

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2016

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<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked them for attending on such a particularly cold evening.</p> <p>2. <u>Flood Risk.</u></p> <p>a. He remarked that a succession of storms had passed across the country over the past month. None had delivered sufficient rain to cause any real concern about flooding, although the Ketch Lane junction had been flooded for a short time on 8 and 9 February and at least one car had come to grief there. This was despite the signs which had been put out by the Secretary, by Mr Buck at The Weir House, Mr Henshaw at Ketch Lane Cottage and by Balfour Beatty.</p> <p>b. The telemetry system had issued alarms on 3 days. The first had been the day after the last Meeting (27 January) at 0.5m, the second had been a couple of days later (29 January) also at 0.5m, and the third at 0.5m had been on 6 February when the water level had then risen sufficiently to just deliver two alarms at 0.9m before gradually falling over the next three days.</p> <p>c. The Chairman noted that there was some suggestion that the telemetry system's readings were a little on the high side. This was because when the 0.9m warnings were in force, the actual water level on the board adjacent to the sensor was only about 0.7m. It was therefore possible that the sensor might need recalibrating and he would ask Mr Hawnt about this.</p> <p>3. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 21 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Clark, Miss Easson, Mrs Fryer, Mr Griffiths, Mr Harris, Mr Maxwell, Mrs Parker, Miss Price, Mr Pritchard, Mr Rice, Mrs Rudge, Mr Schwartz, Mr Stephens, Mr Tilford, and Mr and Mrs Watson.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the January 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 Mr Dowler, seconded by Mr Hemming and agreed.</p>	

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<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>5. <u>Housing Developments.</u></p> <p>a. <u>Bell Homes.</u> The Chairman remarked that, as members would be aware, Bell Homes had started building their 40 houses on the field opposite England’s Gate Inn.</p> <p>b. <u>Bovis Homes.</u> The Parish Council had received a letter from Bovis Homes indicating a continuing interest in building houses on Shuker’s Field and this had been passed to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for consideration. It could only be assumed therefore that Bovis Homes intended to appeal against the refusal of their planning application for 49 houses on that site.</p> <p>6. <u>The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS).</u> The Chairman reported that the Trustees of the Siward James and Arkwright Trust had decided not to accept a cabinet for the QAVS Award and Certificate in the Siward James Centre. He understood that their view was that, although frequently hired for events open to the public, the Centre was on private property and that they felt that it would be more appropriate for such a cabinet to be sited in a publicly owned place, such as the Parish Hall. He asked members to let the Secretary know their views on what further action, if any, should be taken.</p> <p>7. <u>Annual Coffee Morning.</u> The Chairman reported that the Group’s Annual fund-raising Coffee Morning on Saturday, 6 February 2016 had raised no less than £364. On behalf of all members he thanked Mrs Liz Davies and her team of helpers most warmly for all the work that they had done to organise and run such a successful and enjoyable event.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4 - TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>8. On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman reported that the balance as at 31 January 2016 had been £3,308.45. The income from the BFPG Coffee Morning was £364.00 and, as there has been no expenditure in February, the balance now stood at £3,672.45.</p> <p>9. He noted that the Secretary had needed to purchase more ink for the recent coffee morning photographic display, posters and flyers and would like approval for a refund of £16.99. The Parish Clerk had confirmed that he would be able to claim back the VAT, so the actual cost, less the VAT (£3.99), would be £13.00. (The outstanding VAT currently awaiting crediting to the account was £58.69 which, when this purchase was added, would total £62.68). It was proposed by Mrs Bowden that the refund should be approved; this was seconded by Mr Sebbage and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>10. <u>Social Calendar.</u> The Chairman noted that it was now time to discuss dates for the Group’s social events during the coming year:</p> <p>a. <u>Annual Barbecue.</u> Mr and Mrs Stephens had kindly offered to host the Annual Barbecue on Saturday, 30 July 2016. The Secretary would send out a poster with details nearer the date and ask for replies so that numbers could be</p>	

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<p>decided for catering purposes.</p> <p>b. <u>Annual Bonfire Party</u>. The Chairman suggested that this might be held on Saturday, 1 October 2016. He and the Secretary would be very happy to host it again at Millcroft Farm. There was general agreement at this suggestion and the Secretary will issue reminder posters in due course.</p> <p>c. <u>Annual Quiz Night</u>. He said that, although the Quiz Night was a long way in the future, it would be important to book the Parish Hall in good time and get the date fixed in members' diaries. He suggested Friday, 25 November 2016. Mrs Griffiths agreed that the date was convenient and has very kindly agreed to organise the event again with her team. (Afternote: The Secretary has received confirmation from Mrs Cooney that she and her husband will once again be the Quiz Masters. The Secretary has therefore booked the Parish Hall for Friday, 25 November from 6.00pm to 10.00pm).</p> <p>d. <u>Annual Coffee Morning</u>. After some discussion it was agreed that the Annual Coffee Morning would be held on Saturday, 4 February 2017 and Mrs Davies once again kindly agreed to organise it.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Mrs Griffiths</p> <p>Mrs Davies</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>11. <u>Clean for the Queen Litter Pick</u>. Although not strictly a matter for the BFPG, the Chairman once again drew members' attention to the 'Clean for the Queen' litter pick being held on Saturday, 5 March. Anyone who wished to take part should come to the Parish Hall at 10.00am where they would be provided with litter picking equipment, including gloves and high visibility jackets, and would be able to decide which part of the Parish they wished to cover. The actual litter pick only lasted a couple of hours and a free lunch was provided afterwards. In the past this meal had been in the Parish Hall, but on this occasion the Hall was not available because of another event and so lunch would be in the Siward James Centre instead.</p> <p>12. <u>'Building on Water'</u>. The Chairman said that Mrs Sue Warren had kindly loaned a book entitled '<i>Building on Water</i>' by Salvatore Ciriaco which she thought might be of interest to BFPG members. It was subtitled '<i>Venice, Holland and the Construction of the European Landscape in Early Modern Times</i>' and is an academic study of water use and its effect on economic expansion, mainly in the Venetian Republic and Holland, from the Middle Ages onwards. He asked any member who would like to borrow the book to contact him</p> <p>13. <u>Date of the Next Meeting</u>. The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre on 29 March 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>14. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.00pm.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>