

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2018

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<p data-bbox="161 539 818 573"><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p data-bbox="161 613 1257 719">1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Group's March Meeting and said that he regretted having had to cancel the February Meeting, but the snow that afternoon had meant that there had been no alternative.</p> <p data-bbox="161 761 1257 1048">2. On the subject of flood risk he reminded members that on Sunday, 21 January the early warning telemetry system had issued its first alert for many months when the level in the Millcroft Brook reached 0.5m. February then proved to be a quieter period, but the 8-10 inches of snow brought to us at the beginning of March by 'The Beast from the East', Storm Emma and then the "Mini-Beast from the East - combined with the rain which fell over the same period – had again raised the risk of either fluvial flooding from the River Lugg or surface water flooding, or both.</p> <p data-bbox="161 1090 1257 1451">3. On 5 March the telemetry system issued a 0.5m alarm at 9.50 pm and this was followed by the 0.9m alarm an hour later at 10.50 pm. At that point the relief channel at Millcroft came into operation and ran for most of the night. The water level in the Brook peaked at 1.22m at 00.25am and when the Chairman visited the Brockington Road bridge shortly after midnight the water was above the mains pipe and about a foot below the top of the bridge's parapet. The level had returned to 0.9m by 2.20am and to 0.5m by 6.10am the following morning. At about the same time the level in the River Lugg reached the 2.6m mark at Butts Bridge in Leominster when fluvial flooding becomes possible and, indeed, some of Mr Pugh's fields were partly under water, although the roads remained fairly clear.</p> <p data-bbox="161 1494 1257 1821">4. Although 5-6 March was the only recent occasion on which a general alert has been issued, there was a further 0.5m alarm at 7.15 am on 16 March when the water level in the Brook peaked at just over 0.7m at 8.10am and was back down to 0.5m by around 9.50am. The lesson therefore remains the same: with the Millcroft Brook properly maintained, the relief channel available and the Ketch Lane culverts clear the system is as good as we can make it until we can get the Ketch Lane culverts replaced. We therefore have to keep up the good work we do - the Chairman noted that he had had to clear the blocked west Ketch Lane culvert as recently as 15 March - and we have to be prepared!</p> <p data-bbox="161 1863 1257 1968">5. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 22 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mr Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Mr and Mrs Hemming, Mr and Mrs Sebbage, Mr and Mrs Schwartz, Miss Price and Mr Rice.</p>	

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<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>6. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the January Meeting. These had been circulated earlier with the Agenda for both February and March and were also available in hard copy on the tables. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Mr Avery. seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>7. <u>BFPG 10th Anniversary Party.</u> This was covered under Agenda Item 6 - Future Events.</p> <p>8. <u>Bodenham Natural Flood Management Project.</u> The Chairman reported that Mr Andrew Osbaldiston had requested access to the data on the early warning telemetry system and this had been agreed. However, the proposed meeting with him had not yet been arranged.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 4 - INSURANCE</u></p> <p>9. The Chairman noted that the Secretary had recently been contacted by a new agent specialising in flood protection insurance and their name would be added to the Group’s list of available sources of such cover. The Secretary would circulate the details with the Minutes of the Meeting. (Afternote. Attached is the 2018 MDA Associates List of approved Flood Insurance Brokers. Liz Mitchell, the Chartered Insurance Broker from Flood Assist, has also given the Secretary a link to her firm’s summary of historic Environment Agency flood warning history for the Bodenham area. For those who are interested the link is: https://floodassist.co.uk/flood-warnings/flood-area-info/herefordshire/031waf116/river-lugg-south-of-leominster).</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 5 - TREASURER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>10. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that at the end of January the balance of the account had been £4,055.23. There had been no income in either February or March, but there had been two items of expenditure in February:</p> <p>a. An invoice had been received from the Siward James Trust for £9.00 for the hire of the meeting room in October and November 2017;</p> <p>b. The Chairman had been refunded £25.00 for the repair of the BFPG’s hedge trimmer, as agreed at the January Meeting.</p> <p>11. The balance at the end of March was therefore £4,021.23.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>12. The Chairman reminded members that 2018 sees the 10th Anniversary of the formation of the BFPG and that at the last Meeting he had asked them whether they thought that the Group should do something to commemorate this or just carry on with the usual calendar of events, that is:</p>	

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<p>a. The Annual Summer Barbecue at a venue and date to be decided.</p> <p>b. The Annual Bonfire Party at Millcroft Farm in the autumn.</p> <p>c. The Annual Fund Raising Quiz Night in November in the Parish Hall.</p> <p>13. The Chairman noted that the formal inaugural Meeting of the Group had been on 19 August 2008, so a date in August would be closest to the Tenth Anniversary. However, since the last Meeting it had been pointed out that the Bowling Club host an annual Hog Roast in August each year which is open to non-members of the Bowling Club as well as members. It would therefore be better to move the Group's celebration to a different month. One suggestion had been to make the Annual Barbecue the celebration by making it a bigger event and open to all local residents, not just BFPG members. This might help to meet the need to recruit new and younger members, a point which Mr Avery had made at the last Meeting.</p> <p>14. The Chairman said that he therefore had two questions for the Meeting:</p> <p>a. What kind of Tenth Anniversary celebration, if any, did members want?</p> <p>b. Assuming that, whether or not it was the Tenth Anniversary event, the Annual Barbecue was going to take place, would any member like to volunteer to host it?</p> <p>15. In discussion the following points were made:</p> <p>a. <u>10th Anniversary Celebration.</u></p> <p>(1) Mr Maxwell suggested that some kind of Exhibition with refreshments was held in the Parish Hall to show the work of the Group over the past 10 years. This could not only be a forum to display photographs, but also to show the equipment which the Group uses and to highlight the social side of the Group. As there had been a large turnover of residents in the Parish, particularly with the completion of the new estate at England's Field, it would be a good occasion on which both to show what the Group has done in the past and to attract new members for the future.</p> <p>(2) Miss Gibson said that cheese and wine was always popular as part of the refreshments for the adults, with an activity area set aside for the children. It was agreed that September would be a good month for such an Exhibition as there were already so many activities in the Parish during the summer. It was decided to aim for Sunday, 9 September, opening from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm. (Afternote. The Secretary has booked the Parish Hall from 5.00pm on Saturday 8 September for setting up and all day on Sunday, 9 September).</p> <p>(3) The Chairman suggested that, as organising such an event would be a considerable undertaking, a sub-committee should be formed. Mr Maxwell said that he would be very happy to be a</p>	

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<p>member of it. The Chairman thanked him and asked for other members who would like to be involved to give their names to the Secretary. (Afternote: Mr and Mrs Clark, Mrs Bowden and Miss Easson have also agreed to join the Sub-Committee. The Chairman will arrange for it to meet in due course).</p> <p>b. <u>Annual Barbecue.</u> It was agreed that the Annual Barbecue was much enjoyed by members and should go ahead as a separate event. The Chairman said that Mr and Mrs Schwartz had contacted him and indicated that they would be very happy to host the event at Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan. The Chairman expressed his thanks to them and said that the Secretary would liaise with them over a suitable date.</p> <p>c. <u>The Annual Fund Raising Quiz Night.</u> The Chairman noted that the Quiz Night had been very kindly organised by Mrs Anita Griffiths in the past. The Secretary would liaise with her regarding this year's event and possible date.</p> <p>16. <u>Working Party Sessions.</u> Cllr Clark asked when the 2018 working party sessions would start. The Chairman replied that as the evenings were now getting lighter, he would suggest that Friday, 27 April should be the first date. He might be able to start spraying before then, but this would be entirely dependent on the weather. The details for the first working party and subsequent sessions will be discussed at the next Meeting on Tuesday, 24 April.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>17. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24 April 2018.</p> <p>18. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.05 pm</p>	<p>All</p>

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

24 April 2018

2018 FLOOD INSURANCE LIST

The following is a list of insurance brokers who say they will insure for flood risk.

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'Flood Specialist' is <http://www.homeprotect.co.uk> 0845 1551944

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