

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BFPG MEETING HELD AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30PM

Action

AGENDA ITEM 1 – WELCOME

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the October Meeting and thanked Cllr Mitcheson for taking the Minutes in the Secretary's absence. There were 22 members present.
2. Apologies were received from Mr David Ayshford-Sanford, Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mr and Mrs Watson, Cllr Tilford, Mrs Kathy Tremain and Mrs Babs Mitcheson.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING

3. Fund-Raising Quiz Night.

a. Mrs Maureen Bick reported that the arrangements for the Quiz Night on Saturday, 6 November were all well in hand. However, volunteers were required to set up the tables during the afternoon before the event. Cllr Mike Mullenger and Messrs Nick Nicolson, Simon Nickols and Mike Stephens offered to help with this task. It was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for the collection of the keys to the Parish Hall and that those concerned would meet there at 3.00pm to start work.

b. It was also agreed that the aim should be to have ten tables and that sandwiches and sausage rolls would be set out on them in advance, with tea and coffee also available during the interval.

c. Members were asked to let Mrs Bick know as soon as possible on 01568-797226 the names of those who were planning to attend.

4. Fund-Raising Coffee Morning. Mrs Liz Davies said that the date for the Coffee Morning in February had still to be decided and she had nothing as yet to report on the arrangements for the event.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - TREASURER'S REPORT

5. Cllr Clark reported that:

a. Mr and Mrs Graham Ling of 25, Millcroft Road had donated £25 to the Group in recognition of its work on keeping drains and watercourses clear. Members expressed their thanks for this very generous gift.

**Chairman/
Cllr Mike Mullenger/
Mr Nick Nicolson/
Mr Simon Nickols/
Mr Mike Stephens**

All

b. Recent expenses had been:

(1)	Room hire at the Siward James Centre	£5.00
(2)	Mrs Mitcheson for paper and ink	£50.00
(3)	Purchase of two lightweight strimmers	£310.00
(4)	Wine for the Quiz Night	£48.48

c. The Group's account now stood at £790.68 in credit.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – FUTURE PLANS

6. November Meeting.

a. The Chairman reminded members that Mrs Mary Dhonau, the CEO of the National Flood Forum, would be attending the Group's next Meeting on 30 November to talk about the work of the Forum and the risk that from 2013 insurance companies might no longer be bound by the present 'statement of principles' which ensures that insurance against flood risks is available to all.

b. CSO Stephanie Annette had also confirmed that she would be attending the Meeting to talk about the security precautions which householders should be taking over the coming winter months.

7. Possible Group Visit to UK Flood Barriers at Droitwich. Cllr Mitcheson said that no arrangements had yet been made for a visit to UK Flood Barriers Limited. On a show of hands it appeared that about a dozen members would be interested in attending and that there was no preference for any particular day of the week. It was agreed that the next step should be for the Secretary to approach the firm for possible dates in January.

Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 5 - HEREFORD TIMES

8. Cllr Clark reported that for some time Mr Martin Field, the former Parish Clerk, had been acting as the Bodenham correspondent for *The Hereford Times*. However, now that he was no longer the Clerk his information about the Parish was not always up to date, with the result that some of the details in his contributions to the paper, and in particular the times of BFPG Meetings, were incorrect and causing confusion. *The Hereford Times* had already been approached by the Parish Council and the BFPG on this issue, but the paper had said that they had no authority to refuse Mr Field's articles. It was agreed that Mr Mike Stephens should contact him on the specific issue of the timing of BFPG Meetings. (**Afternote:** Mr Stephens has confirmed that he has done so).

Mr Mike Stephens

AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. **Bonfire Party.** Cllr Clark expressed the Group's thanks to Cllr and Mrs Mitcheson for their hosting of the Bonfire Party on 23 October.

10. **Working Parties.** He went on to thank all the members of the BFPG who had contributed to the working parties sessions held during 2010. A tremendous amount had been achieved during the course of the year.

11. **Sandbags.** Cllr Clark concluded by saying that, although a fresh stock of sandbags had been ordered from Herefordshire Council at the beginning of August, they had not yet been received. However, he assured those members who had asked for sandbags that their requests had been recorded and would be met as soon as more sandbags were available.

12. **Area Representatives.** It was noted that some lists of Area Representatives had not yet been updated to show that Mrs Barbara Gibson had replaced Mrs Babs Mitcheson as the Area Representative for Millcroft Road and that in some instances the time of Meetings had not yet been corrected.

13. There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 7.50p.m.

Secretary

Signed: Mrs P Sanford, Chairman

30 November 2010