

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE GROUP'S MEETING HELD AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE, AT 8.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 29 JUNE 2010

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ITEM 1 – WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. Cllr Clark welcomed everyone to the June Meeting on behalf of the Chairman who was away. There were 24 members present.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Grumbley, Mrs Trisha Sanford, Mr David Ayshford-Sanford, Mrs Gwen Bowden, Mr Bob Bowden. Mr Derek Sebbage and Mr Peter Watson.

ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING

3. Notice of the Election of the BFPG Committee. Cllr Clark 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**. Attached to the Minutes is the current Committee and Area Representative List.

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4. Sandbags. Cllr Clark thanked all the Area Representatives who had checked the condition of the sandbags held in their areas. If anyone had sandbags that needed checking and required assistance, he would arrange help for them. He added that, in his role as a Parish Councillor, he was required to let Herefordshire Council know the number of new sandbags required for 2010. It was therefore important that the update was completed as soon as possible. The current Sandbag Location Chart is attached to these Minutes.

Area
Representatives

5. Certification in the Use of Herbicides. Cllr Clark went on to tell the Meeting that Mr Mike Stephens' attendance at Wharton Court on the two Use of Herbicide courses – Foundation and Knapsack - has been confirmed for July. Also, the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board have given the Group 5 litres of Roundup Biactive for use on the watercourses and this is now held by Mr Stephens.

ITEM 3 – TREASURER'S REPORT

6. Cllr Clark reported that, after paying for part of the Herbicide Courses, there was £1,179.16 held in the Group's account.

ITEM 4 - NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM (NFF)

7. Cllr Clark next drew the Meeting's attention to the NFF's Press Release regarding its Insurance Survey. All members on email had been sent a copy of the

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Press Release and encouraged to take part in the on-line Survey, but there was concern that those members not on email, as well as residents who were known to have been flooded but who were not members of the BFPG, had not been included.

8. The Secretary was tasked with getting in touch with the NFF and seeing if a hard copy of the Survey could be obtained to be given to residents known to have suffered with flooding for them to complete and return to her for forwarding on to the NFF. (**Afternote:** The Secretary has had the NFF's agreement that hard copies would be accepted, but these have to be with the NFF by the end of July).

Secretary

9. The NFF had also asked for an article for their Magazine on the work of the BFPG. The Meeting was shown a hard copy of the article produced for the Parish Website and all agreed that they were happy for this to be sent to Mary Dhonau at the National Flood Forum.

Secretary

10. Continuing, Cllr Clark showed the Meeting an article from the July issue of "Which?" Magazine regarding Insurance and Flooding. This stated that some insurance companies used only the first part of the postcode to decide the loading on house and contents insurance, while others used the full post code. According to "Which?" the best in their survey of insurance companies was the National Farmers' Union – NFU Mutual - and the worst were Santander, (formerly Abbey/ Abbey National) , Alliance & Leicester (owned by Santander) and Budget.

ITEM 5 – FUTURE PLANS

11. Cllr Clark went on to say that the work done on Mr Pugh's field at the rear of Orchard Close had been very good and the ditch from behind Bache's Warehouse to the culvert was now clear of overgrown vegetation. The ditch by the wooden bridge had also been partially cleared. In clearing the overgrown weeds around the fencing behind the houses in Orchard Close, it was noticed that three of the fence posts were loose or had snapped. These will be replaced by the Group when they meet again on 9 July as part of the next working session.

Working Party

12. The next Working Party on Friday, 9 July would continue work in Mr Pugh's Field and:

- a. Check the silt in the culvert
- b. Clear any silt around the Flap Valve and entry into the Moor Brook.

13. The future Working Party Sessions were listed as follows:

- a. **Friday 9 July: 6.30pm.** Meet as Pugh's Field – see Minute 12 above.
- b. **Friday 23 July: 6.30pm.** Meet at the Junction of Ketch Lane/ Millcroft Road. Check all drains and pipes into the Millcroft Brook. The vegetation along the Millcroft Brook will also need to be looked at as there has been concern about the amount of growth by the Brockington Bridge.
- c. **Friday 6 August: 6.30pm.** Location yet to be decided.

14. **Sandbags.** Cllr Clark added that the sandbags at Hamwyn Joinery needed

to be checked, replaced where necessary and covered to stop the bags degrading. This could be done as part of the working party session on Friday, 9 July if there was insufficient time to complete this before then.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. **BFPG Help at the Planning For Real Open Days.** Mrs Liz Davies thanked all the members of the BFPG who had offered their help in making cakes, etc for the refreshments at these events.

16. **Meeting Timings.**

a. Several members said that they would like an earlier start to the monthly meetings. Cllr Clark explained that the original time of 8.00pm had been agreed to help Mr Tony Troia, who was then the Chairman, with his baby sitting arrangements. Now that Mr Troia was no longer a member of the Group, the timings could be reviewed. A vote was taken on whether the new start time should be 7.00pm or 7.30pm. The majority vote was for a 7.30pm start which was proposed by Mr Mike Mullenger and seconded by Miss Lorna Price.

All

b. Until the new BFPG notices are posted after the AGM in August, they will be amended by hand to show the new start time as 7.30pm. The *Newsletter* will be asked to show this amendment in its September edition as the change was made too late to appear in the July/ August one. (**Afternote.** The Parish Website already shows the new timings).

17. **BFPG Equipment.** Members of the Group voiced their concern that Mr Mike Stephens was using his own equipment on working party evenings. Whilst this was most helpful, a problem could arise should the equipment be broken while being used on the Group's behalf. This would then prevent Mr Stephens from using it for his work as a landscape gardener. It was proposed by Mr David Tilford, seconded by Mr Robert Pritchard, and unanimously agreed that Mr Stephens should be tasked with costing the purchase of a light weight strimmer for use by the Group and reporting back with details of likely candidates at the July Meeting.

Mr Mike Stephens

18. **Spraying.** Mr David Ayshford-Sanford had asked that, once Mr Stephens has the necessary certification, the ditch in the field next to the churchyard be put on the task list. Although the other ditch running along the road was normally dealt with by those residents living beside it, now that the Group had this additional facility to offer, he had suggested that perhaps Mr Stephens could talk to the residents and see if he could help them when the occasion arose.

Working Party/
Mr Mike Stephens

19. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

ITEM 2 - NOTICE OF THE ELECTION OF THE BFPG COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Current Incumbents

Position 2010/2011

<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

The Moor:

<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

Bodenham Village:

<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

SANDBAG LOCATION CHART

Serial No	Location	Quantity	Area Rep/Contact No.	Comments
1.	Chapel Lane/C1125 Bus Shelter		Robert Pritchard: 797428 Graham Price	Reviewed and replaced for 2010
2.	Orchard Close: Trish Sanford		Trisha Sandford: 797235	
3.	Brockington Road/Siward James		Gwen Bowden: 797868	
4.	Ash Grove Close		Jean Fryer: 797338	
5.	Ash Grove View		David Harris: 797575	
6.	Millcroft Road: Margaret James (No 21) Graham & Jill Ling (No 25) Millcroft Farm Total Millcroft Road: 213	17 11 185	Babs Mitcheson: 797170	All Millcroft Road reviewed and replaced for 2010
7.	The Forge		Simon Nickols: 797144	
8.	Parish Hall			
9.	Bodenham Village Car Park			TBC
	Total Sandbags Held	213		