

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2018

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<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Group's July Meeting, remarking that the recent hot weather had meant that the only flood risk had occurred when the weather briefly changed. There had then been the possibility of thunderstorms and heavy downpours of rain, but none had materialised.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 23 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mrs Burnill, Mr and Mrs Schwartz and Cllr Tilford.</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 Cllr Clark, seconded by Mrs Bowden 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 the Sub-Committee planning the Tenth Anniversary event had met for the third time on Tuesday, 24 July at Millcroft Farm to discuss the barbecue, children's entertainment and administrative arrangements.</p> <p>b. The display covering the BFPG's history and activities had been finalised. The signage for the boards had been agreed and Mr Maxwell would discuss the printing of these, the advertising posters and door drop leaflets with Barrington Printers for a new costing.</p> <p>c. All the other arrangements were in hand and thanks were due to all those who have so generously volunteered to complete all the various tasks needed to bring everything together for 9 September.</p> <p>d. There will be a final run through of all the arrangements for the event at the BFPG AGM on Tuesday, 28 August. Members will be asked to assist with the door to door invitations to the event to ensure that the whole village is covered.</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>5. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that at the end of June the balance stood at £4,022.73. There had been one item of income, a donation of £30 for the main fund, but no expenditure, so the new balance as at the end of July was £4,052.73. The VAT refund from the Parish Clerk was still outstanding at £99.75.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 – AGM AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS</u></p> <p>6. The Chairman again 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 noted that the Secretary had sent out reminders and had had a positive response from all those who have replied. She was in the process of chasing those who have not.</p>	Secretary
<p><u>ITEM 6 – CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH</u></p> <p>7. The Chairman reminded members that Mr Daniel White, a Nottingham Trent University graduate working as an intern at a company called Flood Protection Solutions, had asked if the BFPG could help with a project in which he is involved. This is being led by Cranfield University and “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 visited Millcroft Farm on Tuesday, 17 July and met the Chairman, the Secretary, Cllr Tilford and Cllr Clark, who each completed a survey form for the project and enlarged on their answers in a general discussion of the BFPG's history and activities. Mr White has been asked to speak with the founder of Flood Protection Solutions, Mr Simon Crowther, and ask him if he would like to bring some of his products to the BFPG's 10th Anniversary Event on Sunday, 9 September.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 7– WORKING PARTIES</u></p> <p>9. <u>Working Party Sessions.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that at each of the working party sessions on Friday, 13 July and Friday, 27 July 9 members had helped to continue clearance of the Millcroft Brook between Millcroft Farm and the Ketch Lane culverts. The work was now within about 40 metres upstream of the culverts.</p> <p>b. The next working party sessions for August would normally be on Friday, 10 August and Friday, 24 August. However, as 24 August is the start of the August Bank Holiday weekend, it was agreed that the second working party session for August would be held on Friday, 17 August. The meeting place on both dates will be Millcroft Farm at 6.00pm, returning there afterwards for refreshments. The Secretary would send out reminders</p>	Secretary

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<p>of these dates nearer the time.</p> <p>c. Miss Easson mentioned that the watercress which had been cleared earlier had now grown back at Brockington Road Bridge and would soon affect the telemetry system as it had done last year. It was agreed that the weed would be sprayed to stop any further encroachment.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 8– FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>10. <u>BFPG Annual Barbecue at Willow Cottage.</u></p> <p>a. On behalf of members the Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Schwartz for hosting an excellent Annual Barbecue at Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan on Saturday, 14 July.</p> <p>b. The weather was perfect, as were the pork ribs and burgers, beans and salads which were enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to all those who supported the event and brought puddings and drinks and loaned the various items of equipment to ensure an enjoyable evening.</p> <p>11. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> It has been agreed that this will be held on Saturday, 6 October at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm. More details will follow from the Secretary in due course. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have flyers for the Bonfire Party available to hand out at the BFPG 10th Anniversary Event to those who may be interested. (These would have to make it clear that the Bonfire Party did not include fireworks).</p> <p>12. <u>The Annual Fund Raising Quiz Night.</u> The Chairman reminded the meeting that 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 style="text-align: center;">Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 9 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>13. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be the AGM which will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 28 August 2018.</p> <p>14. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.</p>	