

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BFPG COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT MILLCROFT FARM ON SUNDAY, 25 APRIL 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.

Present:	Mrs Tricia Sanford Mrs Gwen Bowden Mr Simon Dowler Mrs Jean Fryer Mr David Harris Mr Robert Pritchard Cllr Mike Mullenger Cllr Tony Clark Mrs Babs Mitcheson	Chairman Brockington Road South Brockington Road North Ash Grove Close Ash Grove View Chapel Lane Bodenham Cottages Treasurer Secretary and Millcroft Road
-----------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

	Action
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1 – WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Committee Meeting.</p> <p>2. Apologies were received from: Mr David Ayshford-Sanford, Mr Tony Troia, Mr Simon Nickols, and Mr Graham Price.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2 – CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE IN THE USE OF HERBICIDES.</u></p> <p>3. In 2009, owing to the very wet summer, many of the ditches and watercourses within the Parish were not sprayed by the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (RL IDB) until late into the season. The excess growth of watercress in the Millcroft Brook subsequently caused a blockage at the Millcroft Road/ Ketch Lane junction and had to be cleared by BFPG members.</p> <p>4. To enable the Group to be more active in dealing with vegetation growing in the ditches and watercourses within the Parish, the RL IDB has been approached and asked whether a member of the BFPG, who held the appropriate DEFRA Certification (PA1 and PA6) in the use of herbicides, could undertake this aspect of maintenance, in addition to the other clearance work the Group already undertakes.</p> <p>5. Mr Les Harrison of the RL IDB applauded the pro-active attitude of the BFPG and confirmed that the Board would be happy for a properly qualified member of the Group to undertake such work.</p> <p>6. The Committee were informed that Mr Mike Stephens had volunteered to attend the appropriate courses to obtain the DEFRA Certification required and that these courses were held at Holme Lacy. There are two: a one day Foundation Course (FEPA PA1) costing £150 and a two day course on Hand-Held Applicators</p>	

	Action
<p>(FEPA PA6) costing £230. (Afternote: Holme Lacy College have stated that the present DEFRA rule is that the current Certification lasts for 5 years).</p> <p>7. The Committee agreed that it would be sensible for a member of the Group to hold this certification and that the Group should offer to contribute toward the total cost.</p> <p>8. It was agreed that Mr Mike Stephens should be informed that the BFPG Committee was happy to pay £50 toward the PA1 Foundation Course of £150 and £100 toward the PA6 Course of £230, and that this recommendation would be put to the BFPG Meeting due to take place on 27 April.</p> <p>9. The Secretary was tasked with discussing the matter with Mr Mike Stephens before that Meeting.</p>	Secretary
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3 - NOTICE OF THE ELECTION OF THE BFPG COMMITTEE.</u></p> <p>10. The Chairman asked all the members of the Committee present if they were prepared to stand for re-election at the AGM in August.</p> <p>11. All the Area Representatives present confirmed that they would be happy for their names to be put forward. Mr Robert Pritchard (Chapel Lane) confirmed that he would talk to Mr Graham Price (Orchard Close). The Secretary will confirm with the other Area Representatives not present if they would wish to have their names put forward.</p> <p>12. The Treasurer, Cllr Clark, indicated that he would like to stand down at the next Election. The Chairman and members present asked him to reconsider this.</p> <p>13. The Chairman and Secretary stated that if no one put their names forward to fill their two posts, they too would be prepared to carry on for a further year.</p>	Mr Robert Pritchard Secretary
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4 – FUTURE PLANS</u></p> <p>14. <u>Working Party Sessions.</u></p> <p>a. The Committee thought that it would be good to publicise the Working Party activities around the Village. The Secretary will endeavour to put notices of future Working Party sessions in the Post Office and Garage. The Chairman and Committee agreed that the local radio, television and county publications should be made aware of the work of the Group and invited to Working Party activities.</p> <p>b. The Chairman asked if the Committee would like any social events to be held during the course of the year. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to hold a BBQ, a Bonfire Party, a Quiz Night and a BFPG Awareness Coffee Morning and that this proposal should be put to the April Meeting.</p>	Secretary Secretary

	Action
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5 – SANDBAG CAGE RELOCATED TO BODENHAM VILLAGE CAR PARK</u></p> <p>15. The suggestion was made that an aesthetic surround should be placed around the metal cage containing the sandbags on the car park in Bodenham Village. The Chairman thought that designing and making this would be a good project for St Michael’s School. Cllr Clark told the Committee that this cage was, in fact, the one from the Parish Hall which had been temporarily re-located to the Bodenham Village car park while the Parish Hall’s car park was being resurfaced.</p> <p>16. The Committee agreed that there were insufficient sandbags in this part of the Village and that it would be sensible for the cage to remain where it was and for the Parish Council to be asked to pay for a new one to be placed at the Parish Hall once its new car park was complete. (Afternote: Cllr Clark has stated that cage must be moved back to a position at the Parish Hall. He will raise the need for the Parish Council to procure an additional cage for the School/Church area at the Council’s next meeting).</p>	Cllr Clark
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>17. There being no further business the Committee Meeting closed at 7.45 pm</p>	

Signed: P Sanford, Chairman

27 April 2010