

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

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<p><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the September Meeting and gave a particular welcome to a new member, Mrs Katrien Phipps, who had recently moved into England's Field. He remarked that, although there had been some fairly intense rain at times over the past week, this had not significantly affected the water level in the Millcroft Brook.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies.</u> There were 19 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Baker, Mrs Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Cllr and Mrs Clark, Mr Collins, Mrs Liz Davies, Miss Gibson, Mr Harris and Mr Maxwell.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of August's AGM. These had been circulated earlier with the Agenda and were also available in hard copy on the tables. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Tilford, seconded by Cllr Tremain and agreed.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>4. <u>BFPG 10th Anniversary Event.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that the 10th Anniversary Celebration in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 9 September had been a most enjoyable and successful occasion. He thanked all those who had contributed to it in any way, whether by loaning equipment, providing cakes and other refreshments, manning stalls, helping to set up the Hall or clear up afterwards, making donations, or simply supporting the event.</p> <p>b. While it was invidious to name anybody in particular, he felt that he had to express special thanks, first, to Mr Tony Troia for providing the fire engine and bouncy castle, which had contributed so greatly to the day's success – not only with the younger supporters, but some of the older ones as well; second, to Mr Andrew Maxwell and Miss Jennifer Easson for all their work on the display and artwork; and, third, to Mrs Sue Maxwell, for her amazing cake, which had been a star of the show and which members would be looking forward to seeing again for its final appearance at the Group's November Meeting.</p> <p>c. There was general agreement that the occasion had been a great</p>	

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<p>success and Cllr Tilford praised the organizers of the event for making it so attractive to all ages within the community.</p>																																	
<p><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>5. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that at the end of August the balance of the account had been £3,947.83.</p> <p>6. He then drew members' attention to a summary of the income and expenditure associated with the 10th Anniversary Celebration, printed copies of which were available on the tables. Briefly, this showed that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Some £277.00 had been received from the Candle Rolling, the Guess the Weight of the Cake, the Bar, and some very generous donations.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Total expenditure (excluding VAT) had amounted to £446.98, a figure which would have been much greater, but for the generosity of Cllr Sharon Collin, of all those who had provided cakes, biscuits, etc., and of many others.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Overall, therefore the Celebration would have actually cost the BFPG £169.98 once VAT has been recovered.</p> <p>7. The Chairman pointed out that the cost of hiring the Parish Hall and of printing the posters and flyers would be charged direct to the BFPG's account by the Parish Clerk. However, the Secretary had provided the refreshments and incidentals, such as the candle making materials and hire of the display boards, and the calculations above presupposed that the Group would be prepared to reimburse her for the £196.73 she had paid out for these expenses. Mrs Avery proposed that the Secretary should be reimbursed £196.73. This was seconded by Mrs Fryer and agreed.</p> <p>8. The Chairman then reported that the Berrington Printers' bill had already been paid in August, so the income and expenditure on the Group's account in September had been:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="161 1406 1233 1749"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="161 1406 655 1444">Income</th> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="655 1406 1233 1444">Expenditure</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1444 496 1482">10th Anniversary</td> <td data-bbox="496 1444 655 1482"></td> <td data-bbox="655 1444 1038 1482">Secretary (Printer ink)</td> <td data-bbox="1038 1444 1233 1482">£70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1482 496 1520">Donations, Bar, etc.</td> <td data-bbox="496 1482 655 1520">£277.00</td> <td data-bbox="655 1482 1038 1520">10th Anniversary:</td> <td data-bbox="1038 1482 1233 1520"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1520 496 1559"></td> <td data-bbox="496 1520 655 1559"></td> <td data-bbox="655 1520 1038 1559">Refreshments, etc</td> <td data-bbox="1038 1520 1233 1559">£166.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1559 496 1597"></td> <td data-bbox="496 1559 655 1597"></td> <td data-bbox="655 1559 1038 1597">Parish Hall Hire</td> <td data-bbox="1038 1559 1233 1597">£80.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1597 496 1635"></td> <td data-bbox="496 1597 655 1635"></td> <td data-bbox="655 1597 1038 1635">Board Hire</td> <td data-bbox="1038 1597 1233 1635">£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1635 496 1673"></td> <td data-bbox="496 1635 655 1673"></td> <td data-bbox="655 1635 1038 1673"></td> <td data-bbox="1038 1635 1233 1673"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1673 496 1711">Total Income</td> <td data-bbox="496 1673 655 1711">£277.00</td> <td data-bbox="655 1673 1038 1711">Total Expenditure</td> <td data-bbox="1038 1673 1233 1711">£347.48</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>9. The balance at the end of September was therefore £3,877.35.</p>	Income		Expenditure		10 th Anniversary		Secretary (Printer ink)	£70.00	Donations, Bar, etc.	£277.00	10 th Anniversary:				Refreshments, etc	£166.73			Parish Hall Hire	£80.75			Board Hire	£30.00					Total Income	£277.00	Total Expenditure	£347.48	<p>Treasurer</p>
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<p><u>ITEM 5 – EXTERNAL CONTACTS</u></p> <p>10. The Chairman reported that on 19 September he had received an email from Ms Emily Whittingham, the Environment Agency's Flood Resilience Officer for Kent, South London and East Sussex Area (KSLES). In this she had explained that she was arranging a Community Resilience Workshop on 6th October and would like</p>																																	

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<p>to use the BFPG as a case study to inform the local Flood Wardens of the Group's work, which she thought could inspire others to get involved in supporting their community.</p> <p>11. The Chairman said that he had replied that the BFPG would, of course, be happy to help and he had provided Ms Whittingham with copies of the display posters produced for the 10th Anniversary Celebration, as well as an updated version of the PowerPoint presentation he and the Secretary had given to a Northamptonshire Flood Wardens' training day a year or two ago.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 6 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></p> <p>12. <u>Previous Working Parties.</u> The Chairman reported that:</p> <p>a. On Friday, 7 September, 10 members had met at Hamwyn Joinery to check the sandbags there and in the Chapel Lane cage.</p> <p>b. On Friday, 21 September 12 members, including a new member, Mrs Katrien Phipps of England's Field, had helped to check and repair the sandbags in the two cages at the Bodenham School car park in a record time of 35 minutes.</p> <p>13. <u>Future Working Party Dates.</u> The Chairman proposed that, now that the evenings were getting darker, there should be no more working party sessions until April 2019, except in an emergency. He thanked all those who had helped with the maintenance of the Millcroft Brook and with checking and repairing sandbags throughout 2018. He also reminded members, that, with the onset of autumn, now was the time to check their own individual flood protection measures, such as barriers, sandbags and torches, if they had not already done so.</p> <p>14. <u>Sandbags.</u> The Chairman reported that currently there were 580 filled sandbags in cages and containers and 810 held in residences around the Parish, making a total of 1,390. However, the recent checks and repairs had depleted the Group's stock of empty sandbags which was now down to 20. As members would be aware, sandbags are no longer provided free by Herefordshire Council, so replacements would have to be purchased. The Secretary would be contacting Radbournes to find out the price of empty sandbags. We would need 50 and she would report the cost at the next Meeting. (Afternote: Radbournes can supply 50 sandbags at £0.50p each plus VAT. Although this comes to £30, the Treasurer will be able to re-claim the £5 VAT).</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>ITEM 7 – SOCIAL CALENDAR</u></p> <p>15. <u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u> The Bonfire Party will be held on Saturday, 6 October at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm. In accordance with tradition mulled wine/ cider, together with beer and light refreshments will be provided, but members are most welcome to contribute their own food and drink to the occasion. For catering purposes it would be helpful if members could let the Secretary know well in advance whether or not they plan to attend.</p> <p>16. <u>Annual Quiz Night.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman reminded the Meeting that this year's Quiz Night will be held on Friday, 30 November. The doors will open at 7.00pm and the</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p>Quiz will start at 7.30pm. The cost will be £5 per person. Mrs Bowden has kindly agreed to organise the event. Advertising posters and flyers will state that those attending should bring their own drinks and refreshments for the evening but nibbles will be on the table. Cllr and Mrs Clark have agreed to run the Raffle, so members are asked to please pass any raffle prizes to them. The Secretary has booked the Parish Hall from 5.00pm until 10.00pm on Friday, 30 November and 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.</p> <p>b. The Secretary will send out details to all members, and advertise the event in the Parish <i>Newsletter</i>, on the Parish Website, Next Door and <i>The Hereford Times</i>, as well as in the posters and flyers already mentioned.</p> <p>17. <u>Fund-Raising Coffee Morning 2019.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman said that, as members were aware, Mrs Davies had kindly agreed to organise the fund-raising Coffee Morning in 2019 as she had done over the past 10 years. It will be held on Saturday, 19 January 2019 at Siward James from 10.00am until 12 noon and the Secretary has already booked the room with Mrs Paterson.</p> <p>b. Cllr Kathy Tremain and Mrs Jean Fryer have kindly agreed to help in the kitchen and Mr John Rice and Mrs Thelma Butcher have volunteered to help man the Bring and Buy Table which will be replacing the normal Tombola. Mrs Davies will be reminding the Group about the arrangements at the November Meeting. However, in the meantime, if there is anyone who would like to help, could they please contact her direct.</p> <p>c. The Chairman noted that on the tables were flyers detailing all the BFPG's activities from now until January 2019 which members could take away.</p> <p>d. Also on the table were the dates for the Meetings in 2019 which have been agreed with Mrs Paterson, the Warden at Siward James. These would be attached to the September Minutes and appear in the Bodenham <i>Newsletter</i> for December and January. The Secretary would also post them around the village after the November Meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>All</p> <p>Secretary</p>
<u>ITEM 8 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
<p>18. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> The next Meeting will be held at the Siward James Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 30 October 2018.</p> <p>19. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.00pm.</p>	

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The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Chairman: Cllr Tony Mitcheson

Treasurer: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

Operations Manager: Cllr 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): Mr Simon Dowler: 797363

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 2019

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

If you are unable to attend or have points which you would like to be raised at the 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.**