

# 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, 28 JULY 2015

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<p><b><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July Meeting.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> There were 21 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Bruce Baker, Mr Rice, Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mr and Mrs Stephens, Mr and Mrs Watson, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Coney and Mrs Parker.</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 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 Mr Tilford, seconded by Mr Brown and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>4. <b><u>Housing Developments.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that the District Councillor had asked for his comments on a consultant's report to Herefordshire Council's Planning Office regarding Bell Homes' proposals for the disposal of surface water and sewage from the 40 houses which they planned to build in the field opposite England's Gate Inn.</p> <p>b. The Chairman said that in his view the consultant had provided a helpful critique of the surface water aspects. This had confirmed the BFPG view that Bell Homes' proposals for a SuDS were inadequate in a number of respects, including those which the BFPG had stressed about the lack of data on discharge rates, the failure to produce any information about the design of the outfall into the Millcroft Brook, and the failure to recognise the risks of discharging into the Millcroft Brook in any case.</p> <p>c. While the consultant's comments on the surface water issue had been</p>	

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<p>useful, regrettably those on the disposal of sewage had not, since the consultant appeared to have taken at face value a letter from Welsh Water saying that the local sewerage system had the spare capacity to accept foul water from an additional 40 houses.</p> <p>d. The Chairman said that he had sent his own comments on the consultant's report to the District Councillor. If any member of the Group wished to see a copy, he could provide one.</p> <p>5. <b><u>The Queen's Award For Voluntary Service.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported to the meeting that the Lord Lieutenant's Office had agreed Friday, 23 October 2015 as the date for the presentation of the Queen's Award For Voluntary Service to the Group. An email had been sent out earlier to all members so that they could put the date in their diaries. He reminded the meeting that the Award was to <b>all</b> BFPG members and hoped that as many as possible would be able to attend.</p> <p>b. In addition to Group Members, he suggested that the Group should extend invitations to all those who had helped and supported it, such as Mrs Mary Dhonau (who, incidentally, had recently received an honorary Doctorate from the University of the West of England for her services to flood protection and awareness), Mr Dan Trewin from the Environment Agency and Mr Rod Hawnt for his gift of the telemetry system, Mr Les Harrison and Mr Charles Pudge from the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board, and members of the Parish Council.</p> <p>c. He reported that Mr Jeremy Millar, our previous Ward Councillor who had nominated the Group for the Award, had agreed to travel from Rutland for the Presentation. He also hoped that our current Ward Councillor, Cllr Bruce Baker, would be present and added that it would be good to have not only <i>The Hereford Times</i> photographer present, but also BBC Hereford and Worcester (Mr Andrew Easton) and perhaps even Midlands Today. He asked members for suggestions as to who else might be invited.</p> <p>d. He concluded by confirming that the Secretary had booked the Parish Hall from 4pm to 9pm on 23 October. She would be asking for volunteers to form a small task force to help her with the arrangements on the day. Nearer the time members would be asked to confirm for catering purposes whether or not they would be attending.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>6. The Chairman reported that there had been no income or expenditure to record over the past month. The balance currently stood at <b>£3,019.14</b>, a figure which would change for the better once the VAT had been recouped from all the Group's recent purchases.</p>	

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<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></b></p> <p>7. <b><u>Working Parties.</u></b> The Chairman thanked all those who had turned up to the working party sessions on:</p> <p>a. <b><u>Friday, 10 July 2015.</u></b> This was the first session at the drainage system at the back of Orchard Close. Eleven members were present and, thanks to Mr Stephens having sprayed the ditch earlier in the year, it was a relatively easy session clearing away the dead weed and debris from the stretch of ditch along the rear of Baches Warehouse.</p> <p>b. <b><u>Friday, 24 July 2015.</u></b> The next working party had been cancelled owing to the wet weather.</p> <p>c. <b><u>Friday, 7 August.</u></b> The Chairman said that he and the Secretary would be away on 31 July to attend a relative’s funeral. He suggested that the next working party session to carry on the work along the Orchard Close ditch should be on Friday, 7 August.</p> <p>d. <b><u>Friday 21 August.</u></b> He said that 21 August would be the next logical date and a venue and task would be decided and advertised depending on progress on 7 August. If sufficient members were available, one possible task might be to check and clear any debris from the Moor Brook flap valve. This was also the time of year when our stocks of sandbags should be checked and repaired ready for next winter. (<b><u>Afternote:</u></b> All residents have been sent e-mails asking them to check their sandbag stocks and to contact the Secretary if they needed any help or replacements).</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>8. <b><u>BFPG AGM (Tuesday, 25 August 2015).</u></b> The Chairman again reminded members that the AGM would be held on Tuesday, 25 August in the Siward James Centre. The Secretary had already been in touch with all the Area Representatives to ask them if they would be willing to continue to serve for a further 12 months. Attached to these Minutes is a list of those currently in post, together with the names of those who have agreed to stand for the next 12 months. The Chairman asked any member, who wished to put their name forward for any of the vacant posts, to contact the Secretary as soon as possible. To enable the Secretary to prepare all the documentation for the AGM, the closing date for the Area Representative and Committee Posts would be <b>Friday, 31 July 2015.</b></p> <p>9. <b><u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u></b> The next Meeting will be the AGM which will be held at the Siward James Centre on 25 August at 7.30pm.</p> <p>10. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>

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## Area Reps and Committee List

<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Incumbent 2014/15</b>	<b>Proposed Incumbent 2015/16</b>
<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Cllr Tony Mitcheson</b>	<b>Cllr Tony Mitcheson</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Mrs Babs Mitcheson</b>	<b>Mrs Babs Mitcheson</b>
<b>Operations Manager:</b>	<b>Cllr Tony Mitcheson</b>	<b>Cllr Tony Mitcheson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Mrs Babs Mitcheson</b>	<b>Mrs Babs Mitcheson</b>
<b><u>The Moor:</u></b>		
<b>The Moor Road:</b>	<b>Mr Tony Clark</b>	<b>Mr Tony Clark</b>
<b>Orchard Close:</b>	<b>Mr Mike Stephens/ Mr Robert Pritchard</b>	<b>Mr Mike Stephens Mr Robert Pritchard</b>
<b>Chapel Lane:</b>	<b>Mr Robert Pritchard</b>	<b>Mr Robert Pritchard</b>
<b>Brockington Road: (2 -31&amp; 35)</b>	<b>Mr Simon Dowler</b>	<b>Mr Simon Dowler</b>
<b>Brockington Road: (1, 32-34, 36 – 42A)</b>	<b>Mrs Rebecca Burnill</b>	<b>Mrs Rebecca Burnill</b>
<b>Brockington Road (43- 54):</b>	<b>Mrs Gwen Bowden</b>	<b>Mrs Gwen Bowden</b>
<b>Siward James:</b>	<b>The Warden</b>	<b>Miss Victoria Paterson</b>
<b>Ash Grove Close:</b>	<b>Mrs Jean Fryer</b>	<b>Mrs Jean Fryer</b>
<b>Ash Grove View:</b>	<b>Mr David Harris</b>	<b>Mr David Harris</b>
<b>Ash Grove View:</b>	<b>Cllr Alec Avery</b>	<b>Cllr Alec Avery</b>
<b>Millcroft Road:</b>	<b>Miss Barbara Gibson</b>	<b>Miss Barbara Gibson</b>
<b><u>Bodenham Village:</u></b>		
<b>Bridge to War Memorial:</b>		
<b>The Forge</b>	<b>Mr Mike Mullenger</b>	<b>Mr Mike Mullenger</b>
<b>Church and Bodenham</b>		
<b>Village:</b>	<b>Mr David Ayshford Sanford Mr Mike Mullenger</b>	<b>Mr David Ayshford Sanford Mr Mike Mullenger</b>
<b>Sandbags</b>	<b>Mr Tony Clark</b>	<b>Mr Tony Clark</b>
<b>Brook Walker</b>	<b>Mr Tony Clark</b>	<b>Mr Tony Clark</b>