

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES FOR THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE, AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 26th JUNE 2012

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 – WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the June Meeting.</p> <p>2. There were 25 members present and apologies were received from Mr Grumbley, Mr Nicolson, Mr Tilford, Mr & Mrs Bowden, and Mrs Davies.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked for approval of the Minutes of the May Meeting. This was proposed by Mr Rice, seconded by Mr Brown and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. The Chairman gave updates on:</p> <p>a. <u>Project Bodenham.</u> He informed members that the Project was now very nearly complete apart from three properties.</p> <p>b. <u>The Flood Warning Telemetry System.</u> The system was now commissioned and Hydro-Logic had requested contact details for emergency use by it. The Chairman asked that all Area Representatives, and anyone else who felt that they should be on the list, to give their mobile number to the Secretary. The list would then be sent to Hydro-Logic and would be treated as confidential and not passed around or published.</p> <p>c. <u>Hereford Times Article on the Telemetry System.</u> The Chairman reported that Mr Grumbley had now passed his article to <i>The Hereford Times</i>. A photographer would be visiting Bodenham to photograph the equipment on Wednesday, 27th June and any members of the Group who wished to be present for the photograph would be very welcome.</p> <p>d. <u>AGM (Tuesday, 28th August) – Election of Committee Members and Area Representatives.</u> The Chairman reminded members that the entire committee of the Flood Protection Group would be coming up for re-election at the AGM in August. The Secretary had contacted those currently in post and asked them if they would like to put their names forward. However, anyone else who would like to put their names forward for any of the positions should contact the Secretary by 15th August. The Chairman emphasised how important it was that the work of the BFPG was shared as evenly as possible across the membership.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">All Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>

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<u>ITEM 4 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u>	
<p>5. <u>Visit of CEO Herefordshire Council.</u></p> <p>a. At fairly short notice the Chairman had heard from Cllr Millar, our Ward Councillor on Herefordshire Council, that Mr Chris Bull, the CEO of Herefordshire Council, would be visiting the Hampton Court Ward on Monday, 18th June.</p> <p>b. After touring the Parish they had visited Millcroft Farm, accompanied by another official, Ms Anne Brooks, and by Mr Philip Brown, the Clerk of Humber, Ford and Stoke Prior Parish Council.</p> <p>c. Over afternoon tea they had spent about 40 minutes with the Chairman and Secretary which provided an opportunity to brief the CEO about the BFPG and, more importantly, to raise two issues with him:</p> <p>(1) <u>Ketch Lane Culverts.</u> The first was the need for the Millcroft Road/ Ketch Lane culverts to be replaced, and this was discussed in some detail.</p> <p>(2) <u>The Culvert in Mr Pugh’s Field.</u></p> <p>(a) The second issue was the requirement for the culvert in Mr Pugh’s field to be cleared of silt and the level of the ditch downstream of the culvert to be corrected.</p> <p>(b) The Chairman had explained that in April the Parish Clerk had been requested to ask Amey Herefordshire to carry out this work. The drainage system had been commissioned by Herefordshire Council following the 1998 floods which had badly affected Orchard Close. In our view, therefore, it remained Herefordshire Council’s responsibility to maintain the drainage system, helped by the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board who flail-mow the banks once a year and also helped by us as far as we can.</p> <p>(c) The Chairman reminded the meeting that the problem with this particular system is the culvert halfway along it which is too narrow for us to clean. In 2010, with Mr Grumbley’s help the BFPG had got Amey to accept that it was their responsibility. However, recent correspondence between the Parish Clerk and Amey has given the impression that Amey have now gone back on this.</p> <p>(d) The Chairman had therefore raised the subject at the last Parish Council Meeting on 11th June and the Council had agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to Herefordshire Council about it. However, Mr Bull’s visit had allowed the Chairman to raise the issue directly with him.</p> <p>d. Mr Bull had listened carefully to what the Chairman and Secretary had to say and had promised to investigate further.</p>	

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<p>6. <u>National Association of Local Councils' Magazine - Local Council Review.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman noted that he had received an email on 19th June from Marie Dill, the Editor of the National Association of Local Councils' magazine, <i>The Local Council Review</i>. She had said that she was planning an article on flood prevention for the next issue and had seen the Parish Website and all the good work the BFPG were doing in this field.</p> <p>b. She was hoping for an article from the Group which answered the question: What can parish and town councils do to help flood prevention? After discussing this with the Chairman, she had drafted the article, based on the information in the Website and sent it to us. The Chairman had corrected the article and returned the revised version to her for the magazine. She promised to send us a copy in due course.</p> <p>7. <u>Brimfield Flood Protection Group.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded the Group that in the middle of last year he had been invited, with the Treasurer and the Secretary, to visit Brimfield & Little Hereford Parish to advise them on what they could do about their flooding problems. Following on from that, the Chairman had attended the meeting just before Christmas at which Brimfield had decided to set up a flood protection group of their own. This had subsequently been agreed by their Parish Council in January this year.</p> <p>b. He reported that last week he had heard the good news that their Flood Protection Group is doing well, has managed to secure three lots of funding and is planning to use this on some major digger work.</p>	
<u>ITEM 5 – EQUIPMENT</u>	
<p>8. <u>Disposal of Second Trailer.</u></p> <p>a. The Meeting was reminded that the Group has a rather decrepit trailer which is quite useful because we use it to store a lot of our signs, tools, buckets, etc at Millcroft Farm. However, the Group also has a second trailer which very few members have seen. This was obtained by Mr Troia several years ago and, until now, has been parked at Baches Bargain Warehouse. Mr Troia has finally asked the Group to remove it and so Mr Stephens, the Operations Officer, now has it.</p> <p>b. Mr Stephens said that he had received an offer of £20 from Mr Derek Pritchard for the trailer. He thought that this was a very fair offer considering the state of the trailer and asked for members' approval to sell it. The sale of the trailer was proposed by Mr Nickols, seconded by Mr Dowler and agreed.</p>	
<u>ITEM 6 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
<p>9. The Treasurer reported that the balance of the Group's account was now £1,894.94. This included the sale of the waders to the ITV crew.</p>	

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<p>10. He reminded members that there would be a large expenditure within the next month for the pump hosepipes which had been agreed in principle at the last meeting.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 7 – FUTURE PLANS</u></p> <p>11. <u>Sandbags</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that he was very grateful for the good work done by the Working Party at the session on Friday 22 June in sorting out the sandbags at the Parish Hall, at Siward James, and at the school car park in Bodenham Village. The comment that many of these sandbags had been overfilled had been noted and this had been corrected when re-bagging had taken place. Also the combination locks on some of the cages needed oiling on a regular basis to stop them from seizing up.</p> <p>b. It was also noted that, where the sandbag cages had not been sufficiently lined with heavy duty damp proof material (DPM), the salt in the gravel had started to rot the cages. The Operations Officer and Chairman were asked to price rolls of DPM and purchase sufficient to cover the cages. The expenditure of up to £100 for this was proposed by Mr Dowler, seconded by Mr Brown and agreed.</p> <p>12. <u>Working Party Dates for July.</u> The dates for July are:</p> <p>a. <u>Friday 6th July.</u> To meet at 6.30pm at Brockington Road Bridge and concentrate on checking and, where necessary, re-bagging the sandbags on the Sandbag Location List.</p> <p>b. <u>Friday 20th July.</u> The meeting time will be 6.30pm and the location will be decided after the 6th July Working Party session.</p> <p>13. <u>Future Projects.</u> The Chairman asked the Meeting if any member had had any further thoughts on the points he had made at the last Meeting regarding the need to test the ‘Project Bodenham’ flood protection equipment, the development of an emergency plan and need to replace the Ketch Lane culverts. No suggestions were offered and the Chairman simply added said that, as he had mentioned in Item 4 above, he felt that his talk with Mr Bull, the CEO of Herefordshire Council, had made the point about the Ketch Lane culverts being the one remaining major weakness in the Village’s flood protection arrangements.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p> <p>Chairman Operations Officer</p>
<p><u>ITEM 8 – ANNUAL BARBECUE (Saturday 28th July).</u></p> <p>14. Mr and Mrs Burnill said that the Group’s Annual BBQ would start at 6.00pm at their home, 32 Brockington Road, on Saturday 28th July. They had enlisted the help of a BBQ chef, but would require help with additional BBQ equipment. The Chairman volunteered his own BBQ and gazebo. He asked all those who were planned to attend to contact Mrs Burnill as soon as possible – see the attached BBQ proforma – to give her some idea of numbers. Those attending should bring a contribution of food and any alcoholic drinks they wanted.</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p>15. It was agreed that the following guests should be invited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mrs Mary Dhonau b. Mr Dan Trewin. c. Cllr Jeremy Millar. d. Members of the Parish Council, but to bring their own contributions of food and drink. e. Mr Les Harrison. f. Mr Ian Linton. 	Chairman
<p><u>ITEM 9 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>16. None notified.</p> <p>The meeting closed at: 8.15 pm</p>	

Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Chairman

31st July 2012

NOTICE OF ELECTION
BFPG COMMITTEE AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current Incumbent</u>	<u>Agreed to Stand for Nomination for 2012/13</u>
<u>Chairman:</u>	Tony Mitcheson	
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Tony Clark	Tony Clark
<u>Secretary:</u>	Babs Mitcheson	
<u>Operations Officer:</u>	Mike Stephens	Mike Stephens
<u>Assistant Operations Officer:</u>	Robin George	Robin George
 <u>Area Representatives</u>		
<u>The Moor:</u>		
<u>The Moor Road:</u>	Tony Clark	Tony Clark
<u>Orchard Close:</u>	Robert Pritchard	Mike Stephens
<u>Chapel Lane:</u>	Robert Pritchard	Robert Pritchard
<u>Brockington Road –North Nos 2 – 30:</u>	Simon Dowler	Simon Dowler
<u>Brockington Road – North Nos 1 – 32 and 32 - 44:</u>	Rebecca Burnill	Rebecca Burnill
<u>Brockington Road – South:</u>	Gwen Bowden	Gwen Bowden
<u>Siward James Close:</u>	Iris Evans	Iris Evans
<u>Ash Grove Close:</u>	Jean Fryer	
<u>Ash Grove View:</u>	David Harris	
<u>Millcroft Road:</u>	Barbara Gibson	
 <u>Bodenham Village:</u>		
<u>Bridge to War Memorial:</u>	Simon Nickols	Simon Nickols
<u>The Church and Bodenham Village:</u>	David Ayshford-Sanford Mike Mullenger	David Ayshford-Sanford Mike Mullenger

Above are the names and positions held by the current BFPG committee.

If those members currently in post would like to remain for a further year, please let the Secretary know.

If you currently do not hold a position, but would like to put your name forward for any of the posts listed above, please let the Secretary know.

The list will be notified at the forthcoming BFPG Meeting on Tuesday 26th June and 31st July. **The list for nominations will close on 15th August.**