

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

## MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2013

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September Meeting. He thanked all those who had attended the sandbag working party on Friday, 20 September and said that, as a result of their efforts, all the sandbag cages around the Village had been checked and their contents re-bagged where necessary.</p> <p>2. Apologies were received from Mr &amp; Mrs Hemming, Mr &amp; Mrs Stephens, Mrs Arrowsmith, Mrs Burnill, Mrs Clark 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 Annual General Meeting which had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and which were also available in hard copy on the tables for those members without computers. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Mrs Fryer, seconded by Mr George and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>4. <b><u>High Visibility Jackets.</u></b> The Chairman reported that Mr Dan Trewin from the Environment Agency had been in touch with the Secretary and was endeavouring to arrange a ‘photo shoot’ for the handover of the jackets, possibly at a Friday working party session or a monthly meeting. However, if the event has to tie in with <i>The Hereford Times</i> and possibly Herefordshire Council, it may have to be on a different date.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>5. There was no change in the balance for September which remains at £2,058.88.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE PLANS</u></b></p> <p>6. <b><u>Quiz Night on Friday, 25 October.</u></b> Mrs Bick confirmed that all the arrangements for the Quiz Night were in place and she looked forward to lots of people booking tables. Mrs Davies asked that all those who would like to donate prizes for the raffle should hand them to her, preferably prior to the event.</p> <p>7. <b><u>Working Party Sessions.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that, as he had already mentioned in his opening welcome to the Meeting, most of the work of checking sandbags had been</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>

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<p>completed. The stocks at the Parish Hall and Hamwyn Joinery, as well as the cages at Chapel Lane, Siward James and the car park opposite the School, had all been checked, any damaged bags replaced and the total numbers recorded. The final working party for September, this Friday (27 September), would be at Millcroft Farm at 6.00pm to check all the pallets there. He added that the Secretary was compiling an updated stock list which would be forwarded to Herefordshire Council when requested. Where there are spaces in the cages, these will be filled from the new supply of sandbags which would be ordered from Herefordshire Council.</p> <p>b. The Chairman went on to say that the final working party session of the year would take place on Friday, 4 October, meeting at 6.00pm at the Millcroft Road/Ketch Lane junction. He and the Secretary had already had a look at what needed to be done there and the main tasks would be to clear the vegetation from the final stretch of ditch between Ketch Lane and the Brook and to remove the build-up of silt in the Brook immediately downstream of the East culvert. <b>(Afternote: The final working party session will now take place at the Ketch Lane junction on Friday, <u>11 October</u>, starting at 6.00pm, to complete the above tasks).</b></p>	All
<p>8. <b><u>Sandbags.</u></b></p> <p>a. <b><u>Stocks.</u></b></p> <p>(1) The Chairman reported that the sandbags counted during the working party session on 20 September in the cages, at the Parish Hall and at Hamwyn Joinery totalled 336, to which could be added around 100-150 at Millcroft Farm. There were therefore at least 450 sandbags available in the Parish.</p> <p>(2) He proposed, subject to members' views, to ask Herefordshire Council to provide the Parish with another 250 filled sandbags, bringing the total to about 700, together with 200 empty bags. It was agreed that this should be sufficient for the coming winter.</p> <p>b. <b><u>Self-Help.</u></b> Staying with the subject of sandbags, the Chairman urged all members to do three things by way of self-help:</p> <p>(1) First, to check now – before the Winter comes - that they personally have enough sandbags at their house to meet their needs. He asked that, if any one felt that they needed more bags, they should let the Secretary know and she would advise them from where the additional bags can be collected. He added that, if anyone needed assistance with the collection of sandbags, the Group would do what they could to help.</p> <p>(2) Second, to check now – before the Winter comes – that any sandbags that are already held are sound. He reminded members that the sandbags have to be kept under cover and that they still gradually bio-degrade even when they are kept in the dark. If anyone needed empty sandbags to replace ones which are torn, they should let the Secretary know and she would provide them. If anyone needed help in checking their sandbags, again, they should let the Secretary know and she would see what can be done to provide assistance.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

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<p>(3) Third, to let the Secretary how many sandbags they currently hold so that she has an up to date record of their number and location.</p> <p>(4) Finally, the Chairman urged members to take this action as soon as possible. He very much hoped that there would not be a flooding emergency in the coming months, but, if one did occur, that would not be the time to be running around trying to repair sandbags or obtain extra ones!</p>	<b>All</b>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>9. No other matters of business were raised.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 7 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>10. The Chairman confirmed that the October Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29 October 2013. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.</p>	

Cllr KA Mitcheson  
Chairman

29 October 2013

Bodenham Flood Protection Group

Invite you to a

# Quiz Night

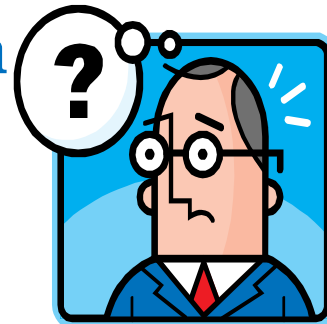
On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at

Bodenham Parish Hall



Doors Open 7pm

Entry is £6 per  
person



**Including Refreshments**

**Tables for 6**

**Bring your own wine – glasses available**

**Prizes for Winning Table**

**All Are Welcome**

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