

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

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<p><b><u>ITEM 1 –WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed 27 members to the February Meeting..</p> <p>2. <b><u>Review of the Past Month.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman reviewed the Group's activities since the last Meeting in January. He thanked Mrs Davies and her team for another very successful Coffee Morning on 2 February. The financial details would be covered in the Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>b. He remarked that weather-wise it had been a relatively quiet month. There had been only three occasions on which the level of the Millcroft Brook had risen to as much as 0.5m (31 January, 10 February and 14 February) and only on the last occasion had the telemetry system produced another alert. Since the water level had then peaked at only just over 1m, there had been no real cause for concern. However, he thanked Mr Clark, the Operations Officer and the other members of the Group who had kept a close watch on the situation.</p> <p>c. The Chairman concluded by noting that, although Mr Chatwin, one of the older members of the Group, had been taken into hospital, it was hoped that he would be home again later in the week.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> Apologies were received from Mr Brown, Mr Clark, Mr Harris, Mr Pritchard, Mr Tilford, Mrs Bowden, Mrs Dowler, Mrs Fryer, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Parker and Mrs Sanford.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>4. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the January Meeting which had been circulated earlier. Mr Watson proposed that they be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Mr Dowler, and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>5. <b><u>High Visibility Jackets.</u></b> The Chairman reported that the Secretary had been in touch with Mr Trewin at the Environment Agency and asked whether the Agency might be able to donate heavy duty high visibility jackets to the Group. Mr Trewin had replied that he thought it was a reasonable request and would investigate.</p> <p>6. <b><u>Practice Session with Pumps.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that, in response to a request at the January Meeting for volunteers to learn how to use the water pumps, the following members had</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b></p>

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<p>put their names forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Mr Pritchard – Chapel Lane/Orchard Close</li> <li>(2) Mr Dowler – Brockington Road (North)</li> <li>(3) Mr Clark – The Moor</li> <li>(4) Mr Giampalma – Millcroft Road</li> <li>(5) Cllr Avery – Ash Grove View</li> <li>(6) Mr Watson – Ash Grove View</li> <li>(7) Mr Tilford – Bowley Lane</li> <li>(8) Mr Mullenger – Bodenham Village</li> <li>(9) Miss Price – Ash Grove Close</li> </ul> <p>b. Dates for the training were subsequently agreed (see Minute 15 below).</p> <p>7. <b><u>Maund Bryan.</u></b> Mr Grumbley told the Meeting that he had not yet received a reply to his email regarding the Maund Bryan situation. He had been told that Herefordshire Council’s Flood Co-ordination Meeting, which should have been held in December, had been postponed until some time in February. However, to date he had heard nothing further.</p> <p>8. <b><u>Grants.</u></b> The Chairman said that, in the absence of the Treasurer, this item would be carried forward to the March Meeting.</p> <p>9. <b><u>Waders.</u></b> The Chairman reported that the full chest waders had now been received, but the three pairs of thigh waders were still awaited. He thanked Mr Hemming for all he was doing to get the waders at the best price.</p> <p>10. <b><u>Sandbag Cage Locks.</u></b> The Chairman reported that the keys for the new padlocks on the sandbag cages were now available for collection. It was felt that the following should be key holders, and that they should collect their key from the Secretary, if they had not already done so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mr &amp; Mrs Mitcheson - Chairman/ Secretary</li> <li>b. Mr Clark - Treasurer</li> <li>c. Mr Stephens – Operations Officer</li> <li>d. Mr Pritchard - Chapel Lane/ Orchard Close Cage</li> <li>e. Mr Giampalma – Parish Hall Cage</li> <li>f. Mrs Baines – Siward James Centre Cage</li> <li>g. Mr Mullenger – Bodenham Village Car Park Cage</li> </ul> <p>11. <b><u>Water Overflow in Millcroft Road.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Chairman reminded members that despite a number of telephone calls to Welsh Water and Amey Herefordshire, water continues to run down Millcroft Road from the drain next to the wall beside England’s Gate garden.</li> <li>b. Although this does not present a hazard in itself, it would become one to both pedestrians and vehicles if the water freezes and the Chairman reported that he had raised this issue with the Parish Council. However, in the present winter weather and with a mass of other tasks, such as potholes, to complete, Welsh Water and Amey no doubt have more urgent priorities. There was therefore, he said, little more that the Group could do for the moment.</li> </ul> <p>12. <b><u>Debris.</u></b> The Chairman noted that the pile of debris at the Ketch Lane junction</p>	<p><b>Mr Grumbley</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>Mr Hemming</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p>

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<p>was now much reduced because the larger pieces had been removed, presumably for firewood, and the remainder had settled. The Parish Clerk had asked Amey some time ago to arrange for its removal, but, as with the water overflow in Millcroft Road, Amey would have more urgent priorities and there was little point, he felt, in pressing them further at present.</p>																									
<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>13. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman asked Mrs Clark if she would read the Treasurer's Report. This was as follows:</p> <p>a. <b><u>Income - Coffee Morning</u></b></p> <table data-bbox="277 645 1002 981"> <tr> <td>Raffle</td> <td>£144.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cakes</td> <td>£78.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tombola</td> <td>£41.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teas</td> <td>£59.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations</td> <td>£56.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><u>Total</u></b></td> <td><b><u>£380.00</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anonymous Donation given a few days after the coffee morning</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>b. <b><u>Total Income for February</u></b> <b><u>£410.00</u></b></p> <p>c. <b><u>Expenditure.</u></b></p> <table data-bbox="277 1160 1002 1348"> <tr> <td>Room Hire for Coffee Morning</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Padlocks with keys</td> <td>£13.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 New keys cut</td> <td>£15.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 pair Neoprene Chest Waders size 6/7</td> <td>£37.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postage for Waders</td> <td>£6.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>d. <b><u>Total Expenditure for February</u></b> <b><u>£103.62</u></b></p> <p>e. <b><u>Balance of Funds as at 26 February</u></b> <b><u>£2,206.75</u></b></p> <p>14. Mrs Clark added that the VAT on the waders would be reclaimed and this would be shown on the March account.</p>	Raffle	£144.10	Cakes	£78.50	Tombola	£41.00	Teas	£59.80	Donations	£56.60	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£380.00</u></b>	Anonymous Donation given a few days after the coffee morning	£30.00	Room Hire for Coffee Morning	£30.00	4 Padlocks with keys	£13.22	4 New keys cut	£15.50	1 pair Neoprene Chest Waders size 6/7	£37.95	Postage for Waders	£6.95	
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<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE PLANS</u></b></p> <p>15. <b><u>Working Party Sessions - Pump Training.</u></b> The Operations Officer stated that pump training would be carried out on either Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March or Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Millcroft Farm at 9.45am for 10.00am start. Those who wished to attend should let the Secretary know their preferred date. The Chairman asked the Secretary to compile the list of preferences and circulate it to the Operations Officer and all concerned. <b>(Afternote.</b> The 16<sup>th</sup> March has been chosen by the majority of members wishing to attend. Those members who are unable to make this date will be trained on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March).</p> <p>16. <b><u>Annual Barbecue.</u></b> The Chairman said that Mr and Mrs Clark have very kindly</p>	<p><b>Secretary/ Operations Officer</b></p>																								

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<p>agreed to host the Annual Barbecue at their home. The date of Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July and a start time of 6.00pm were then chosen by mutual consent. The Secretary will advertise the event. It was felt that, although in 2012 a barbecue was hired and generously paid for by private donation, the Group should be able to provide one from within members' resources. He said that he was happy to offer the use of his own gas barbecue for the event and there was time in hand to try and find another.</p> <p>17. <b><u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u></b> The Chairman went on to suggest that it would also be a good idea to discuss a date for the Annual Bonfire Party, and whether this should be in September or October. It was agreed that the Party should be held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September at Millcroft Farm, starting at 6.00pm. As in previous years, he and the Secretary would provide sausage rolls and a mulled liquid of some kind. Members who wished to bring other food and/or drink would be most welcome to do so. The Secretary will advertise the event and co-ordinate attendance.</p> <p>18. <b><u>Annual Fund-Raising Quiz Night.</u></b> The Chairman reminded the Group that, as they would have seen from the last Minutes, Mrs Griffiths had very kindly agreed to take on the organisation of the Quiz Night with Mrs Bick. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to get a date in the diary for this as soon as possible and that, as November is such a busy month, the event should be held earlier than in previous years. After some discussion it was agreed that Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October would be a possible date and that the Secretary would contact Mrs Knott to see if the Parish Hall was free and to ensure that it did not clash with other village events. (<b><u>Afternote:</u></b> The Secretary has confirmed with Mrs Knott that the Parish Hall and Kitchen have been booked for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 10pm for the Quiz Night).</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>19. <b><u>Flood Insurance List.</u></b> The Chairman reported that Mrs Dhonau had updated the Flood Insurance List and that this had been attached to the Agenda. There were also copies available for those without email to take away. He reminded members to keep Mrs Dhonau informed of any problems they were encountering with property insurance. This was all the more important now because the 'Statement of Principle' agreement between the insurance industry and the Government is due to come to an end in June this year.</p> <p>20. <b><u>Mrs Margaret James.</u></b> The Chairman gave members the good news that Mrs James was now home from hospital and recovering well. The Secretary would take her a card and flowers on behalf of the Group.</p> <p>21. <b><u>Fund-Raising Coffee Morning.</u></b> Mrs Davies thanked all those who had helped with the Coffee Morning in February and all those who had come along to support it.</p> <p>22. <b><u>Debris.</u></b> Mrs Davies also thanked those who regularly cleared the debris from the twin culverts in the recent bad weather. On that note, the Chairman reported that he had received a donation from Mr Derek Pritchard in the form of a very long handled grab fork for reaching debris which the existing two grab forks are unable to reach.</p> <p>23. There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8p.m.</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b></p>