

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2014

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<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the November Meeting, the last of 2014, with a particular welcome to Avril and David Gilding who had recently moved into 1, Ash Grove View. He remarked that the rain over the past few weeks had left the ground saturated, so there was now greater potential than before for accelerated surface water run-off. However, at no time had the intensity of rain given any cause for concern.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 32 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Avery, Mr Griffiths, Mr Harris, Mr and Mrs Hemming, Mrs Burnill, and Mrs Parker.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the October Meeting which had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and which were also available in hard copy on the tables. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Mrs Gwen Bowden, seconded by Mrs Watson and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>Herefordshire Council.</u> The Chairman said that the BFPG was still waiting for a response from Herefordshire Council about the Ketch Lane and Pugh's Field culverts and also about the Group's offer to help the Council and Balfour Beatty with monitoring and signing road closures when the Ketch Lane junction is flooded.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 4 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></p> <p>5. <u>Defra Project - Surveying for Flood Resilience in Individual Properties.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded members that the Secretary had been invited to join the Board of the Defra Project "Surveying for Flood Resilience in Individual Properties". The aim of the Project is to encourage wider use of property-level flood protection (PLP) by improving the training and assessment of surveyors who will provide the initial risk assessment of properties - rather than those who will look at the actual installation of flood protection equipment in houses. (The latter is obviously important as well, but is being looked at separately).</p> <p>b. The Chairman said that the Secretary had duly attended the Project's first Board Meeting in London on 29 October as a 'consumer' representative. This had been followed up by e-mail correspondence to which she had contributed and she</p>	

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<p>would be attending a second Board Meeting early in the New Year.</p> <p>6. <u>Northamptonshire Flood Warden Training Event (Saturday, 15 November).</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman recalled that he and the Secretary had been invited to give a presentation to the Pathfinder Groups in Northamptonshire on Saturday, 15 November. Northamptonshire are one of 13 local authorities across the country taking part in the £5M Defra scheme to encourage local communities to come up with innovative ways to reduce the flood risk to their localities. Northamptonshire’s participation has funding of £384,030, of which some £299,150 is coming from Defra, and now has 15 parishes involved in their scheme. A total of 26 volunteer flood wardens drawn from across these communities had attended the Training Day.</p> <p>b. The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had been asked to talk about the work of the BFPG under the heading “<i>Real Life Flood Events and Lessons Learned</i>” and Mrs Mary Dhonau, who was leading the seminar, had introduced their presentation by stressing that the whole countrywide Pathfinder Project was based on the example set by the BFPG.</p> <p>c. The Chairman added that it had been a very well organised and interesting day. The BFPG presentation had been well received and, for example, the ‘buddy system’ had attracted considerable interest. At the same time he and the Secretary had learned a great deal from the other presentations and, in particular, from that by the member of Northamptonshire County Council leading that Council’s work on flood protection and resilience. Her work on developing the Council’s flood protection website had been especially impressive. She had said that she would be very willing to share her Council’s ideas and experience with the relevant members of Herefordshire Council and the Chairman said that he hoped to encourage such an exchange.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 - TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>7. The Chairman reported that income in November had been £415.28. Expenditure on hose attachments for one of the pumps had been £64.65 and that on the Quiz Night had been £80.28. This, therefore, gave a current balance of £2,832.95.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE PLANS</u></p> <p>8. <u>Annual Quiz Night.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman thanked all those who had supported the BFPG either by attending the Quiz Night on Friday, 14 November or by making very generous donations, or, indeed, both. In particular, he thanked Mrs Griffiths and her team – Mrs Bick who had again produced wonderful sandwiches and nibbles for the interval, Mrs Aldridge who had collected the entry money on the door and Mrs Watson and Mrs Dowler who had organised the raffle. Finally, he expressed his thanks to Mrs Tricia Coney and her helpers, who had done so much to produce a most enjoyable quiz, and to Mr Clark for standing in for the Chairman in the latter’s absence in Northamptonshire.</p>	

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<p>Day. The Secretary said that she would attach the poster to the Minutes and there would be posters and flyers around the Parish. As in previous years, there would be tombola, a draw, refreshments and a cake stall. She asked anyone who had any items for any of the stalls to please contact her.</p>	<p>Secretary All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 8 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p>	
<p>12. The next Meeting will be the first of 2015 and will be held on Tuesday, 27 January at 7.30pm in the Siward James Centre.</p> <p>13. Finally, the Chairman asked that the Group join him and the Secretary in light refreshments in the Siward James Conservatory as a thank you for all they had done throughout the year.</p> <p>14. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.45pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

27 January 2015

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

Chairman: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Treasurer: Mrs Babs Mitcheson
Operations Manager: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Secretary: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

The Moor:

The Moor Road: Mr Tony Clark: 797943
Orchard Close/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: The Warden : 797412
Ash Grove Close: Mrs Jean Fryer: 797338
Ash Grove View: Mr David Harris: 797575
Ash Grove View: Cllr Alec Avery: 797744
Millcroft Road: Miss Barbara Gibson: 797643

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:
Mr Mike Mullenger: 797199
Church and Bodenham Village:
Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Maund Bryan:

Mr Philip Broomhead 797167

Bodenham Flood Protection Group Meeting Dates 2015

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

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 on 797170

Or by email at BabsMitcheson@aol.com

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

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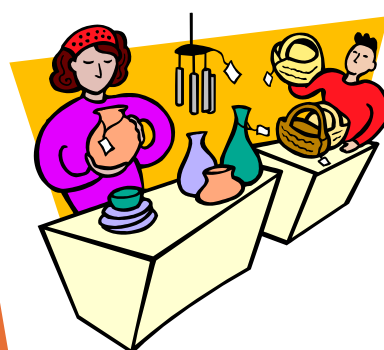
Invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 14th February 2015

at Siward James Centre

From 10.00am to 12 noon



**Cake Stall, Tombola and Draw
Exhibition of photographs from the
Village by the
Bodenham Flood Protection Group**

Free Admission

All Are Welcome.

For more information contact Liz Davies: 797628