

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE SIWARD JAMES CENTRE AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2010

Action

ITEM 1 – WELCOME

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September Meeting.
2. There were 17 members present. Apologies were received from Cllr Grumbley, Cllr Mitcheson, Cllr Sharon Avery, Mrs Gwen Bowden, Mrs Kay Clark, Mrs Tracey Edwards, Mrs Babs Mitcheson, Mrs Kathy Tremain, Mr David Ayshford-Sanford, Mr Les Bick, Mr Bob Bowden, Mr David Harris, Mr Simon Nickols, and Mr Peter Watson.
3. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jean Fryer for standing in as Secretary for the Meeting.

ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING

4. **Area Representative Vacancy – Millcroft Road.** Barbara Gibson has agreed to be the Area Representative for Millcroft Road.

5. **23 October - Bonfire Party.** The Chairman confirmed that the annual BFPG Bonfire Party will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday, 23 October at Millcroft Farm. Food will be provided courtesy of the Community-Led Plan Steering Group, who will be joining the BFPG for the evening. Mulled wine will also be provided. **For catering purposes an invitation will be sent to all members asking them to let the Secretary know whether or not they plan to attend.**

6. **6 November – Fund-Raising Quiz Night.** The Chairman confirmed that the BFPG Fund-Raising Quiz Night will take place at the Parish Hall at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Mrs Maureen Bick is leading the group organising the evening. Members were asked to provide 12 or more raffle prizes for the night. At least 9 members have now promised to produce prizes which should be delivered either to Mrs Maureen Bick at 44, Brockington Road or taken to the Parish Hall on the evening. Mrs Liz Davies has agreed to run the raffle and organise the tickets, which will be priced at £1 each. The Chairman asked members to help with setting up the Parish Hall for the evening and clearing away after the event. The Entry to the event would be £6.00 per person which would cover nibbles, sandwiches and sausage rolls which would be placed on each table. Those attending would be encouraged to bring their wine but glasses would be available.

7. **2011 Fund-Raising Coffee Morning.** Mrs Liz Davies will confirm the date of the Coffee Morning, which will be held at the Siward James Centre. However it currently looks likely to be held on Saturday, 19th February - the third Saturday in February. It was agreed that there should be a display showing the work of the Group as well as a cake stall. Mrs Liz Davies has very kindly agreed to pay for the hire of the Centre for the event. Volunteers were asked to help assist with setting up and helping with the stalls on the day.

Secretary

Chairman
Mrs Maureen
Bick

Mrs Liz
Davies

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8. **2011 January: Possible Group Visit to UK Flood Barriers at Droitwich**. The firm's website is at <http://www.bluepages.org.uk/>. Some literature about it was circulated to the Group. The Secretary has been in touch with the firm regarding a possible visit in the New Year. Mr Mike Stephens suggested that if the numbers were high it might be sensible to hire a mini bus. This suggestion was well received by all the members.

Secretary
Mr Mike
Stephens

ITEM 3 – TREASURER'S REPORT

9. The Treasurer told the Meeting that the Group's account currently stood at £1,179.16. Although it therefore looked very healthy, the Treasurer reminded members that with effect from October the Group would be paying to hire Siward James for the October and November meetings. In addition, the Group had agreed at the August Meeting that Mr Mike Stephens would purchase two strimmers for use by the Group and they would cost about £300 for the pair. This would leave the Group account standing at approximately £872.16.

ITEM 4 – FUTURE PLANS

10. The final working party dates would be:

- a. **1 October - 6.00pm**. Meet at Brockington Road Bridge to clear the flap valves and debris in and around the Millcroft Brook.
- b. **15 October - 6.00pm**. Meet at Brockington Road Bridge to complete the work started on 1 October. Members were reminded to bring strimmers and rakes and to wear wellies. The Secretary will send a reminder to the Group.

Cllr Clark
Mr Mike
Stephens
Secretary

ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. **Administrative Support Costs**. The Treasurer suggested that a donation be made to the Secretary to cover the cost of stationery and ink used for the administrative support for the Group. Mr Tim Burnill suggested £50 which would be reviewed at intervals. The motion was seconded by Cllr Tilford and carried unanimously.

Treasurer

12. **Refreshments**. The Chairman thanked the members of the Group who had very kindly donated tea, coffee and biscuits for the evening. It was very well received on a winters' evening by all those attending the Meeting. The Chairman said that this would be a regular feature of the winter meetings.

13. **Date of the Next Meeting**. The next Meeting, will be held at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 26 October at 7.30pm. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.55pm.