

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2016

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the July Meeting with a particular welcome to Mr Ingar Lund who was attending the Flood Group meeting for the first time. He remarked that summer had finally arrived and the hot weather had meant that water levels in the local watercourses were low. There was, however, always the possibility of flash flooding following a major thunderstorm.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 34 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mr Bowden, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr Burnill, Miss Gibson, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Parker and Mrs Rudge.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the June 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 Bowden, seconded by Mr Hemming and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>Visit by Mr Bill Wiggin MP and the Environment Agency.</u> The Chairman reported that Mr Wiggin had indicated that he would like to visit a working party session on Friday, 5 August. However, he was unlikely to be able to get to Bodenham by 6.00pm, so it had been agreed that we would start the working party at the normal time and look forward to seeing him when he arrived. The Chairman reminded members that Mr Jason Walker and two colleagues from the Environment Agency's Flood Resilience Team would now also be visiting the working party on 5 August and would be presenting the BFPG with some more hi-vis vests. It was hoped to arrange a small presentation during the refreshments gathering after the working session. Finally, the Chairman reported that Mrs Jackie Whibley had asked that she and some members of the Cross Keys Flood Action Group might also visit to see the BFPG in action that same evening.</p>	

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<p>5. <u>Orchard Close Drainage System and Ketch Lane Culverts.</u> The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Cllr Baker and that a meeting was being arranged between Cllr Baker, Mr Mike Stephens and himself to discuss possible ways forward.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>6. The Chairman reported that income and expenditure for July was as follows:</p> <p>a. Income: £30 Anonymous donation.</p> <p>b. Expenditure: £15.75 Hire of Siward James from April to June 2016.</p> <p>7. The balance therefore stood at £3,540.07, while the VAT outstanding was still £66.28.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>8. <u>Working Parties.</u></p> <p>a. <u>Thursday, 30 June Working Party.</u> The Chairman thanked the fifteen members who had taken part in the session on Thursday, 30 June when the Group had cleared vegetation from a second stretch of the Millcroft Brook downstream from the Brockington Bridge. The combined use of two brushcutters, another trimmer and a hedge trimmer had allowed significant progress to be made.</p> <p>b. <u>Thursday, 14 July Working Party.</u> On 14 July the intention had been to clear the next stretch of the Brook below the Millcroft Road pumping station. However, this section was found to be clear and so the 12 members present moved down to Millcroft Farm and started removing silt and vegetation downstream from the culvert there. After work Mr and Mrs Harris had entertained members with very generous refreshments and the Chairman thanked them for looking after everybody so well.</p> <p>9. <u>Future Working Party Dates.</u> Although it had previously been suggested that the next working party session should be on Thursday, 28 July, it was agreed after some discussion that the next sessions would be:</p> <p>a. <u>Friday, 5 August 2016.</u> Visit of Mr Wiggin MP and the Environment Agency presentation of hi-vis vests. Meet at Millcroft Farm at 6.00pm to continue clearing downstream.</p> <p>b. <u>Thursday, 18 August 2016.</u> Meet at Millcroft Farm at 6.00pm to complete the stretch upstream of the Ketch Lane culverts.</p> <p>10. <u>Annual Barbecue.</u> 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. Mrs Stephens confirmed that all the arrangements for the Barbecue were in place.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

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<p>11. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> The Chairman reminded members that the Bonfire Party at Millcroft Farm would be on Saturday, 8 October. More details would be sent out by the Secretary in due course.</p>	<p>All Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>12. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The Chairman drew members’ attention to the next Meeting, which would be the AGM and would be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 30 August 2016 at 7.30pm. He reminded them that:</p> <p>a. All committee appointments and area representative posts would be up for re-election and that nominations should be submitted by Friday, 12 August 2016.</p> <p>b. Any proposed amendments to the BFPG’s Constitution should be submitted by the same date.</p> <p>13. <u>Hedge Trimmer.</u> Mr and Mrs Schwartz kindly offered to donate a hedge trimmer to the Group to aid with its maintenance work. The Chairman thanked them both on behalf of members and said that it would be a most useful addition to the Group’s equipment.</p> <p>14. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson
Chairman

30 August 2016