

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

**MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S
MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2015**

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| <p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the February Meeting.</p> <p>2. He noted that, once again, we had been fortunate in that rainfall over the past month had not been sufficient to raise water levels in local brooks significantly.</p> <p>3. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 30 members present and apologies were received from Mrs Dowler, Mrs Parker and Miss Price.</p> | |
| <p><u>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the January 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 Fryer, seconded by Mrs Clark and agreed.</p> | |
| <p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>5. <u>Herefordshire Council.</u> The Chairman reported that he had still not received any response from Herefordshire Council, either to the Group's offer to assist with the flood reporting and signage, or on the issues relating to the culverts at Ketch Lane and in Mr Pugh's field.</p> <p>6. <u>Defra Project - Surveying for Flood Resilience in Individual Properties.</u> The Chairman noted that the second Meeting of the Defra Project Board looking at the training of flood risk surveyors was held on 12 February at Nobel House in London. A private commitment had prevented the Secretary from attending, but she had been sent a copy of the Minutes and had been asked for her comments, which she would submit by the deadline of 27 February.</p> <p>7. <u>Participatory Geographic Information Systems for Flood Risk Communication.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that the Group had been invited to contribute to a research project being carried out by a MSc student at the University of Leicester. He went on to explain that the development of software technology and the spread of the internet had meant that geographic information systems which allowed the user to illustrate and model such issues as flood risk on desktop computers had become widely available. This meant, in turn, that ways of accessing flooding data, of calculating flood risk and of making decisions about how best to protect against flooding were changing. In the past these had been the preserve of experts, but there was now a realisation that providing engineered defences was not always practicable; managing flood risk involves</p> | |

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| <p>too many uncertainties. There is therefore a move to get citizens to take more responsibility for where they live and how they manage the associated risks, to tap into their detailed knowledge about local flooding, and to allow them to get involved in making decisions about how local flood risks are managed. Participatory Geographic Information Systems can provide the means for achieving all of this, although the technology is not yet fully developed and there are many pitfalls in how it is applied.</p> <p>b. The BFPG had been invited to complete an on-line questionnaire and, since the deadline for this was short, the Secretary had completed it on behalf of the Group.</p> <p>8. Fund-Raising Quiz Night. The Chairman recalled that at the Group's last Meeting there had been a discussion about the best date for the Quiz Night. The general opinion had been that it should be held on the last Friday in November and the Secretary has therefore been in touch with Mrs Knott and booked the Parish Hall for Friday, 27 November 2015. Mrs Anita Griffiths has once again agreed to lead her team in organising the event and Mrs Tricia Coney has agreed once again to be the Quiz Master.</p> | All |
| <p><u>ITEM 4 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></p> | |
| <p>9. Bell Homes. The Chairman remarked that there were two current planning applications with Herefordshire Council which had major implications, not only for Bodenham Moor, but also for the Parish as a whole. The first of these was the application (P141712/O) for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the field opposite England's Gate Inn, consent for which had been granted on 9 October 2014. He hoped that most members had taken the opportunity afforded by the Bell Homes exhibition at the Siward James Centre the previous Saturday (21 February) to express their views about the flooding and other risks which the application posed.</p> <p>10. Bovis Homes.</p> <p>a. The Chairman noted that, as many members would already be aware, Bovis Homes had submitted to Herefordshire Council their application (P150437/F) for full planning permission to build 49 houses on the land South of Chapel Lane (also known as Shuker's Field). The application went in on 19 February and any comments on it had to be with Hereford Council Planning Office by 19 March.</p> <p>b. The application is on the Herefordshire Council Planning Office website at https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/development-control/search-and-comment-on-planning-applications.</p> | |
| <p><u>ITEM 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> | |
| <p>11. The Chairman stated that there had been one item of income in February which was the BFPG Fund Raising Coffee Morning. The details are:</p> | |

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| 14-Feb | Coffee Morning | £ | |
| | Caption Competition | 7.00 | |
| | Cake Stall | 93.00 | |
| | Refreshments | 65.50 | |
| | Tombola | 40.00 | |
| | Donations | 66.50 | |
| | Raffle | 168 | |
| | Total Coffee Morning | 440.00 | |
| <p>12. The hire of the room would have to be deducted from this in due course, but meanwhile, there having been no expenditure since the previous Meeting, the current balance was £3,242.95. The Chairman thanked Mrs Liz Davies and all the members of her team for all the hard work they had put in to making the Coffee Morning such a success.</p> | | | |
| <u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u> | | | |
| <p>13. <u>Annual Barbecue.</u> The Chairman then turned to the next event on the Group’s social calendar, the Annual Barbecue. He said that the last Saturday in June – Saturday, 27 June - had been suggested and that Mr and Mrs Schwartz had kindly offered to host the event at Willow Cottage as they had done last year. All those present agreed to this date and venue and Mr and Mrs Schwartz were thanked for their generosity. Mrs Schwartz said that she would provide the rolls and salads and those attending should bring the other food, alcohol and soft drinks of their choice as well as puddings.</p> | | | |
| <p>14. Mrs Liz Davies and Mrs Ann Stephens agreed to co-ordinate the puddings. Mrs Schwartz suggested that, as in previous years, if some members wished to bring their own meat, it could be barbecued for them. However, if there were those who would like her to provide the burgers and sausages on repayment, she would be happy with this arrangement as well. With regard to the Canadian barbecued spare ribs which were such a success last year, Mrs Schwartz added that, if the correct quality spare ribs could be found and there was sufficient interest, she might be able to offer these again this year at a small charge to cover their cost.</p> | | | Mrs Davies/ Mrs Stephens |
| <p>15. Mrs Schwartz agreed to draft a poster listing the various options and costs for members to complete so that she would have an idea of numbers wishing to attend the event and how many wished to bring their own food, or take up the option of having the meats provided. The Secretary would circulate the poster to all Group members. (Afternote. The poster for the Barbecue and the list of options are both attached to these Minutes).</p> | | | All Secretary |
| <p>16. The Chairman asked all those who provided barbecue sets, marquees and chairs to liaise with Mr and Mrs Schwartz again this year regarding the additional equipment required for the event.</p> | | | |
| <u>ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> | | | |
| <p>17. <u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u> The Chairman said that he hoped that all members had received the e-mail he had recently sent out regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The main points to note were that:</p> | | | |

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| <p>a. There would be a public Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10 March.</p> <p>b. The Report by Data Orchard CIC on their analysis of the responses to the Neighbourhood Plan Survey last September/ October was now available on the Parish Website (www.bodenhamparish.org.uk). Members could find it listed under ‘Latest Notices’ on the Home Page with the Heading “Neighbourhood Plan - First Update (19 Feb 2015)” and, amongst a mass of other information, would, of course, find in it an analysis of the responses to the Survey’s questions about flooding.</p> <p>c. A draft document summarising the Data Orchard Report and drawing conclusions from its findings could also be found under ‘Latest Notices’ on the Home Page with the Heading “Neighbourhood Plan - Second Update (19 Feb 2015)”. Any comments which members might have on this draft would be most welcome and it was likely to be a main subject for discussion at the Steering Group Meeting on 10 March.</p> <p>18. <u>Parish Litter Pick (Saturday, 11 April 2015)</u>. The Chairman said that, although not strictly a matter for the BFPG, a number of the Group’s members were kind enough to support the Parish’s twice yearly litter picks. He therefore drew the Group’s attention to the next litter pick which was planned for Saturday, 11 April. (The poster for the event is attached to these Minutes).</p> <p>19. <u>Date of the Next Meeting</u>. The next Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 31 March in the Siward James Centre.</p> <p>20. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.00pm.</p> | |

Councillor KA Mitcheson
Chairman

31 March 2015



Come Wombling!



Join Friends and Neighbours for
BODENHAM'S
LITTER PICKING EXPEDITION

On
Saturday 11th April 2015

From 10.30 AM - 12.30pm
Start and Finish at

The Parish Hall

Free Hot Soup and Rolls for lunch



Litter picking sticks and
High Viz jackets
will be provided

For further details contact
Chris Smith 01568 797132



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 **BBQ** 

**Saturday 27 June 2015
at 6.00P.M.**

Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan

**Please let Sheila and Jeremy
know if you plan to attend
schwartzwillow@gmail.com
or 07765 711040**



Choose from:

Whole rack of pork ribs (approx 1lb) in a smoky Canadian maple BBQ sauce (deadline for orders 31 March) - £3.50

Homemade quarter pound 100% beef burger with speciality Canadian seasoning - £1.00

British pork sausage - 50p

... or bring your own.

Whatever you choose, please let Sheila know as soon as possible what your choices are (deadline 6th June).

Salads, rolls, relishes and sauces will be provided. Please bring your own drinks. All desserts gratefully accepted.

