

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



**MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S
MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2016**

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<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the May Meeting and remarked that Summer appeared to have arrived and for yet another month he had nothing to report on the subject of flood risk.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 24 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mr Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Davies, Mr and Mrs Dowler, Mr and Mrs Hemmings, Mrs Parker, Mr and Mrs Rudge, and Mr and Mrs Schwartz.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></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 Mr Burnill, seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>Possible Invitation to Mr Bill Wiggin MP.</u> As agreed at the April Meeting, Cllr Tilford had suggested to the Parish Council Meeting on 9 May that Mr Bill Wiggin MP might be invited to a future working party session to see the Group in action. The Council agreed that, once the BFPG had provided some possible dates for such a visit, the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Pam James-Moore, should write to Mr Wiggin.</p> <p>5. <u>Orchard Close Drainage System and Ketch Lane Culverts.</u> The Chairman said that he had not yet found a suitable opportunity to discuss possible ways forward with Cllr Baker, but would do so.</p> <p>6. <u>Annual Report to the Parish Meeting.</u> The Chairman confirmed that the BFPG Report had been presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 May,</p> <p>7. <u>Invitations to The Patron's Lunch.</u> The Chairman reported that nobody had expressed a wish to attend The Patron's Lunch on 12 June. He and the Secretary happened to be in London that day and would therefore represent the BFPG at the event</p>	Chairman

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<u>AGENDA ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u>																											
<p>8. On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman reported that the balance as at 30 April had been £3,611.96. During May there had been income in the form of a donation of £2.00 and expenditure of an advance of £45.00 towards the cost of the Barbecue, and £25.14 on a card and flowers for Mrs Ronnie Parker, as well as £18.00 on two tarpaulins for the sandbag cages (<i>i.e.</i> considerably less than the £35.68 agreed for tarpaulins at the last Meeting). The new balance therefore now stood at £3,525.82.</p>																											
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<u>AGENDA ITEM 5 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u>																											
<p>9. <u>Household Flood Protection Survey.</u> The Chairman reported that on 10 May he had received an e-mail from Carly Rose, a PhD Researcher at the University of the West of England in Bristol, regarding an on-line survey looking at how people deal with the risk of flooding. The Survey comprised a series of questions about the respondent's experience of flooding and the measures taken to protect against a recurrence. These were then followed by questions which appeared to be designed to assess the respondent's psychological profile and approach to risks in general. The Secretary had circulated the e-mail to those BFPG members with internet access to give anyone who wished to respond the opportunity to do so. The Chairman confirmed that he had done so himself.</p>																											
<p>10. <u>Herefordshire Council's Revised Sandbag Policy.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that Cllr Tony Clark had drawn his attention to a paper being submitted to Herefordshire Council on 16 May proposing a change to the Council's policy on the provision of sandbags. In brief, the Council has decided that, to save it about £7,500 a year, with effect from 20 May 2016:</p> <p>(1) Parishes will be offered a maximum of 150 empty sandbags free of charge during this financial year only. If they require more than these, they will be pointed to local suppliers who will be able to provide sandbags at a cost to the parish. The expectation will be that parishes will make their own arrangements to order sand and fill the empty bags. Alternatively, parishes will be provided with the contact details of local suppliers who will be able to provide sand and possibly facilities to fill the empty bags.</p> <p>(2) If parishes wish to be provided with "pre-filled" sandbags, they will be able to arrange delivery of these through Balfour Beatty Living Places. The actual cost of supply and delivery will be charged to those parishes that wish to take up this option.</p>																											

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<p>(3) This offer will only be available for financial year 2016/17 and is time constrained to ensure that parishes and communities are prepared for flood resilience in good time for the winter period when the likelihood of flooding is greater.</p> <p>(4) From April 2017 Herefordshire Council will no longer provide sandbags to any parish or community group. Contact details of local suppliers will be provided to parishes to enable them to arrange delivery of either empty or filled sandbags.</p> <p>(5) Herefordshire Council expect parishes to continue to advertise locally, either through websites, parish newsletters or the parish notice board, where sandbags will be available</p> <p>(6) In times of flooding emergencies, the Council will take a strategic approach in the deployment of a stock held by the Council. This will be prioritised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To prevent loss of life or serious injury. (b) Maintaining access for emergency vehicles. (c) Securing the safety of the roads network. (d) Protection of vital community facilities within the community. (e) Protection of Herefordshire Council property, if appropriate. (f) Protection of residential property. <p>(7) Herefordshire Council recognise that there are vulnerable people and premises that may require assistance to protect them during flooding incidents.</p> <p>(8) Sandbags will not be provided to protect gardens, outbuildings or garages.</p> <p>(9) After a flood event has occurred, Herefordshire Council will not collect used sandbags for disposal.</p> <p>b. The Chairman said that members could find the revised policy for themselves at: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=3273</p> <p>c. In discussion the Secretary agreed to contact the Parish Clerk and order 150 empty sandbags. (Afternote. The Parish Clerk has confirmed receipt of the Secretary's request for 150 empty sandbags and has passed this request on to Herefordshire Council.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Secretary</p>

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<u>AGENDA ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u>	
<p>11. <u>Working Parties.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that the first two working party sessions of the ‘season’ had been very well supported:</p> <p>(1) On Friday, 6 May 15 members went to Maund Bryan to help clear the watercourse next to Willow Cottage. Many thanks go to Mr and Mrs Schwartz for their refreshments afterwards. Mr Mike Stephens will spray the worst of the weed along the remaining stretch of the Willow Cottage Brook and a further session will be required to clear this. (Afternote. It is understood that The River Lugg Internal Drainage Board have already sprayed the watercourse in question).</p> <p>(2) On Friday, 20 May 20 members started work on the Millcroft Brook from the Golf Course to Brockington Road. This was followed by <i>al fresco</i> refreshments in the Hamwyn Joinery forecourt.</p> <p>b. The Chairman said that the next task would be to continue working along the Millcroft Brook from the Brockington Road bridge to Millcroft Farm. However, owing to a number of other commitments, he and the Secretary would not be available to assist with working parties on the next two Fridays, 3 and 10 June. This did not in any way prevent members from carrying out sessions on these dates in their absence. There was also the question of the dates to be proposed for a possible visit by Mr Bill Wiggin MP.</p> <p>c. In discussion it was decided that the following dates would be passed to the Chairman of the Parish Council for inclusion in her proposed letter to Mr Wiggin:</p> <p>(1) 17 June or 24 June; (2) 1 July, 22 July or 29 July; (3) 5 August, 12 August, 19 August or 26 August; (4) 2 September.</p>	Chairman
<p>12. <u>Annual Barbecue.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded members that the Annual Barbecue would take place on Saturday, 30 July by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Stephens at their field on Rowberry Lane. At the last Meeting £45 of the £85 remaining from the Refreshment Fund had been voted to help provide food for the Barbecue and he confirmed that a cheque for this amount had been given to Mrs Stephens. Members were, of course, free to bring their own food, if they wished, and they should bring their own drinks since these will not be provided.</p> <p>b. The Chairman went on to say that the poster would be attached to the Minutes and on the day there would be signs and car park attendants with hi-vis vests to guide anyone who does not know the way to the field. He asked all those planning to attend the Barbecue to let Mr and Mrs Stephens know well in advance so that the catering arrangements can be made. All donations of salads,</p>	

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<p>puddings would be gratefully received and Mrs Stephens asked that those bringing these items should contact her and let her know. Mrs Stephens also asked all those attending to bring their own chairs.</p> <p>13. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> The Chairman reminded members that the new date agreed at the last Meeting for the Bonfire Party at Millcroft Farm would be Saturday, 8 October. More details will be sent out by the Secretary in due course.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>14. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 28 June 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>15. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.02 pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

28 June 2016

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 **BBQ** 

**Saturday 30 July 2016
at 6.00P.M.**

Ann and Mike's Field, Rowberry Lane
Please bring your own drink

**Please let Ann and Mike
know if you plan to attend on
mikestephens.gardenservices@gmail.com**

or

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