

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the April Meeting. He remarked that, yet again, the run of good weather had continued and therefore for yet another month he had nothing to report on the issue of flood risk – no news was good news.</p> <p>2. The only change he had to report was that, as members were already aware, the telemetry system was approaching its fifth anniversary and with that the end of the free maintenance very generously provided by Mr Rod Hawnt and Hydro-Logic (now Hydro International). The Parish Council had kindly agreed to pay for the maintenance contract at a cost of £350 per year which would now come into force and the Parish Clerk was in the process of making the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>3. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 17 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mrs Bowden, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Burnill, Cllr and Mrs Clark, Miss Gibson, Mr Gilding, Mr Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Schwartz, Mr and Mrs Watson, and Mr and Mrs Wilson.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the March 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 Cllr Avery seconded by Mr Bowden and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>5. <u>Proposed Culvert Replacements.</u> The Chairman said that he had no news to report.</p> <p>6. <u>Spraying.</u> The Chairman said that he had been investigating ways of getting spraying done for the Group and was confident of achieving a satisfactory solution, but had nothing definite to report as yet. Meanwhile he had spoken to Mr Les Harrison, the Engineer to the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board, and had asked him to give the Group's work as much priority as he could. It was suggested that the Environment Agency's local office should be contacted for advice and the Secretary confirmed that she would do so.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

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<p><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>7. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that the balance of the Account at the end of April had stood at £4,080.40. There had not been any income or expenditure during April so the balance remained the same.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>8. <u>Working Parties.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman remarked that the start of the working party ‘season’ had arrived. It had been a mild winter and there should not be too much pressing work to be done. Nevertheless, vegetation was growing fast and it was time to start identifying tasks and planning to complete them.</p> <p>b. <u>Storage Container.</u></p> <p>(1) The Chairman confirmed that he had ordered the necessary paint for the storage container at the Parish Hall and now had 7.5 litres of dark green, smooth, direct to rust Hammerite paint, in addition to the 1.5 litres which Mr Andrew Maxwell had kindly donated. He also had one litre of Hammerite thinners, as well as various paintbrushes which members had kindly also donated. The total cost of the paint had been £92.40 which was less than the amount (£150) agreed at the previous Meeting. The cost included VAT amounting to £15.41 which the Treasurer would reclaim <i>via</i> the Parish Clerk. This expenditure would be shown in next month’s account once the money had been refunded from the Group’s account held by the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>(2) The Chairman continued by saying that all the necessary materials were now available for the project. All that was required was some good weather. Unfortunately, the weather recently had been rather changeable and it now looked as though there was going to be a period of cold. The project would therefore have to remain on hold for the time being and the Secretary would be in touch with members to arrange a mutually convenient date and time once the weather improved.</p> <p>c. <u>Working Parties.</u></p> <p>(1) The Chairman reminded members that at the last Meeting they had agreed that the first working party of the year should be on Thursday, 27 April. There would be two tasks:</p> <p>(a) Depending on how many volunteers attended, the first task would be to check the sandbags in the cage at the school car park. He noted that the pallet on which the cage stood had now collapsed so, as the cage would be empty, it would be a sensible time to replace that too.</p> <p>(b) The second task would be to make a start on the</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

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<p>Millcroft Brook, beginning upstream at the Golf Course. The main priorities would be to clear vegetation, especially saplings which could encourage the build up of blockages, and to remove accumulations of silt which would allow watercress and other plants to get a foothold in the stream bed and also result in blockages.</p> <p>(2) All those willing to help should be at the Hamwyn Joinery car park at 6.00pm in the usual dress of wellies and rubber gloves and armed with any favourite implements. The Chairman and Secretary would provide spades, loppers and rakes, etc., and there would also be waders available if the water is deep in places.</p> <p>(3) The Chairman concluded by suggesting that working parties should continue on a fortnightly basis and that the next two sessions should be held on Thursday, 4 May and Thursday, 18 May, with the venues and tasks to be decided later.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>9. <u>Date of the Next Meeting</u>. The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 30 May 2017.</p> <p>10. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

30 May 2017