

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2016

ITEM	ACTION
<u>AGENDA ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN</u>	
<p>1. The Chairman wished everyone a belated Happy Easter and welcomed them to the Meeting.</p> <p>2. <u>Flood Risk.</u></p> <p>a. He noted that there had been one period of rainfall on 9 March when the telemetry system had issued a 0.5m alarm at 3.45am followed by a 0.9m alarm at 4.35am. The system showed that the water was rising further and it eventually peaked at 1.4m at 6.40am. He had therefore ensured that the relief channel gates were open so that the water could escape through it, which it did for a short period. He had also visited the Brockington Road bridge where he had met Mrs Bowden and they had noted that the actual water level there only reached about 1.1m.</p> <p>b. This confirmed the suspicion he had reported at the last Meeting that the sensor in the telemetry system was giving readings which were too high. Mr Hawnt had also seen the readings and, concerned that the Village had been flooded, and had rung him shortly afterwards. As a result of that conversation Mr Hawnt had immediately arranged for the sensor to be recalibrated as could be seen from the graph for the last few weeks which the Chairman circulated.</p> <p>c. Since then there had been one period of rainfall sufficient to cause water levels to rise. This was from Storm Katie on Monday, 28 March when the 0.5m alarm was sent at 4.10am and the 0.9m alarm at 5.15am. In fact, the water level only just exceeded 0.9m and fell below it again within half an hour. The relief channel had operated, but only very briefly and, as could be seen from the graph, everything had been back to normal by mid-morning.</p> <p>3. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 31 members present and apologies were received from Mr Pritchard, Mrs Bick, Mrs Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Parker, Mrs Rudge, Mrs Stephens and Miss Price.</p>	

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<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the February 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 Miss Gibson, seconded by Mrs Watson and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>5. There were no matters arising from the last Meeting.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4 - TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>6. On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman reported that the balance as at 29 February 2016 had been £3,672.45. Income during March had been nil. However, at the February Meeting the payment of £16.99 for printer ink had been approved and, as this was the only expenditure, the balance now stood at £3,655.46. The VAT outstanding to be repaid was now £62.68.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>7. <u>Working Parties.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman thanked Mr Clark for walking the Millcroft Brook and producing a report on what required attention – mainly the removal of debris and the clearance of silt which was blocking drains and flap valves. This would be very useful in planning the tasks which the first working parties would need to tackle. (Afternote: The Secretary has cleared the debris build up in the newer of the Ketch Lane twin culverts and water can now flow freely through it once more. However the older culvert will still need de-silting as part of a working party session.)</p> <p>b. The Chairman remarked that the working party ‘season’ was now approaching and he suggested that, since the winter had been a relatively mild one and there was not too much silt and other debris in the watercourses, the first working party should be held in early May, rather than late April. He suggested Friday, 6 May at 6.00pm for this and that the venue and task should be decided at the April Meeting. Meanwhile, he asked any member, who felt that there was a particular task which should be tackled as a priority, to let him or the Secretary know as soon as possible.</p> <p>c. The Chairman added that the Secretary had already spoken to Mrs Tregenza, the Locality Steward, about meeting to discuss any drainage-related issues with which Balfour Beatty might be able to help. Again, if any member had any issues which they felt Balfour Beatty should address, they should let the Secretary know without delay.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

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<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>8. Mr and Mrs Schwartz reported that there were blockages in the drainage system adjacent to their property in Maund Bryan and suggested that, although arrangements were in hand to clear these, maintenance of these ditches might be an appropriate task for a future working party. They also reported that a vehicle had gone into the ditch at the Maund Bryan corner of the A417 and had caused damage which affected the watercourse there. The Secretary undertook to raise the issue with Balfour Beatty Living Places. (Afternote: The Secretary has visited the site and taken photographs of the damage to the inside edge of the brook. She has forwarded these to Mrs Tregenza, the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward, for action).</p> <p>9. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>10. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50pm.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

26 April 2016