

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2019

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the May Meeting. He said that, once again, flood risk had not been an issue over the past month. However, there was sad news to report in that, as most members would be aware, Mr Peter Watson had died on 6 May after a long illness. He had been a long-standing and stalwart member of the Group and for a time had carried out the annual task of “walking the Brook”. On behalf of the BFPG the Chairman expressed members’ condolences to Mrs Eileen Watson.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> There were 14 members present and apologies were received from Cllr and Mrs Avery, Mrs Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Mr Clemence, Mrs Davies, Mrs Dowler, Mrs Fryer, Mrs House, Miss Easson, Mr Maxwell, Mr Rice, and Mr and Mrs Schwartz.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the April 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 Mrs Pearman, seconded by Mr George and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>4. <b><u>Bodenham Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that he had no particular progress to report on the NFM Project, although he was confident that work to contact farmers and other landowners was progressing ‘behind the scenes’. However, he had been sent a selection of the ‘opportunity maps’ of the Bodenham catchment area and would be happy to copy these on to any member who might be interested.</p> <p>b. Cllr Tilford raised the question of possible financial support for the NFM Project’s proposal to install a telemetry system in the Moor Brook. The Chairman reminded those present that this had been raised previously by Mr Burnill and discussed by members at the last Meeting. (Minute 3 of the Minutes of the BFPG Meeting held on 30 April 2019 refers). The capital cost would be in the region of £2,000 - £2,500, with further payments of £350 annually for maintenance. It was agreed that Cllr Tilford would raise the subject at the next Parish Council Meeting and ascertain whether or not there was support for joint funding from the Council and the BFPG for such a system.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Tilford</b></p>

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<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>5. The Chairman reported that there had been no income or expenditure in May so the balance remained at £4,554.85. The VAT refund of £19.40 for printing of the display and other materials for the BFPG Tenth Anniversary Celebration remains outstanding.</p> <p>6. Mr House asked why the balance figure produced by the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council Meeting on 13 May had differed from that of the BFPG Treasurer. The Chairman explained that the BFPG Treasurer ran a double entry book-keeping account for the Group, and sent the figure from her accounts to the Parish Clerk at the end of each month immediately prior to the monthly Parish Council Meetings. However the Parish Clerk balanced his accounts against the Council's monthly bank statements. Since these appeared in the middle – and not the end - of each month, and since there was always some delay before the BFPG's income and expenditure actually reaching the bank, there would almost always be a small discrepancy between the BFPG and Council accounts.</p> <p>7. Furthermore, the Parish Council's accounts are audited in April, whereas the BFPG's account is closed in August each year at the AGM, and so it was almost inevitable that there would be a small disparity between the annual figures shown in the two accounts. The Chairman assured members that, despite all this, not only was the disparity never very great, but the Parish Clerk and the Treasurer agree that the figures reported by the Treasurer at the BFPG monthly Meetings are the actual amounts held by the Parish Clerk in the BFPG element of the Parish Council account.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></b></p> <p>8. <b><u>Working Parties.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded members that It had been agreed that the second working party session of the year would be on Friday, 10 May, meeting at Hamwyn Joinery to tackle the section of the Millcroft Brook between the Golf Course and the C1125 bridge. However, owing to rain this session was cancelled and the next one took place on Friday, 24 May when twelve members came to help. The sections from the Golf Course to the C1125 bridge and from there down to the Brockington Road bridge were both completed. Mr Peter Jones also reported that he had already strimmed most of the section from the Brockington Road bridge down to the Pumping Station and hoped to complete this shortly.</p> <p>b. The Chairman thanked all those who had taken part in the working parties so far, most especially Mr Jones who had done so much on his own. He remarked that, although the 'season' had appeared to have got off to a slow start, the Group were now already rather ahead of schedule.</p> <p>c. Turning to future working parties, the Chairman noted that the next session should normally be on Friday, 7 June. However, he and the Secretary had another commitment that evening, so he suggested that the working party should be postponed by one week to Friday 14 June. The plan would be to complete the short section between the Pumping Station and the Millcroft Farm culvert. If sufficient help was available a start might also be made on the section below the Millcroft Farm culvert.</p> <p>d. Finally, the Chairman said that, if 14 June was agreed, the subsequent session would naturally fall on 28 June. However, once again he and the Secretary would not be available that evening or the following Friday (5 July), so he asked members whether they wished to have that session on 21 June, or to select another evening in the week before 28 June.</p>	

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<p>e. <b>It was agreed that the working party dates for June would be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday, 14 June.</b></li> <li>• <b>Friday, 21 June.</b></li> </ul> <p>f. <b>Members should meet at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm on both these dates and there will be refreshments at Millcroft Farm after each session for those taking part.</b></p> <p>9. <b>Spraying.</b> The Chairman reported that early in May he had sprayed the section of the Millcroft Brook between the Ketch Lane culverts and Millcroft Farm and more recently the section from Millcroft Farm up to the Pumping Station as well. He had noticed that, although the spray had affected the watercress in the Ketch Lane - Millcroft Farm section, there were clear signs of secondary growth, so he had sprayed that a second time. He noted that, so far this year, he had spent some 9 hours overall on spraying tasks, with nearly 6½ hours actually in the Brook.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – ANNUAL BARBECUE (SATURDAY, 22 JUNE)</u></b></p>	
<p>10. The Chairman reminded members that the Annual Barbecue would be held at ‘Rosewood’ on <b>Saturday, 22 June</b> by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Clark. He asked Mr Clark at what time he thought the event should start and what help he would like members to provide for the occasion. Mr Clark asked all those who would like to attend to contact him by no later than Friday, 14 June. <b>The Barbecue would start at 6.00pm and there would be some parking at ‘Rosewood’, at the new building at Plot 2 on The Moor, opposite Mr Pugh’s Farm and at Brook House.</b> The Secretary will send out a separate reminder of the event to members of the Group,</p> <p>11. Mr Clark asked if those attending could bring the meat of their choice and alcoholic drink. He and Mrs Clark would provide onions, buns, sauces, salads and desserts and also soft drinks. They would also provide some additional meats for the Barbecue.</p> <p>12. The Chairman will provide some additional chairs, but it was recommended that, if those attending could also bring chairs, that would enable everyone to have a seat. The Secretary will liaise with Mr and Mrs Clark regarding cutlery and paper plates and napkins.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b> <b>Secretary</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>13. Cllr Tilford thanked all the members of the Group who turn up at the working party sessions for their commitment and support. He expressed his sadness at no longer being physically able to take part in this Group activity.</p> <p>14. <b>Date of the Next Meeting.</b> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25 June 2019.</p> <p>15. There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.00 pm.</p>	