2011 BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND WORKS

FUTURE WORKS LIST – JOBS NOT COMPLETED 2010

Date	Location	Action	Comments
TBC	Bodenham Church	Sinking a pump into the floor of the Church to enable rapid pumping of water should the Church be flooded again.	The Secretary has been told that the PCC voted against this proposal.
	Bodenham Churchyard	Closer inspection of the ditch which cuts along the Grave Yard.	Mike Stephens to investigate. Hampton Court the owners of the land on which the ditch runs have agreed to clear the ditch with heavy duty equipment and then spray with roundup Biactive.

WORKS COMPLETED 2011

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16/17 December 2010	Post Office The Moor Road C1125	To build a three sided wall (breeze blocks or paving slabs) around the drain grate to stop debris falling in from the surrounding trees.	Now shown on completed works for 2010
	Chapel Lane		
April	Chapel Lane	Amey have cleared all the ditches previously cleared by the BFPG in 2010.	
24 June	Chapel Lane	Cut back any overgrown areas along the ditch. Clear any pipes connecting the ditches.	
		The ditch by Parker's New houses to Hillview House, cleared of overgrown debris. Small drain pipe near Parker's Bridle Path rodded and cleared.	
	Orchard Close		
8 July	Pugh's Field	Work started on clearing the ditch in Mr Pugh's field that runs from the rear of the houses in Orchard Close. The area around the culvert has been cleared to expose the entrance and exit which are half filled with silt. Although the silt is damp at present, it would not take much drier conditions to make it impossible for any water coming from the Bache's black pipe difficult to clear the culvert and carry on to the Moor Brook Flap Valve.	Martin Jackson of Amey has commented that in his opinion the ditch on the exit side of the culvert is higher than the input ditch. The ditch where the culvert exits should be lowered and the silt currently inside the culvert will then "flow away". This opinion is not showed by the Working Porty.
22 July		The flap valve at the end of the Orchard Close ditch where water passes into the Moor Brook is too large and heavy. Dan Trewin of the EA has informed us that Herefordshire Council have now submitted an application for funding to replace the flap valve with one of a more	not shared by the Working Party Managers. The issue of this blocked culvert will remain on the Working Party Schedule until it is resolved satisfactorily.

		suitable size. The flap valve had to be lifted by hand to release the water that had built up inside the pipe from Pugh's ditch to the flap. The pipe was inspected and found to have only a minor build up of silt which was cleared through.	
		Of greater concern is the smell coming from the outlet pipe from Orchard Close which runs across the centre of Pugh's field and exits into the ditch just before the flap valve entrance pipe. This smelled distinctly of sewage and the Secretary will report this to the Parish Clerk for forwarding on to the Herefordshire Council and the Environment Agency. Due to the layout of storm drains and sewage, it is possible for sewage to seep into storm drains and this has happened in the past.	Secretary to inform Parish Clerk and Dan Trewin of EA. Shawn at Welsh Water has identified the smell as foul water in the system probably coming from either a dishwasher or washing machine illegally plumbed into the storm water drainage system.
	Millcroft Brook		
April	Millcroft Brook – Brockington Road to Millcroft/Ketch Lane Culvert	1. Check state of previously exposed drains and grates into brook between culvert and wooden bridge.	Old blocked pipework now replaced with new wider pipe by AMEY to allow water to reach the brook.
April	Ketch Lane/Millcroft Culvert to River Lugg	2. Where possible, clear grips and re-instate filled in ditches in Ketch Lane (caused by tractors, etc)See below "May"	Ditches near junction cleared and grips cleaned.
13 May	Millcroft Brook	Millcroft Culvert to Millcroft/Ketch Lane Junction. Area 6" above water line sprayed with Roundup Biactive as approved by RL IDB. All drains and ditches were cleared.	Mike Stephens
27 May		The banks of the Millcroft Brook in the Brockington Bridge area were cleared and some of the group walked the brook checking on the state of the banks etc as far as the garden of No.19 Millcroft Road.	

5 August		Removal of watercress and weed from the Millcroft Brook from Millcroft Farm to the Millcroft/Ketch Lane Culvert.	Millcroft Brook very low.
22 August		Removal of silt from the Millcroft Brook Culvert, and watercress from the rear of the culvert.	Millcroft Brook dry. Les Harrison at the RL IDB informed. Members think that the brook may have been dammed upstream. Watercourse chartered by Tom James-Moore and David Tilford. No obvious sign of damming found.
3 September		Cleared the remainder of the silt from the Millcroft /Ketch Lane culvert.	It is now thought that the trickle of water coming from Pencombe is going under and possibly being naturally stored near Gravel Farm
16 September		Clearance of debris and trimmed both banks from Brockington Road to C1125 bridge.	on the A417.
		Trimmed banks and cleared watercress and debris from centre of brook from Brockington Road to rear of 15 Ash Grove Close only those properties with permission from riparian owners.	
30 September		Completed the remainder of the brook from 15 Ash Grove View to Millcroft Barn. All areas strimmed and cleared of any growth which could become a catchment area for debris.	The brook continued to be dry.
	Ketch Lane		
	Ketch Lane Ditches and Grips	Ketch Lane ditch and grips sprayed with Roundup Biactive to 2 nd Grip.	Mike Stephens

		Ketch Lane from 2 nd Grip up to gate prior to Sewage Farm entrance. Ditch and grips to be sprayed prior to working party clearing saplings and re-digging grips at a better angle to catch surface water from Ketch Lane	Sprayed by Mike Stephens. AMEY have subsequently cleared all the ditch and re-cut the grips in to the ditch from Ketch Lane
	Brockington Road		
8 April	Brook from Brockington Bridge to C1125 Bridge	Working Party cleared overgrown shrubbery from both sides of the Brook's bank. Flap valves cleared of debris.	Mike Stephens to spray during May
		Problem ditch on C1125, exit probably found going into exit tunnel under C1125 Bridge. Problem thought to be roots from verge trees blocking the pipework. BFPG rods not long enough to prove theory. Will be pursued when more rods are forthcoming!	Tony Clark.
8 April	C1125	Ditches along C1125 cleared of debris and re-dug where necessary.	
	Rivers Media Brockington Studio C1125		
14 October	From C1125 Culvert to rear of Brockington House	With strimmer and brush cutter, cleared away all overgrown areas likely to catch debris passing down the brook. Cut back all over grown branches falling low in to the brook. Also saplings and self seeded shrubbery. Removed all loose wood lying on banks.	
28 October	From Brockington House up to the Golf Course	Continued to clear with strimmer as above. All loose wood removed.	