

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2018

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Group's June Meeting and remarked that fortunately the recent good weather meant that he had nothing to say about flood risk.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 18 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Davies, Mr Harris, Mr Hemming, and Mr and Mrs Schwartz.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the May 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 Avery, seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>BFPG 10th Anniversary (Sunday, 9 September 2018)</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that he and Mr Maxwell had discussed the display for the Tenth Anniversary and he had provided Mr Maxwell with a selection of photographs for it. Mr Maxwell had now produced a first draft of the display boards and they were working together on refining these. In addition, Miss Jennifer Easson had produced a cartoon drawing depicting members of the BFPG and this would be featured prominently in the display, as well as being used for the proposed children's colouring competition.</p> <p>b. A second meeting of the Sub-Committee was planned for 6.00 pm on 4 July at Millcroft Farm to discuss the barbecue, children's entertainment and administrative arrangements for the event.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>5. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that, as there had been no income or expenditure since the last Meeting, the balance of the account remained at £4,022.73. The VAT refund from the Parish Clerk was still outstanding at £99.75.</p>	

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<p><u>ITEM 5 – AGM AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS</u></p> <p>6. The Chairman reminded members that this year’s Annual General Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 28 August 2018 and would, as always, include the election of members of the BFPG Committee and Area Representatives, together with any proposals to amend the Group’s Constitution. He said that the Secretary would send out reminders to all the Area Reps and Sandbag Key Holders and ask if they would be prepared to serve for a further year.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 6 – CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH</u></p> <p>7. The Chairman reported that on 12 June he had received an e-mail from a Mr Daniel White, a Nottingham Trent University graduate working at a company called Flood Protection Solutions. Mr White is involved in a project being led by Cranfield University which “aims to assess the success and limitations of flood groups around the country <i>via</i> a survey……. The project will produce an academic paper that will be published in <i>Water</i> journal and [he believes], if executed correctly, has the potential to influence policy making at the highest level. [The] overall aim is to make it easier for flood groups to alleviate flooding in their area.”</p> <p>8. Mr White had asked whether the BFPG would be willing to be one of the flood protection groups taking part in the survey and the Chairman had agreed to this. Mr White had replied that he would be in touch shortly with further information.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 7– WORKING PARTIES</u></p> <p>9. <u>Working Party Sessions.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that the working party session on Friday, 8 June had been attended by 9 members, while 10 members had taken part in the session on Friday, 22 June. These two working parties had completed work on the section of the Millcroft Brook between the Brockington Road bridge and the end of Ash Grove View and the Chairman thanked all those who had given up their time to contribute to them.</p> <p>b. He went on to say that the next two working party sessions would naturally fall on Friday, 6 July and Friday, 20 July and would involve starting work on clearing the Brook from Millcroft Farm downstream. Unfortunately, however, he and the Secretary had other commitments on both these days and he therefore proposed that the next sessions should be held on Friday, 13 July and Friday, 27 July instead. He suggested that on each occasion the working parties should meet at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm and return there for refreshment after the sessions.</p> <p>c. After discussion it was agreed that the next two working party sessions would take place on Friday, 13 July and Friday, 27 July, meeting at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm. The Secretary will send out reminders nearer each date.</p> <p>10. <u>Spraying.</u> The Chairman went on to report that the recent good weather had allowed him to spray the Millcroft Brook for the first time. Starting at its junction</p>	<p>All Secretary</p>

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<p>with the Moor Brook, he had sprayed up as far as the end of Ash Grove View on 11-12 June and the results were beginning to show in the dieback of watercress. He stressed that spraying did not remove the need to clear the watercourse: the watercress would still need to be removed, but, being dead, it should be easier to pull it up. More importantly, by having killed the first growth of weed, he hoped that he had prevented the seeding of further growth and thus considerably reduced the overall task facing working parties.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 8– FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>11. <u>BFPG Annual Barbecue at Willow Cottage.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded members that the Annual Barbecue would take place at Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Schwartz on Saturday, 14 July. The start time will be 6.00pm as usual.</p> <p>b. As already agreed, Mr and Mrs Schwartz will provide the meat and salads, but ask that members bring drink and puddings. Mrs Schwartz will liaise with Cllr Clark regarding the mini-marquee and the Secretary for the crockery, cutlery and gas barbecue.</p> <p>12. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> It has been agreed that this will be held on Saturday, 6 October at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm.</p> <p>13. <u>The Annual Fund Raising Quiz Night.</u> This year’s Quiz Night will be held on Friday, 30 November. The cost will be £5 per person. Mrs Bowden has kindly agreed to take on organising the event. Advertising posters will state that those attending should bring their own drinks and nibbles for the evening. This will help to ease the load on Mrs Bowden and her organising team. Cllr and Mrs Clark have agreed to run the Raffle. The Secretary has booked the Parish Hall from 5.00pm until 10.00pm on Friday, 30 November. The Chairman asked that, if anyone would like to offer their help to Mrs Bowden in organising the evening, they should please contact her direct or let the Secretary know.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Cllr Clark</p> <p>All</p> <p>All Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 9 – 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 at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 31 July 2018.</p> <p>15. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

31 July 2018