

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2018

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<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Group's 10th Anniversary AGM and said that, despite the end of the hot spell and the return of cooler and wetter weather, he had, once again, nothing to report on the subject of flood risk.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 25 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Cllr and Mrs Avery, Mrs Bowden, Mrs Burnill, and Mr and Mrs Glynn Jones.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 – ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2018-19</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman said that in accordance with the usual procedure he would stand down as Chairman, but, unless members objected, remain in the room while the Secretary conducted the election of the incoming Chairman.</p> <p>4. <u>Election of Chairman.</u> The Secretary took the Chair and reminded members that she had asked for nominations for all appointments prior to the AGM. There had been no nominations for Chairman, but Cllr Mitcheson had indicated that he was prepared to remain in post for another year. Cllr Clark proposed that Cllr Mitcheson be elected for a further year; this was seconded by Mr Sebbage and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>5. <u>Election of Secretary.</u> Cllr Mitcheson then resumed the Chair and conducted the election of the Secretary. He informed members that no one had put themselves forward to take on this post, but that the present Secretary had agreed to remain if there were no other contenders. Mr Dowler proposed that Mrs Mitcheson should continue as Secretary; this was seconded by Mr Hemming and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>6. <u>Election of the Operations Officer.</u> The Chairman said that, again, there had been no nominations for the post of Operations Officer. However, he was prepared to continue in that role and he thanked members for the support they had given him at working party sessions over the past year. These had gone well and, as always, achieved a great deal, but, as always, the slow decline in the number of members willing and able to contribute in this way was a matter for concern. Cllr Tilford proposed that Cllr Mitcheson should remain as Operations Officer; this was seconded by Mrs Clark and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>7. <u>Election of the Treasurer.</u> The Chairman said that, in the absence of any</p>	

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<p>other nominations, Mrs Mitcheson had indicated that she was happy to continue as Treasurer. Miss Gibson proposed that Mrs Mitcheson should remain as Treasurer; this was seconded by Mr George and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>8. <u>Election of Area Representatives.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that all those Area Representatives contacted by the Secretary had agreed to serve for a further year. The Chairman then asked for all the Area Representatives and Sandbag Cage Key Holders, to be formally elected. This was proposed by Miss Easson, seconded by Mr Bowden and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>b. The Chairman reminded the meeting that, whilst there was a Sandbag Cage Key Holder for the cage at the Chapel Lane bus shelter, there was not an Area Representative for Orchard Close and Chapel Lane. He was obviously keen that this post should be filled again as soon as possible if a suitable candidate could be identified.</p> <p>c. The Chairman went on to thank most warmly all the Area Representatives, and members generally, for all that they had done, and continued to do, for the Group.</p> <p>9. <u>The Group's Constitution.</u> Finally, the Chairman noted for the record that no amendments had been proposed this year for the Constitution, which therefore remained unchanged.</p> <p>10. A list of those elected at the Meeting to serve during 2018-19 is attached at Annex A to these Minutes.</p>	
<u>ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u>	
<p>11. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the July 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 Rice, seconded by Cllr Tremain and agreed.</p>	
<u>ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING</u>	
<p>12. <u>BFPG 10th Anniversary Event.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman noted that the present Meeting was the last opportunity to finalise the arrangements for the 10th Anniversary celebration in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 9 September.</p> <p>b. Most of the arrangements for the event were in place, although there was still a question over whether or not Mr Tony Troia's kind offer of a bouncy castle, as well as a fire engine, should be taken up. If so there were the issues of finding volunteers to run them and of insurance. Accidents with bouncy castles, in particular, had been very much in the news recently and it was essential that proper arrangements were in place. Mr Maxwell reported that Mr Troia had confirmed that he would be looking after the fire engine during the course of the event. Following discussion, it was agreed that the</p>	

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<p>offer of a bouncy castle would also be accepted and that it would be sited indoors. Mrs Pearmain and Mr George volunteered to supervise its operation from 12.00 noon until 2.00pm (Afternote. Mrs Burnill has offered to supervise the bouncy castle from 2.00pm until the close at 4.00pm).</p> <p>c. The Chairman went on to confirm that he had sent out invitations to all those on the list agreed by the Sub-Committee. So far Mary Dhonau and Cllr Bruce Baker had confirmed that they would be attending the celebration, as had Mrs Liz Mitchell of Flood Assist Insurance. However, most of those invited had yet to reply, probably because many of them were away on holiday. The Secretary mentioned that Mrs Mitchell had asked for a tour of the village and a brief on its flood and insurance history so that she would be better placed to advise any resident who came to her. The Secretary has arranged for this to take place on the morning of Saturday, 8 September.</p> <p>d. The Chairman said that, with the administrative arrangements in place, now was the time to put words into action by advertising the celebration. This would be a purely village event and therefore advertising would be restricted to the village alone. Posters had already been put in all the usual places and what was now needed was the house-to-house door drop of invitations. He hoped that members of the Group would be prepared to help by agreeing to take on an area of the village and ensure each property received an invitation. In discussion it was agreed that the following would help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England’s Field Mrs Burnill • Berrington Close Mr and Mrs Dowler • C1125 to the Post Office Mr and Mrs Dowler • Brockington Road “cul-de-sac” Mr and Mrs Dowler • Chapel Lane Mr Maxwell • Orchard Close Mr Maxwell • The Moor with Sycamore Close Cllr and Mrs Clark • Brockington Road Miss Easson and Mr Bowden • Ash Grove Road Mr and Mrs Hemming • Ash Grove Close Mr and Mrs Hemming • Ash Grove View Mr and Mrs Hemming • Millcroft Road Miss Gibson • Bodenham Village Mrs Mitcheson • Caldervale/Woodhouse Lane Miss Price • Bowley Lane/ Isle of Rhea Cllr Tilford and Mrs Pearman • Maund Bryan Mr Schwartz • Bodenham School Mr Troia via Mr Maxwell <p>e. The Chairman reminded members that setting up would take place on the afternoon of Saturday, 8 September and everyone who was willing to help should be at the Parish Hall for 5.00pm. The main event on Sunday would start at 12.00 noon and finish at 4.00pm. He also asked that some members stay behind to help with the clearing up afterwards.</p> <p>f. Finally, he said that, whether or not the event attracted local residents, he hoped that it would be a relaxed and enjoyable celebration of the Group’s first ten years of achievement and he looked forward to seeing as many members at the event as possible.</p>	

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<p>far more than usual.</p> <p>20. <u>Spraying.</u> The Chairman also reported that on 7 August he had sprayed the stretch of the Brook between the Brockington Road bridge and the C1125 which had not been sprayed before and was becoming choked with watercress. On 9 August he had also sprayed for the first time the section of the Brook between the Millcroft Farm culvert and Ash Grove View, as well as spraying the secondary growth of watercress and mare's tail downstream from Millcroft Farm. It was noted that the watercress around Brockington Road Bridge, which had been sprayed on 7 August was still very much alive. The Chairman stated that he would keep an eye on this new growth and it might be that a working party would have to pull it up by hand.</p> <p>21. <u>Future Working Party Dates.</u> It was agreed that the next planned working party sessions should take place on:</p> <p>a. Friday, 7 September, meeting at 6.00pm at Hamwyn Joinery to check the sandbag cages. The Secretary would send out a reminder nearer the date.</p> <p>b. Friday, 21 September. Venue and task to be decided.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 7 – SOCIAL CALENDAR</u></p> <p>22 The Chairman noted that it had been agreed that it would be a good idea to have flyers listing BFPG events to hand out at the BFPG 10th Anniversary Event on 9 September to those who might be interested. These would include the Bonfire Party (although it would be made clear that this would not include fireworks), the Quiz Night and the 2019 Coffee Morning.</p> <p>23. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> It has been agreed that this will be held on Saturday, 6 October at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm. More details will follow from the Secretary in due course.</p> <p>24. <u>Annual Quiz Night.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded the Meeting that this year's Quiz Night will be held on Friday, 30 November. The cost will be £5 per person. Mrs Bowden has kindly agreed to take on organising the event. Advertising posters will state that those attending should bring their own drinks and nibbles for the evening. This will help to ease the load on Mrs Bowden and her organising team. Cllr and Mrs Clark have agreed to run the Raffle. The Secretary has booked the Parish Hall from 5.00pm until 10.00pm on Friday, 30 November. The Chairman asked that, if anyone would like to offer their help to Mrs Bowden in organising the evening, they should please contact her direct or let the Secretary know.</p> <p>b. The Secretary will send out details to all members, and advertise the event in the Parish <i>Newsletter</i>, on the Parish Website, Next Door and <i>The Hereford Times</i>, as well as in the flyers already mentioned.</p> <p>25. <u>Fund-Raising Coffee Morning 2019.</u></p> <p>a. Mrs Davies said that she would be prepared to organise the fund-raising Coffee Morning in 2019 as she had done over the past 10 years. The</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>All</p> <p>Secretary</p>

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<p>Chairman pointed out that during this time she had raised no less than £4,285, which has enabled the Group to buy much of its equipment. Members congratulated Mrs Davies on this achievement. Following discussion it was agreed that the Coffee Morning would be held on Saturday, 19 January 2019 at the Siward James Centre from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon, and that the Secretary would book the room.</p> <p>b. Mrs Davies said that there would be a Bring and Buy Table at the Coffee Morning rather than the normal Tombola. She would be reminding members about this at the November Meeting. However, in the meantime she asked that anyone who would like to help should please contact her direct.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 8 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>26. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25 September 2018.</p> <p>27. There being no further business the AGM closed at 8.00pm.</p>	<p>All</p>

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

25 September 2018

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Chairman: Cllr Tony Mitcheson

Treasurer: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

Operations Manager: Cllr Tony Mitcheson

Secretary/Sandbag Containers and Cages: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

The Moor:

The Moor Road/Sandbag Cage: Mr Andrew Maxwell: 797946

Chapel Lane Sandbag Cage Key Holder: 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/Sandbag Cage: The Warden: Mrs Victoria Paterson : 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:

Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Sandbag Cage Key Holder: Mr Barry Wilson: 797013

Maund Bryan:

Mr Philip Broomhead 797167

Bodenham Flood Protection Group Meeting Dates 2019

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	29 th	July	30 th
February	26 th	August	27 th – AGM
March	26 th	September	24 th
April	30 th	October	29 th
May	28 th	November	26 th
June	25 th		

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 BabsMitcheson@aol.com

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

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 31 AUGUST 2018			
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28 AUGUST 2018			
INCOME	BANK	EXPENDITURE	BANK
Balance carried forward	4,038.00		
Donation Cllr Tremain for Leisure Fund	10.00	D Pritchard Moving Sandbag Cage	35.00
Donation Cllr and Mrs Clark Quiz Night	30.00	Secretary Ink Expenses	70.00
Income from Quiz Night	384.00	Chairman's Herbicide Courses	420.00
BFPG Coffee Morning	382.00	Siward James Room Hire Jul - Sep	15.75
Donation Leisure Account	25.00	Total Expenditure Quiz Night	132.02
Donation Leisure Account	10.00	Tyres for BFPG Trailer	86.00
Donation BFPG 10th Anniversary Event	30.00	Parish Hall Hire BFPG Quiz Night	30.00
Donation to BFPG	30.00	Siward James Room Hire Oct - Nov 17	9.00
Income from VAT Refunds:	99.75	Repair of BFPG Hedge Trimmer	25.00
		Siward James Room Hire	13.50
		Mrs Schwartz BFPG BBQ	50.00
		Siward James Room Hire Apr - Jun 18	15.75
		Berrington Printers 10th Anniversary Printing	188.90
Total Income	5,038.75	Total Expenditure	1,090.92
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,947.83
Income	5,038.75	Expenditure	5,038.75