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

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| ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION | |
| 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. | |
| 2. <u>Apologies</u> . 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. | |
| ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING | |
| 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. | |
| ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING | |
| 4. <u>Annual Election of Committee Members and Area Representatives</u> . 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 Bodenham <i>Newsletter</i> and on the Parish Website, as well as being displayed around the Parish in the usual places. | Secretary |
| 5. <u>Bodenham Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project</u> . 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. | |
| ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT | |
| 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: | |
| • £35.96 for the purchase of four DPC sheets for the sandbag cages, as agreed at the AGM. | |

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| £70.00 to refund the Secretary for the cost of printer ink, also agreed at the AGM. | ; |
| 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. | |
| ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS | |
| 8. <u>Previous Working Parties</u> . | |
| 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. 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. 9. Spraying. The Chairman remarked that over the past two months several | |
| members had expressed their concern at the rate with which watercress was recolonising 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. | |
| 10. <u>Future Working Parties</u> . 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. | |
| 11. <u>Waders</u> . 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. | f |
| ITEM 6 – SOCIAL CALENDAR | |
| 12. <u>Annual Bonfire Party</u> . The Chairman reminded the Group that the Annual Bonfire Party would take place at Millcroft Farm on Saturday , 12 October , starting | |

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| at 6.00pm. The usual mulled surprise would be served together with warming eats. The Secretary asked that, for catering purposes, anyone wishing to attend should let her know by 6 October. | | All |
| 13. | Annual Quiz Night. | |
| | a. The Chairman reminded the Meeting once again that this year's Quiz Night will be held on Friday , 29 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. Mr and Mrs Clark have agreed to run the Raffle. The Secretary has booked the Parish Hall from 5.00pm until 10.00pm on Friday, 29 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. | All |
| | b The Secretary will send out details to all members, and advertise the event in the Parish <i>Newsletter</i> , on the Parish Website, <i>Next Door</i> and <i>The Hereford Times</i> , as well as in the new flyers which members are asked to hand out to anyone they think would be interested in joining the Group. | Secretary All |
| 14. | Fund-Raising Coffee Morning (8 February 2020). | |
| | a. The Chairman noted that 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 at the Siward James Centre from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. The Secretary reported that she had booked the room with the Siward James Warden. | |
| | b. Mrs Davies confirmed that, following its successful introduction last year, a Bring and Buy Table would again feature at the Coffee Morning instead of Tombola, as well as the Cake Stall, Raffle and refreshments. She would be reminding members about this at the November Meeting. However, in the meantime she asked that anyone who would like to help should please contact her direct. | All |
| ITEN | M 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS | |
| 15. James | <u>Date of the Next Meeting</u> . The next Meeting will be held at the Siward s Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29 October 2019. | All |
| at the | Pallets. Mr House commented that he had noticed that the pallets which orted the sandbag cages at the Bodenham School car park might need replacing e next sandbag check in 2020 and asked if there was a ready supply of pallets his purpose. The Chairman replied that he had a number of new pallets at roft Farm which could be used for this. | |
| 17. | There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.55 pm. | |
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