

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2017

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<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Group's November Meeting and commented that he had nothing to report on the matter of flood risk. The Millcroft Brook which had been virtually dry in the early part of October had recovered somewhat, but was still very low indeed. He added that the reason for the Brook being so low was now clear. It was not, as had been suggested earlier, that it was being dammed upstream for watering cattle: it was simply that rainfall had been very low this year and, as members would have seen in the local press, this had caused a number of streams in Herefordshire to dry up recently.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> There were 18 members present and apologies were received from Cllr and Mrs Avery, Cllr Baker, Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr and Mrs Burnill, Mrs Fryer, and Mr and Mrs Schwartz.</p>	
<p><b><u>AGENDA 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 Cllr Clark and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>4. <b><u>Quiz Night.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman remarked that the Quiz Night on 24 November had been a very successful and enjoyable occasion and he thanked all those who had contributed to it, either by helping at it or by supporting it by taking part. In particular, he thanked Mrs Anita Griffiths most warmly for organising the evening.</p> <p>b. In terms of income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 41 participants had paid           £246.00</li><li>• Raffle sales had raised           £117.00</li><li>• Bar sales had made               £21.00</li><li>• Total                                   £384.00</li></ul> <p>c. Costs had been:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prizes £25.36</li> <li>• Wine £69.00</li> <li>• Food £36.66</li> <li>• Napkins £1.00</li> <li>• Total £132.02</li> </ul> <p>d. The evening had therefore resulted in a profit of £251.98 for the Group's funds.</p> <p>e. The Chairman asked Mrs Griffiths if there were any points she would like to make and she replied that she would like to record her thanks to all the members of her team, Cllr and Mrs Clark, Mr and Mrs Schwartz, Mrs Hartfield, Mrs Dowler and Cllr Tremain for their hard work to ensure a successful evening.</p> <p>5. <b><u>BFGP Equipment Trailer.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman recalled that at the last Meeting he had mentioned that he needed to move the BFGP's equipment trailer to a new location. This was in order to allow the livestock in his paddock to get to a water trough more easily. In preparation for this he had attempted to pump up the tyres on the trailer, so that it could be moved. This had been unsuccessful, so he had removed both wheels from the trailer in the hope that the tyres could be quickly and simply mended. Unfortunately, this had not proved to be the case. The verdict on them had been that they were not only at least 20 years old, but had perished to the point where they were beyond repair.</p> <p>b. He had therefore had little option, but to arrange for them to be replaced with the cheapest new tyres available. These had cost £43 each, or £36 once VAT had been reclaimed. The wheels were badly rusted, so he had taken the opportunity while they were off the trailer to rub them down and paint them with Hammerite before replacing them. They were now back on the trailer which could now once again be easily moved. He therefore asked for retrospective approval for the cost of the tyres to be refunded to him.</p> <p>c. This was proposed by Mrs Dowler, seconded by Mrs Clark and agreed.</p>																									
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<p>6. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that at the end of October the balance of the account had been £3,943.00.</p> <p>7. The Income and Expenditure for November was:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="231 1787 1236 1993"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Income:</b></td> <td colspan="2"><b>Expenditure:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donation for Quiz Night</td> <td>£ 30.00</td> <td>Herbicide Course</td> <td>£420.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quiz Night</td> <td>£384.00</td> <td>Siward James Room Hire Jul</td> <td>£15.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>- Sep</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Quiz Night</td> <td>£132.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Income:</b></td> <td><b>£414.00</b></td> <td><b>Total Expenditure:</b></td> <td><b>£567.77</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>8. The balance at the end of November is £3,789.23, although there is also a</p>	<b>Income:</b>		<b>Expenditure:</b>		Donation for Quiz Night	£ 30.00	Herbicide Course	£420.00	Quiz Night	£384.00	Siward James Room Hire Jul	£15.75			- Sep				Quiz Night	£132.02	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>£414.00</b>	<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>£567.77</b>	
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<p>VAT refund of £85.41, comprising £15.41 for Hammerite paint and £70.00 for the herbicide courses, still to be refunded.</p>	
<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM 5 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></b></p>	
<p>9. The Chairman reported that his attention had been drawn to an article in the <i>Hereford Times</i> about watercourses in Herefordshire running dry because of the lack of rainfall earlier in the year. This had mentioned that research was being carried out at the University of the West of England into drought and climate change and encouraged readers to report on the way that dry weather was affecting their local river systems.</p> <p>10. He had therefore written a short e-mail to Professor Nevil Quinn at the University explaining what had happened recently to the Millcroft Brook and had received a reply thanking him for the information and asking for permission to quote it in future, which he had agreed. Professor Quinn had also enclosed the more detailed article behind the <i>Hereford Times</i> piece, some copies of which the Chairman put on the table. Finally, Professor Quinn had said that, being based in the University's Centre for Floods, Communities and Resilience, he was interested in the Group's work and the Chairman had responded by offering to provide any further information he required.</p>	
<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING</u></b></p>	
<p>11. The Chairman reminded members that the Annual Coffee Morning would be held rather earlier in the year than usual - on Saturday, 13 January. Mrs Liz Davies had once again very kindly agreed to organise the event and he asked her to raise any points she wanted to make and say what help she required. Mrs Davies said she had her team in place to run the Draw, Cake Stall, Refreshments and Tombola. Although there were some prizes for the Draw, she would be grateful for more prizes and also items for the Tombola. The Secretary said that she would send out a notice to everyone and ask for prizes and items for the Tombola Table. Mrs Davies confirmed that she had the posters and flyers for the event and would put them out at the start of the New Year. The Secretary agreed to make sure they were in the <i>Hereford Times</i>, <i>Parish Newsletter</i> and Website and Next Door.</p>	<p><b>Mrs Davies  Secretary</b></p>
<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>12. <b><u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u></b> The next Meeting - and the first for 2018 - will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 30 January 2018. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all the members of the Group for their support in the past year and wished them all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.</p> <p>13. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.</p>	