

# 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 2019**

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></b></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the September Meeting and commented that, apart from some rain and even the occasional thunderstorm, the weather over the past month had been unusually good and the flood risk correspondingly low.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> There were 11 members present and apologies were received from Cllr and Mrs Avery, Cllr Tilford, Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Mr and Mrs Dowler, Mrs Fryer, Mr George, Mr and Mrs Hemming and Mr Maxwell.</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 August AGM. These had been circulated earlier with the Agenda, and corrected versions were also available in hard copy on the tables. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Mr Clark, seconded by Cllr Tremain and agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>4. <b><u>Annual Election of Committee Members and Area Representatives.</u></b> The Chairman drew members' attention to the list of Committee Members and Area Representatives for 2019-2020 which was attached to the AGM Minutes. The Secretary would ensure that it is duly published in the Bodenheim <i>Newsletter</i> and on the Parish Website, as well as being displayed around the Parish in the usual places.</p> <p>5. <b><u>Bodenheim Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project.</u></b> The Chairman said that Mrs Beth Lewis, the Project Coordinator, had been in touch with him during the month. However, this had been simply to confirm that she was asking Hydro-Logic to alter the proposed publicly available on the NFM Project Website so that it did not include the personal details of any BFPG members. At present there was no indication of when this amended website would become operational.</p>	<b>Secretary</b>
<p><b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>6. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that the balance in the Group's account at the end of August had stood at £4,377.12. There had been no income during September, but there had been two items of expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £35.96 for the purchase of four DPC sheets for the sandbag cages, as agreed at the AGM.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £70.00 to refund the Secretary for the cost of printer ink, also agreed at the AGM.</li> </ul> <p>7. The balance at the end of September was now £4,271.16. The VAT element from the purchase of the DPC had been £5.99 and the Parish Clerk had been asked to reclaim this amount and credit it to the BFPG Account.</p>	
<p><b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></b></p> <p>8. <b><u>Previous Working Parties.</u></b></p> <p>a. The Chairman noted that there had been two working party sessions in September. The first had been on Friday, 6 September when 13 members had met at Bodenham School car park and helped to re-bag damaged sandbags from both cages and replace the DPC lining the cages. They had also covered with black DPC the Parish Council’s stock of salt next to the cages and had tidied the entire area, including where the grit bin stood.</p> <p>b. The second session had taken place on Friday, 20 September when 16 members had met at Brook House to help Mr and Cllr Maxwell clear their relief channel. On behalf of the Group, the Chairman thanked Mr and Cllr Maxwell for the delicious refreshments they had provided after the event.</p> <p>9. <b><u>Spraying.</u></b> The Chairman remarked that over the past two months several members had expressed their concern at the rate with which watercress was re-colonising the Millcroft Brook. On Sunday, 15 September he had sprayed the watercress and mare’s tail infestations in the watercourse from the Ketch Lane culverts up to the C1125 road bridge, a task which had taken him some 3½ hours actually working in the stream and about 5½ hours overall. He stressed that the herbicide took sometime to act and so members would see very little effect on the treated vegetation at present, but its impact should become evident by the middle of October.</p> <p>10. <b><u>Future Working Parties.</u></b> The Chairman noted that a working party session had been provisionally planned for some time in October to help Mr and Mrs Schwartz by tackling vegetation in the watercourse outside Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan. The need for this session had always been dependent on a number of factors, such as whether or not the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board would have treated the stream by October. If and when the need for a working party has been confirmed and a date has been agreed, the Secretary will contact Group members. It should be noted, however, that, because of the shorter daylight hours in October, any session will probably have to be scheduled for a Saturday morning, rather than a Friday evening.</p> <p>11. <b><u>Waders.</u></b> At the working party session at Brook House, it became apparent that, owing to changes in the participants in working parties, there was a shortage of size 6 chest waders. The Chairman said that he was not asking for agreement to purchase a further two pairs immediately. He was simply flagging up the issue and suggesting that the Group should wait until the working party sessions started in 2020 to see if there was a real need for the additional waders. This was agreed.</p>	<p><b>Secretary All</b></p>
<p><b><u>ITEM 6 – SOCIAL CALENDAR</u></b></p> <p>12. <b><u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u></b> The Chairman reminded the Group that the Annual Bonfire Party would take place at Millcroft Farm on <b>Saturday, 12 October</b>, starting</p>	

