

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2019

ITEM	ACTION
<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Group's 11th AGM and said that it was pleasing to have witnessed yet another flood-free year.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 23 members present and apologies were received from Mrs Burnill, Mr Clemence, Mrs Davies, Mr Harris, Mr Rice, Mr and Mrs Schwartz, and Mr Sebbage.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 – ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019-20</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman said that in accordance with the usual procedure he would stand down as Chairman, but, to save time and unless members objected, remain in the room while the Secretary conducted the election of the incoming Chairman.</p> <p>4. <u>Election of Chairman.</u> The Secretary took the Chair and reminded members that she had asked for nominations for all appointments prior to the AGM. There had been no nominations for Chairman, but Mr Mitcheson had indicated that he was prepared to remain in post for another year. Mrs Bowden proposed that Mr Mitcheson be elected for a further year; this was seconded by Mrs Pearman and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>5. <u>Election of Secretary.</u> Mr Mitcheson then resumed the Chair and conducted the election of the Secretary. He informed members that no one had put themselves forward to take on this post, but that the present Secretary had agreed to remain if there were no other contenders. Mr House proposed that Mrs Mitcheson should continue as Secretary; this was seconded by Miss Price and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>6. <u>Election of the Operations Officer.</u> The Chairman said that, again, there had been no nominations for the post of Operations Officer. However, he was prepared to continue in that role and he thanked members for the support they had given him at working party sessions over the past year. Mr Hemming proposed that Mr Mitcheson should remain as Operations Officer; this was seconded by Mr George and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>7. <u>Election of the Treasurer.</u> The Chairman said that, in the absence of any other nominations, Mrs Mitcheson had indicated that she was happy to continue as Treasurer. Mr Bowden proposed that Mrs Mitcheson should remain as Treasurer; this was seconded by Mr Dowler and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p>	

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<p>8. <u>Election of Area Representatives.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that all the Area Representatives had been contacted by the Secretary and had agreed to serve for a further year, except for Mr Dowler who, for health reasons, had reluctantly decided to stand down. Fortunately, Mrs Pearman had agreed to take his place. The Chairman then asked for all the Area Representatives and Sandbag Cage Key Holders to be formally elected. This was proposed by Mr Clark, seconded by Mrs Clark and unanimously approved by the Meeting.</p> <p>b. The Chairman reminded members that once again, whilst there was a Sandbag Cage Key Holder for the cage at the Chapel Lane bus shelter, there was no Area Representative for Orchard Close and Chapel Lane. He was obviously keen that this post should be filled again as soon as possible if a suitable candidate could be identified.</p> <p>c. The Chairman went on to thank most warmly all the Area Representatives, and members generally, for all that they had done, and continued to do, for the Group.</p> <p>9. <u>The Group's Constitution.</u> Finally, the Chairman noted for the record that no amendments had been proposed this year for the Constitution, which therefore remained unchanged.</p> <p>10. A list of those elected at the Meeting to serve during 2019-20 is attached at Annex A to these Minutes.</p> <p>11. Cllr Tilford asked that his thanks to Mr and Mrs Mitcheson for all the work undertaken by them on behalf of the Group and the Parish be recorded. The Chairman thanked him and the Group for their kind words.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>12. The Chairman noted that the Minutes of the July Meeting had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and were also available in hard copy on the tables. However, these had now been amended by the addition of an afternote to Minute 5, which he read out. Approval of the amended Minutes was proposed by Cllr Tilford, seconded by Mr Dowler and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>13. <u>Bodenham Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project.</u> The Chairman reminded members that one of the conditions imposed by the Environment Agency (EA) on the Project was that the data gathered from the telemetry system in the Millcroft Brook should be made publicly available. He reported that on 19 August Mrs Beth Lewis, the Project Coordinator, had contacted him with the log-in details for a prototype website designed to meet this EA remit and had asked him for comments on it. He had provided these, the main one being that, because the trial website was largely just a copy of the existing early warning one, it contained a lot of system information of little interest to the public. More importantly, it contained the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of local residents who received flood alerts from the system. He had said that this was not acceptable. Mrs Lewis had</p>	

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<p>agreed and would be talking to Hydro-International about what could be done to remove or block these details.</p> <p>14. <u>Contribution to Research.</u> The Chairman remarked that Mr Adam Wood had expressed his thanks for the feedback which the Group had given him at the last Meeting. He had also followed up on this by conducting a telephone interview with Cllr Tilford.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 5 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>15. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that at the end of July the balance of the account had been £4,377.12. There had been no income or expenditure in August because the recently purchased waders had been paid for in July, while the invoice for the empty sandbags (£30 including VAT) had been passed to the Parish Clerk with a request that the cost be covered by the Parish Council. This request will be raised at the September Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>16. The Chairman noted that the Statement of Account for the previous 12 months had been distributed in hard copy at the Meeting. Mr Clark proposed that the Accounts should be accepted; this was seconded by Mr Bowden and agreed.</p> <p>17. The Secretary said that she would like agreement to invoice the Treasurer for £70 to cover the cost of ink for all BFPG printing for the previous 12 month period. All paper and laminations are provided free of charge. This was proposed by Miss Gibson, seconded by Mrs Bowden and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>18. <u>Previous Working Parties.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman thanked most warmly all those who had given up their time the previous Saturday morning (24 August) to checking and repairing all the sandbags in the container behind the Parish Hall. Fifteen members had taken part and, despite it being a very hot day, had completed the task in under an hour, not counting the time then devoted to refreshments in the form of coffee, tea and cake. Some 212 sandbags had been ‘processed’ of which 59 had needed to be re-bagged, a larger number than had been expected partly because several had been damaged by rodents. The opportunity had also been taken to clean out the container, replace one of the pallets, and renew the notice on the door.</p> <p>b. In addition, the badly biodegraded bags of salt behind the Parish Hall, which are the responsibility of the Parish Council, and not the BFPG, have long been an eyesore, with broken plastic bags and torn plastic sheeting strewn around. The Chairman and Mr Clark had therefore taken it upon themselves to salvage as much of the salt as possible, put it into sandbags and store these separately inside the container to prevent further biodegradation. The Secretary has marked them clearly as Salt. Mr and Mrs Clark had subsequently paid a further visit to the site and cleared the remaining detritus away. The Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council have been informed accordingly Mrs Bowden, on behalf of the Parish Hall</p>	

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<p>22. <u>Fund-Raising Coffee Morning (8 February 2020).</u></p> <p>a. Mrs Davies has kindly agreed to organise the fund-raising Coffee Morning in 2020 as she has done over the past 10 years. The Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 8 February 2020 in the Siward James Centre from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. The Secretary confirmed that she had booked the room with the Siward James Warden.</p> <p>b. Mrs Davies has said that, following its successful introduction last year, a Bring and Buy Table, rather than Tombola, would again feature at the Coffee Morning. She would be reminding members about this at the November Meeting. However, in the meantime she has asked that anyone who would like to help should please contact her direct.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 8 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>23. <u>Flood Barrier Rubber Surrounds.</u> Miss Gibson reported that the rubber edges of her flood barriers had become detached from the barriers themselves. She had found that not all adhesives were suitable for gluing the edges back on because some chemicals could destroy the rubber. However, she had now found a product which is approved and safe to use. She promised to give its details to the Secretary who will pass the information to all those with flood barriers. The Chairman thanked Miss Gibson and suggested that this would be a good time for all members to check their flood protection equipment and to ensure that they had fully charged batteries in their hand and head torches.</p> <p>24. <u>Millcroft Brook Watercress.</u> Cllr Avery reported that there had been some regrowth of watercress in the Millcroft Brook, both below Millcroft Farm and below the Brockington Road bridge. The Chairman said that he would investigate with a possible view to spraying, if the weather conditions were favourable.</p> <p>25. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24 September 2019.</p> <p>26. There being no further business the AGM closed at 7.55pm.</p>	<p>Miss Gibson Secretary</p> <p>All</p> <p>Chairman</p>

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Chairman

24 September 2019

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



Chairman: Mr Tony Mitcheson

Treasurer: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

Operations Manager: Mr Tony Mitcheson

Secretary/Sandbag Containers and Cages: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

The Moor:

The Moor Road/Sandbag Cage: Mr Andrew Maxwell: 797946

Chapel Lane Sandbag Cage Key Holder: Mr Robert Pritchard: 797428

Brockington Road (2 -31& 35): Mrs Sue Pearman: 797688

Brockington Road (1, 32-34, 36 – 42A): Mrs Rebecca Burnill: 797823

Brockington Road (43- 54): Mrs Gwen Bowden: 797868

Siward James/Sandbag Cage: The Warden: Mrs Victoria Paterson : 797412

Ash Grove Close: Mrs Jean Fryer: 797338

Ash Grove View: Mr David Harris: 797575

Ash Grove View: Cllr Alec Avery: 797744

Millcroft Road: Miss Barbara Gibson: 797643

Bodenham Village:

Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Sandbag Cage Key Holder: Mr Barry Wilson: 797013

Maund Bryan:

Mr Philip Broomhead 797167

Bodenham Flood Protection Group Meeting Dates 2020

These Meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

All Meetings, unless otherwise notified will be held on the last Tuesday of the month at Siward James Centre starting at 7.30 pm

January	28 th	July	28 th
February	25 th	August	25 th – AGM
March	31 st	September	29 th
April	28 th	October	27 th
May	26 th	November	24 th
June	30 th		

If you are unable to attend, or have points which you would like to be raised at a Meeting, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Babs Mitcheson, on 797170 or by email at BabsMitcheson@aol.com

The above dates will appear in the appropriate month's Bodenham Newsletter and on the Parish Website.