

# BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



**MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP'S  
MEETING AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE  
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2016**

ITEM	ACTION
<b><u>ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></b>	
<p>1. The Chairman welcomed members to the September Meeting and said that he had nothing of consequence to report regarding flood risk.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Apologies.</u></b> Owing to a clash with a Gardening Club meeting, there were only 15 members present and apologies were received from Cllr Avery, Cllr Bruce Baker, Mr Bowden, Mrs Burnill, Mr Dowler, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fryer, Miss Gibson, Mr and Mrs Hemming, Mrs Parker, Mr and Mrs Rudge, Mr Sebbage, Mr and Mrs Stephens and Mr Watson.</p>	
<b><u>ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b>	
<p>3. The Chairman asked members to approve the Minutes of the August Meeting. 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 Mrs Bowden, seconded by Mr George and agreed.</p>	
<b><u>ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING</u></b>	
<p>4. Mrs Bowden and Mr Tilford noted that their vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary for their work on behalf of the Group in 2015/16, had not been recorded. The Secretary agreed to Minute this error in the September Meeting Minutes.</p>	
<b><u>ITEM 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b>	
<p>5. The Chairman reported that there had been no income or expenditure in August and therefore the balance remained the same at £3,540.07. This would, of course, be increased by a further £66.28 when the Parish Clerk had received the VAT refund.</p>	
<b><u>ITEM 5 – FUTURE EVENTS</u></b>	
<p>6. <b><u>Recent Working Parties.</u></b></p> <p>a. <b><u>Thursday, 1 September.</u></b> The Chairman thanked the 14 members who had met at Millcroft Farm and continued clearing the Millcroft Brook just downstream of the Ketch Lane culverts.</p> <p>b. <b><u>Thursday, 15 September.</u></b> The Chairman remarked that at the Group's AGM he had expressed the hope that this session would be enough to allow work on the Millcroft Brook and the Ketch Lane culverts to be finished. However, the amount of vegetation and the silt build-up between the two culverts on the</p>	

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<p>downstream side had meant that the 14 members who took part had only been able to complete two-thirds of the task, in addition to clearing the ditch between the culverts and the entrance to the field.</p> <p>c. <b><u>Thursday, 22 September.</u></b> The Chairman reported that the 14 members of the working party had finally cleared the vegetation all the way to the river, a notable achievement given the extent of the vegetation. He undertook to speak to Mr Les Harrison, the Engineer to the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (IDB), about why the IDB's usual assistance on the Millcroft Brook had not been forthcoming this year and what could be done next year to help the Group.</p> <p>7. <b><u>Future Working Parties.</u></b></p> <p>a. <b><u>Thursday, 29 September.</u></b> The Chairman reminded members that he and the Secretary had a prior commitment on 29 September and Mr Mike Stephens had kindly volunteered to lead the working party session. The task would be to start the important annual check and repair of the Group's central sandbag stocks, beginning with those at the Parish Hall, and he asked members to gather there at 6.00pm.</p> <p>b. <b><u>Thursday, 6 October.</u></b> The Chairman said that he thought it likely that a further session on 6 October would be required to complete the task of checking and repairing sandbags. However, this would almost certainly be the last for the 'season'. The meeting place would depend on progress on 22 September and be decided and announced later. (<b>Afternote:</b> There will be one final working party session in October to complete the checking of the Sandbag Cage at the Bodenham School Car Park)</p> <p>8. <b><u>Annual Bonfire Party.</u></b> The Chairman reminded members that the Bonfire Party at Millcroft Farm would be on Saturday, 8 October, starting at 6.00pm. As always, members were entirely free to bring their own drink and food, if they wished, to supplement the refreshments being provided. For catering purposes it would be helpful if members who planned to attend could let the Secretary know, by no later than Saturday, 1 October. As a reminder the Secretary would send out the Poster.</p> <p>9. <b><u>Annual Quiz Night.</u></b> The Chairman reminded members that the Group's final social occasion in 2016 would be the Annual Quiz Night in the Parish Hall on Friday, 25 November. Mrs Tricia Coney and her husband have once again agreed to set the Quiz and be the Quiz Master and Adjudicator for the event. Mrs Griffiths kindly agreed to organise the evening, but has asked that those who would like to help on the night, particularly by providing sandwiches, etc. to contact her. The Secretary will email all BFPG Members and ask for their help. A poster advertising the event is attached to these Minutes. Members are asked to give the event the widest publicity possible.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b> <b>All</b></p>
<b><u>ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b>	
<p>10. <b><u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u></b> The Chairman said that the next Meeting would be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 25 October 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>11. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.45pm.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>

Cllr KA Mitcheson  
Chairman

25 October 2016

## Bodenham Flood Protection Group

Invite you to a

# Quiz Night

On Friday 25 November 2016 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**

**To book a table or for more information**

**Contact: Anita Griffiths: 01568 797929**