

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE GROUP'S MEETING HELD AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE, AT 8.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2010

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ITEM 1 – WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the May Meeting and thanked Mrs Jean Fryer for once again standing in as Secretary for the evening. There were 31 members present who signed the Attendance Register.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Mitcheson, Cllr Mike Mullenger, Mr David Ashford Sanford, Mr Les Bick, Mr Bob Bowden, Mr Robin George and Mrs Babs Mitcheson.

ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING

3. Notice of the Election of the BFPG Committee. The Chairman reminded all those present that, in accordance with the Group's Constitution, all Committee positions will be open for election in August. If any member would like to be considered for any of the posts, they should give their name to the Secretary in writing or by email by no later than 17 August 2010.
4. Herefordshire Village Hall Challenge. Cllr Tilford explained the scheme and encouraged members to participate. The Chairman offered to help anyone having difficulty with entering their carbon footprint data. Cllr Grumbley asked for a show of hands for those who had participated, however it was clear that not many had yet done so.

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ITEM 3 – TREASURER'S REPORT

5. Cllr Clark reported that the balance held by the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Group was £1,402.65.

ITEM 4 – LAND AT REAR OF ORCHARD CLOSE – MR PUGH'S FIELD

6. Cllr Grumbley stated that there were two issues:
 - a. The Ditch from No.18 Orchard Close to the Outflow. This was the riparian responsibility of Mr Pugh. Although the silt in the ditch was Mr Pugh's responsibility, Mr Mike Stephens has agreed that the BFPG will remove the silt and excess vegetation. Once he has received certification, he will, with the agreement of Mr Pugh, spray the ditch with herbicide. With regard to the rubbish which has been regularly dumped into this ditch, Mr

Mr Mike
Stephens

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Stephens reminded the Meeting that Mr Pugh could not be held responsible for rubbish dumped there by Orchard Close residents. Cllr Tilford stated that letters had been sent to these householders asking them not to dump their garden or other refuse in the ditch and, at present, the ditch is clear. Mr Stephens reminded the Group that any work done in this area had to be done with the agreement of Mr Pugh. The large black pipe which exits behind Bache's Warehouse, although slightly silted, showed water was running from it.

Cllr Clark –
Future
Working Party

b. **The Culvert Under the Field Access Gate.** This culvert had been confirmed by Mr Martin Jackson as being the responsibility of Herefordshire Council, as was the flap valve into the Moor Brook. It had been noted that there was considerable silting of the culvert pipe.

7. The River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (RL IDB) have confirmed that they will continue to flail once a year and Mr Martin Jackson has stated that he will inspect the area later in the year.

ITEM 5 – FUTURE PLANS

8. Cllr Clark told the Meeting that there had been three Work Party evening sessions in Chapel Lane. These had cleared and rodded the ditch and cleared and cut new grips. Mr Parker has now put a new black pipe by the new houses and will put a new pipe across the entrance to the bridleway later in the year.

9. The next three Working Party Evenings will be:

a. **Friday 28 May at 6.30 pm.** To meet at Orchard Close and clear the drains by the Post Office and on the C1125.

b. **Friday 11 June at 6.30pm:** The location will be notified at the 28 May Meeting.

c. **Friday 25 June at 6.30 pm.** The location will be notified by the Secretary.

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10. Mr Patrick Gamble commented that there had been very few volunteers at the last Working Party evening. It was pointed out that there had also been a Quiz Night in aid of Cancer UK that evening which many members had attended.

11. Cllr Clark suggested that members bring their diaries to the next Meeting to make a note of Working Party evenings.

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12. Mr Mike Stephens has updated the Schedule of Works for 2010 – copy attached – for members.

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. **The Group's Name.** Mrs Ronnie Parker told the Meeting that it had been

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suggested to her that the Bodenham Flood Protection Group should change its name. It was agreed that none of the members wanted the Group to change its name. However, it was agreed that the “Protection” aspect of the Group’s work should be emphasised.

14. **The Group’s Role.** The Chairman told the Group of the Breakfast Meeting with The Editor of The Hereford Times and the interest that had been shown in the work of the BFPG. It had been suggested that the Group might consider taking on a wider role in line with Herefordshire Council’s scheme for co-ordinating the County’s response to emergencies. Cllr Tilford told the Meeting that he felt the Group’s current remit was correct and that it should not take on any further responsibilities, especially as to do so was likely to involve it in a great deal of bureaucracy from Herefordshire Council.

15. **Sandbags.** Cllr Clark asked all Area Representatives to check the condition of the sandbags held in their area and inform the Secretary of those which will need replacing. In his role as Parish Councillor, he was required to let Herefordshire Council know the number of new sandbags required for 2010.

**Area
Representatives**

16. **Need for More Volunteers.** Cllr Tilford reminded the Group that, although the brooks through the Village were benign at the moment, the Group should continue their vigilance and their maintenance of the drains, ditches and watercourses. In this context the Chairman asked for more volunteers for the Working Party evenings.

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17. There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed: Mrs P Sanford, Chairman

29 June 2010

NOTICE OF THE ELECTION OF THE BFPG COMMITTEE 2010/2011

<u>Current Incumbents</u>		<u>Position 2010/2011</u>
<u>Chairman:</u>	Tricia Sanford	Vacancy
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Tony Clark	Vacancy
<u>Secretary:</u>	Babs Mitcheson	Vacancy
<u>Working Party Manager:</u>	Cllr Clark/ Mike Stephens	Agreed to stand
<u>The Moor:</u>		
<u>The Moor Road:</u>	Cllr Clark	Agreed to stand
<u>Orchard Close:</u>	Graham Price]Graham Price with
<u>Chapel Lane:</u>	Robert Pritchard]Robert Pritchard
<u>Brockington Road –North:</u>	Simon Dowler	Agreed to stand
<u>Brockington Road – South:</u>	Gwen Bowden	Agreed to stand
<u>Ash Grove Close:</u>	Jean Fryer	Agreed to stand
<u>Ash Grove View:</u>	David Harris	Agreed to stand
<u>Millcroft Road:</u>	Babs Mitcheson	Vacancy
<u>Bodenham Village:</u>		
<u>Bridge to War Memorial:</u>	Simon Nickols	Agreed to stand
<u>Church and Bodenham Village:</u>	David Ayshford-Sanford	Agreed to stand
<u>Bodenham Cottages:</u>	Mike Mullenger	Agreed to stand