

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE, AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

ITEM	Action
<p><b><u>ITEM 1 – WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>1. Mr Clark, standing in for the Chairman, welcomed everyone to the September Meeting. He thanked Mrs Jean Fryer for standing in as Secretary for the Meeting.</p> <p>2. There were 16 members present. Apologies were received from Cllr Mitcheson (Chairman), Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Davies, Mr &amp; Mrs Bowden, Mr Dowler, Mr George, Mr Grumbley, Mr Hawnt, Mr Minchin, Mr Mullenger, Mr Nickols, Mr Rice, Mr Sebbage and Mrs Mitcheson (Secretary).</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>3. <b><u>New Committee.</u></b> Mr Clark reminded the Meeting that the new Committee was listed at the back of the Minutes for anyone who had not attended the AGM. For those who had not received the emailed Agenda, hard copies of this were on the tables. The new list will be published in the <i>Newsletter</i> for October and laminated posters with all the new information and the dates for 2012 will be posted around the village after the November meeting.</p> <p>4. <b><u>BFPG Constitution.</u></b></p> <p>a. Mr Clark went on to say that at the AGM members should have voted on the proposed amendments to the Group's Constitution. The draft amended Constitution had been sent out with the emailed Agenda for the AGM for everyone to read. As this had not been discussed and voted on, it had been sent out again with this Meeting's Agenda. The new inclusions which were to be voted on were:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9.c. To add to the duties of the Secretary, "All Minutes and end of year Schedule of Works are to be filed with the Parish Clerk".</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"9.d. <u>Operations Manager</u> "who may nominate an assistant if so required".</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9.e. Add under Area Representatives: "Brockington Road North has 2 representatives, and a new one for Siward James". Also Bodenham Village with the Church and Bodenham Cottages has now been amended to read "Church and Bodenham Village."</p> <p>b. The amendments were proposed by Mr Peter Watson and seconded by Mrs Sharon Avery.</p>	<b>Secretary</b>

5. **Private Viewing – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

a. Mr Clark reminded members that the ‘Private Viewing’ had been for all those residents who had been surveyed by Mr Peter May from JBA Consulting, whether or not they were eligible for a share of the Grant. All but two of those nominated on the list had attended and completed the selection forms. The other two had been chased by the Secretary and now all those on the nominated list had had their selection forms sent to the Amey Project Officer, Mr Ziad Malik.

b. The BFPG were very grateful to Mrs Mary Dhonau who had organised the event and to Mr Malik and Mr Martin Jackson from Amey and Mr May and Ms Beth Jones from JBA who had answered all the questions put to them. Mr Clark also thanked the “Refreshment Team” and all the willing volunteers who had provided sandwiches and cakes and helped clear up after the event had finished at 8pm. Amey and JBA had said how smoothly the event had gone and how welcoming and helpful everyone had been to them. All this has been very good for Bodenham’s standing with Amey.

c. The Selection Sheets have been sent to Mr Malik who, although he is now on paternity leave, will be working and processing the information prior to getting the suppliers to cost the flood protection measures for each property. The next stage will be when the suppliers contact each household to carry out a detailed survey prior to submitting the final costing for each property.

**(Afternote:** Mr Malik has been sent a card by the Secretary on behalf of the BFPG congratulating him on the birth of his daughter).

6. **Village Evening – 13<sup>th</sup> September.** Mr Clark recalled that the ‘Village Evening’ had been the opportunity for all the other residents in Bodenham to look at the property-level flood protection measures and meet Mrs Mary Dhonau. The Chairman and Parish Clerk from Brimfield and Little Hereford Parish Council and the former Mayor of Hereford Cllr Anna Toon, who lives at Sutton St Nicholas, had visited the event and were very impressed with the array of flood protection equipment on show. In all over 40 people had attended and commented on how welcome they had been made and how much they had enjoyed the occasion. Mr Clark once again thanked all those who had helped with the refreshments and clearing up after the event.

7. **Launch of the “Know Your Flood Risk” Campaign: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Bodenham Parish Hall.**

a. Mr Clark went on to say that those who had been at the AGM would be aware that the *Know Your Flood Risk* Campaign is now headed by Mrs Mary Dhonau and that she has chosen Bodenham to be the launch of the 2011 Campaign before it moves on to the House of Commons later in the week.

b. This will be a county-wide event starting at 2.00pm with a flood protection exhibition similar to that which had been held at Siward James, but with the suppliers being present and invited to talk about their products. Only suppliers with “kite marked” products will be



silt from the Millcroft/Ketch Lane Culvert	£40.00	
10. The balance of the account was therefore: <b><u>£1,552.15</u></b>		
<b><u>ITEM 4 – FUTURE PLANS</u></b>		
<p>11. <b><u>Working Party Sessions.</u></b></p> <p>a. <b><u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.</u></b> This would be to try and complete the work of clearing and tidying the Millcroft Brook. Those wishing to join the working party should meet at 15, Ash Grove Close and finish at Millcroft Farm where refreshments will be provided after the session.</p> <p>b. <b><u>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm.</u></b> Location to be notified.</p> <p>c. <b><u>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm.</u></b> Location to be notified.</p> <p>12. Mr Stephens, the Operations Manager, thanked all those who had helped at the September working party sessions. He said that the Group were currently on target with the work schedule and he saw no reason to increase the frequency of working party sessions, unless there was an emergency of some kind.</p> <p>13. He reminded the Group that the clocks would change on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October and it would then be too dark to hold any further working party evenings. Therefore the last session of the year would be on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>14. Finally, he suggested that it would be a good idea to obtain more grass rakes – about 6 – and possibly a “potato ridger” for clearing the ditches. The Treasurer said that he would look into this and price the tools for the next Meeting.</p>	All	Treasurer
<b><u>ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b>		
<p>15. <b><u>Pride of Herefordshire Awards.</u></b> Mr Clark informed members that the BFPG have been nominated for a Pride of Herefordshire Award under the “Environment” Category. There was stiff competition from the other two nominees in this category and even if the Group did not win, it was still very gratifying to have been recognised as being worth nominating. The Secretary and Chairman have been invited to represent the BFPG at the Ceremony, which will take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October in Hereford.</p>		
<b><u>ITEM 6 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></b>		
<p>16. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.55pm.</p> <p>17. The next Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Siward James Centre.</p> <p><b><u>Afternote: There is to be a meeting about the Local Development Plan in the Parish Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.30pm. Since some BFPG Members may wish to attend this, it has been agreed that we will start our October BFPG Meeting earlier at 6.30pm.</u></b></p>		
Signed: Mr A Clark	25 October 2011	