

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2013

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April Meeting:</p> <p>a. <u>Water Levels.</u> He noted that the improvement in the weather over the past month had meant that the water level in the Millcroft Brook had remained very low throughout.</p> <p>b. <u>The Parish Walk.</u></p> <p>(1) He reminded members that the Parish Walk is a meeting which takes place approximately once a year between members of the Parish Council and representatives of Amey Herefordshire. It is actually a drive rather than a walk because it involves going round the Parish and discussing defects in the roads and ditches which Amey need to repair. Although many of these defects, such as potholes, are of no concern to the BFPG, some of them, such as blocked drains, are of interest to the Group.</p> <p>(2) This year the Walk took place on 5 April and amongst the defects discussed were:</p> <p>(a) <u>Water Leak in Millcroft Road.</u> Amey will investigate.</p> <p>(b) <u>Drains in Layby outside 15, Millcroft Road.</u> Amey will jet them.</p> <p>(c) <u>Open Gullies in the C1121 near the Ketch Lane Junction.</u> Amey will fit letter box gullies and possibly flap valves.</p> <p>(d) <u>Headwall of Drainage Pipe in Smedal Lane.</u> Amey will repair.</p> <p>(e) <u>Blocked Drains on C1125 outside Littlefield and Fairview.</u> Amey will jet.</p> <p>(f) <u>Damaged Road Edges on U94018 East of Rowberry Court.</u> Amey will repair.</p> <p>(g) <u>Inadequate Culverts and Damaged Gabions on U94017 South of Maund Bryan.</u> Amey will repair or remake as appropriate.</p> <p>(h) <u>Chapel Lane outside Berrington.</u> Amey will work with the owner to improve drainage.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 26 members present and apologies were received from: Mr Bowden, Mr Brown, Mr Nickols, Mr Nicolson, Mr & Mrs Clark, Mr & Mrs Hemming and Mrs Griffiths.</p>	

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<p><u>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the March Meeting which had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and were also available in hard copy on the tables for those members without computers. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Mrs Bowden, seconded by Mrs Avery and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>High Visibility Jackets.</u> The Secretary has not yet been able to get hold of Mr Trewin at the Environment Agency, but will do so, probably in June.</p> <p>5. <u>Maund Bryan.</u> The Chairman reminded members that there are two issues at Maund Bryan – the inadequacy of the culverts where the Moor Brook passes under the U94017 at Maund Common and the planning application for the erection of one new poultry building and the extension to two existing poultry buildings at Maund Court:</p> <p>a. <u>The Moor Brook Culverts.</u> The issue is the bad design of the culverts where the Moor Brook passes under the U94017 at Maund Common. Mr Grumbley commented that yellow marks have now appeared on the road, indicating where work is to be done, and that the ‘grips’ have now been cleared.</p> <p>b. <u>Maund Court Planning Application.</u> The issue is that water coming off the A417 is already a problem, causing damage to the road surface of the U94017 and placing the houses near the road junction at risk of flooding. Residents at Maund Bryan are concerned that the effect of increasing the size of the buildings at Maund Court will make the run-off situation worse and that the arrangements for holding water in an attenuation pond are inadequate to prevent this. Mr Grumbley told the Meeting that the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (RLIDB) were aware of the situation. Also that there were other issues here in relation to the calculations regarding the size of the retention pond to ensure that it was large enough to cope with the increase in the run off from the new buildings. He thought the application would be dealt with by officers under delegated powers rather than the Planning Committee</p> <p>6. <u>Grants.</u> The Chairman reported that he and the Treasurer had discussed the possibility of applying to the Kingspan Community Trust for a grant towards funding the replacement of the twin culverts at the Millcroft Road/ Ketch Lane Junction with a box culvert. However, it had become clear that this was not a project which fell within the scope of the grants made by the Trust.</p> <p>7. <u>Sandbag Cage Locks.</u> The Chairman asked those on the list of key holders who had not yet collected or signed for their keys to contact the Secretary.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Mr Grumbley</p> <p>Mr Giampalma Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 4 – ANNUAL BFPG REPORT</u></p> <p>8. The Chairman reminded members that local groups such as the BFPG are each invited to produce a report on their activities to the Annual Parish Meeting in May. This year the Meeting is on Monday, 13 May and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting, at which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council are elected, and by the Council’s normal monthly Meeting.</p>	

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<p>9. As Chairman, he had produced a draft Report which had been circulated with the Agenda and there were also copies on the tables for those without computers. He asked for any comments on the document. There being none, approval of the Report was proposed by Mr Rice, seconded by Mrs Watson and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></p> <p>10. <u>Presentation to Mordiford Annual Parish Meeting.</u> The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had visited Mordiford on 2 April and had given a presentation on the BFPG to their Annual Parish Meeting. The usual display of photographs and pamphlets was also provided. Mordiford has only relatively minor flooding problems, mainly affecting the school, pub car park and the houses on the T junction. Although only Parish Councillors were present, the Chairman and Secretary were made very welcome and a good deal of interest was expressed in the work of the Group. The Chairman added that, in addition to Mordiford, he had recently been approached by some residents of West Hide for advice.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 6 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>11. In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman read out his Report:</p> <p>a. <u>Income for April.</u></p> <p>VAT claimed back on waders £6-33p & £15.00</p> <p>Total Income: £21.33p</p> <p>b. <u>Expenditure for April.</u></p> <p>Nil</p> <p>c. Balance carried forward to May: £2,113.37p</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 7 – FUTURE PLANS</u></p> <p>12. <u>Annual Fund-Raising Quiz Night.</u> The Secretary has sent a poster advertising the Quiz Night on 25 October to Susan Haworth for publication in the <i>Newsletter</i>. She did this deliberately early so that there would be ample time for other organisations to note the event and avoid clashing with it. However, the poster was not included in the April edition of the <i>Newsletter</i> and so the Secretary has sent another for the June <i>Newsletter</i> and copied this to Mrs Griffiths who is organising the event.</p> <p>13. <u>Working Party Sessions.</u></p> <p>a. <u>First Working Party.</u></p> <p>(1) The first working party of 2013 had taken place on Friday, 26 April and both the Operations Officer and the Chairman thanked all those who had come along and helped.</p> <p>(2) An excellent start had been made on the Millcroft Brook flap</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

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<p>valves and the ditches on the C1125 from the Surgery to Hamwyn Joinery on both sides of the road. The flap valve next to 30, Brockington Road, which was very badly silted up had been cleared and it was agreed that, now that the Group has its water pumps in full working order, it would be a good idea to jet the drains along the course of the Brook during the next working party session.</p> <p>b. <u>Next Working Party Session.</u> The next working party session will take place on Friday, 10 May, meeting at 6.00pm at the Brockington Road bridge. All those who would like to come along should wear waders if they have them – the Secretary will bring the new ones – together with wellies and gloves, and bring their own favourite spade or rake. Loppers, strimmers and other equipment will be provided. The Secretary will send out a reminder at the beginning of the week.</p>	<p>All Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 8 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>14. <u>AGM – Election of Committee.</u> The Chairman reminded members that the election of the new committee will take place at the AGM on Tuesday, 27 August. The Secretary would be contacting all the current Area Representatives and Committee Members and asking them if they wish to stand for re-election for a further year. A list of the current area representatives and committee members had been circulated with the Agenda and was available on the tables for those without email. If anyone would like to stand for any of the positions please contact the Secretary. (<u>Afternote.</u> An updated list is attached to these Minutes).</p> <p>15. <u>Herefordshire Voluntary Action Committee (HVOS).</u> The Chairman reported that Herefordshire is making Diamond Jubilee Awards to honour those who have contributed over many years to make Herefordshire the wonderful county it is. There are a number of award categories, such as sports, business and farming, together with a specific category for volunteers. The Herefordshire Volunteer Centre has been asked to find three special people to be 'Diamond Achievers' in this last category. HVOS are now seeking nominations which will be judged by an independent panel. The Chairman suggested that, if any member knew of an inspirational person who had volunteered for many years in Herefordshire and whom they thought deserved to be recognised, they should send in a nomination form. (All the details are attached to these Minutes).</p> <p>16. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 May 2013.</p> <p>17. There being no further business the Meeting ended at 7.55pm.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

Councillor KA MITCHESON
Chairman

28th May 2013

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP
2012/13 Area Reps and Committee List

Agreed to stand
for election in
2013/2014

Chairman:	Cllr Tony Mitcheson	
Treasurer:	Mr Tony Clark	
Operations Manager:	Mr Mike Stephens	Yes
Deputy Operations Manager:	Mr Robin George	
Secretary:	Mrs Babs Mitcheson	

The Moor:

The Moor Road:	Mr Tony Clark	
Orchard Close:	Mr Robert Pritchard	Yes
Chapel Lane:	Mr Robert Pritchard	Yes
Brockington Road: (2 -31& 35)	Mr Simon Dowler	Yes
Brockington Road: (1, 32-34, 36 – 42A)	Mrs Rebecca Burnill	
Brockington Road (43- 54):	Mrs Gwen Bowden	Yes
Siward James:	Mrs Iris Evans	
Ash Grove Close:	Mrs Jean Fryer	
Ash Grove View:	Mr David Harris	
Ash Grove View:	Cllr Alec Avery	Yes
Millcroft Road:	Mrs Barbara Gibson	

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:		
The Forge	Mr Simon Nickols	
Church and Bodenham		
Village:	Mr David Ayshford Sanford	
	Mr Mike Mullenger	



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HEREFORDSHIRE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE Volunteer Awards

To celebrate the Queen's sixty years reign, Herefordshire is holding the Diamond Jubilee Awards to honour those who have contributed over many years to make Herefordshire the wonderful county it is. There are a number of award categories ranging from sports, business and farming with a specific category for volunteers. Herefordshire Volunteer Centre has been asked to find three special people to be 'Diamond Achievers' in this category. We are now seeking nominations which will be judged by an independent panel. So if you know an inspirational person who has volunteered for many years in Herefordshire and who you think deserves to be recognised send your nomination form ([download Volunteer Nomination Form](#)) and email it to: volunteer@herefordshireva.org or post it to Angela Legg at Herefordshire Voluntary Action, Berrows Business Centre, Bath Street, Hereford, HR1 2HE. If you require more information, please ring Angela Legg, 01432 343932.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 23 May 2012.