## **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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ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN	
<ol> <li>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 runoff. However, at no time had the intensity of rain given any cause for concern.</li> <li>Apologies. 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.</li> </ol>	
ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
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.	
ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING	
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.	
ITEM 4 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS	
<ul> <li>5. <u>Defra Project - Surveying for Flood Resilience in Individual Properties</u>.</li> <li>a. The Chairman reminded members that the Secretary had been invited to join</li> </ul>	
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).	
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	

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	would be attending a second Board Meeting early in the New Year.	11001011
6.	Northamptonshire Flood Warden Training Event (Saturday, 15 November).	
	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.	
	b. The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had been asked to talk about the work of the BFPG under the heading "Real Life Flood Events and Lessons Learned" 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.	
	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.	
ITEN	M 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT	
7. on ho	The Chairman reported that income in November had been £415.28. Expenditure ose attachments for one of the pumps had been £64.65 and that on the Quiz Night had £80.28. This, therefore, gave a current balance of £2,832.95.	
ITEN	M 6 – FUTURE PLANS	
8.	Annual Quiz Night.	
	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.	

Income		Expenses	
Donations	£51.28	Hire of Parish Hall	£30.00
Entry Fees @£6 each x38	£228.00	M Bick Refreshments	£27.84
Raffle	£136.00	A Griffiths Prizes	£22.44
Total	£415.28	Total	£80.28

£335.00

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The Quiz Night income and expenditure was:

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c. The Chairman noted that the income from the Raffle was the second highest ever achieved and expressed his thanks to all concerned as well as his regrets that he and the Secretary had not been able to attend.

#### <u>ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>

**Profit on the Night** 

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9. <u>Winter Preparations</u>. The Chairman repeated the statement he had made at the October Meeting – that 2014 had so far been a year which had presented few flood risks, and that members must guard against becoming complacent. Now was the time when they should be making final preparations by checking any flood protection equipment they might have, practising putting it up and taking it down, and checking that it still fitted properly. If they were part of the 'buddy system' they should also be making sure that they had checked with the person they were supporting that their precautions were similarly prepared. He urged members to take action now and not leave it until later.

#### 10. **Parish Defibrillator Fund**.

- a. The Chairman remarked that, although not strictly related to the Group's core business, many members would be aware that Cllr Rhian Powell had been active on behalf of the Parish Council in trying to secure two defibrillators for the village one to be sited in Bodenham Moor and the other in the Conservation Area.
- b. He reported that Cllr Powell had received approval and a small grant from the British Heart Foundation, but that a further £1,000 was needed to have the equipment installed correctly. She and Mrs Margaret James, who had been working with her on this project, were holding a fund-raising coffee morning at The Chapel on Saturday, 29 November from 10.30am to 12.30pm. He said that he was sure that members would understand how much work this involved and asked them to put the date in their diaries and give it all the support they could.
- c. He noted that there were posters for the event around the village, but said that he would be grateful if members would spread the word to those who might not have seen them. The £5 entry gave those attending unlimited refreshments and two raffle tickets. In particular, the Secretary was organising the Raffle and would be grateful for any prizes that members could give her. There would also be a bring and buy sale for which items would be most welcome.
- 11. **Annual Coffee Morning**. Mrs Davies reminded members that the next BFPG fundraising event would be the Coffee Morning on Saturday, 14 February 2015 St Valentine's

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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.	Secretary All
ITEM 8 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
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.	
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.	
14. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.45pm.	

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	<b>24th</b>	August	25th - AGM
March	<b>31st</b>	September	<b>29th</b>
April	28th	October	27th
May	<b>26th</b>	November	<b>24th</b>
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 <a href="mailto:BabsMitcheson@aol.com">BabsMitcheson@aol.com</a>

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

# **Bodenham Flood Protection Group**

Invite you to a

## **COFFEE MORNING**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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