments.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson  
Chairman

29 January 2019