



9. **Minute 14a: Pot Holes.** The Clerk confirmed that he had reported to Amey all the pot holes and other defects which had been reported to him.
10. **Minute 14h: Horse Riding on the Village Green.** Mrs Ronnie Parker had reported that a horse had again been seen on the village green. Cllr Powell said that this was permitted. Cllr Mitcheson said that so far as he was aware, the green was a public open space in the care of Herefordshire Council and there was no bye-law or other restriction on horse riders using it. He suggested that, provided riders behaved responsibly and did no damage, this should not be a matter of concern to the Parish Council.
11. **Minute 26a: Slurry Pit.** Cllr Powell asked whether an appeal against the refusal of the slurry pit planning application had been submitted (the deadline for submission was 13<sup>th</sup> February). Cllr Millar said that he did not know whether or not an appeal had been submitted.
12. **Minute 26c: Land Adjacent to Railway Cottages.** Cllr Millar reported that action by Herefordshire Council is continuing.
13. **Minute 27: Proposed Development Adjacent to Hamwyn Joinery.** This matter remains pending.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

14. Mr Keith Grumbley expressed concerns about the planning application at Maund Court for the erection of one poultry building and extension to two poultry buildings. Mr Grumbley was concerned, firstly, about the capacity of the attenuation pond, which had proved to be inadequate in the floods of 2007 and, secondly, about the 73% increase in site traffic on already damaged roads and drains. Mr Grumbley proposed that the road be widened at the applicant's expense to create a wider turning circle outside Maund Court. A resident of Bodenham, whose property had been flooded in 2007, supported Mr Grumbley's points. Cllr Mitcheson said that he had spoken informally to the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board engineer, who had also expressed concerns about the planning application. (See also Minute 29).
15. Mr Tony Clark reported that the pile of debris collected from Millcroft Brook by the Bodenham Flood Protection Group had still not been cleared by Amey. The Clerk was instructed to report this again.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

16. Cllr Mitcheson proposed asking Mr David Tilford to arrange and chair a meeting of a working group to carry forward the proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Bodenham. The Clerk was instructed to register Bodenham Parish Council's interest in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Powell asked what the effects of registration were. Cllr Millar said that a major effect would be that a named member of Herefordshire Council's Neighbourhood Planning Team would be allocated to assist the Parish Council in the preparation of a plan.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – PARISH WALK**

17. The Clerk was instructed to ask Amey for a list of possible dates for a Parish Walk in Bodenham.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – LITTER PICK**

18. Cllr Powell reported that Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April was not a suitable date for the litter pick, because the Parish Plan launch had been arranged for that day, but all other Saturdays in April were suitable. It was agreed that Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April was the most suitable date for the litter pick. The Clerk was instructed to make arrangements with Amey for the provision of equipment and the collection of the litter.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – PARISH PLAN ACTIONS**

19. Cllr Knott reported that it had been agreed at a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January that an open day would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April to launch the Parish Plan – looking at the crime and safety aspect, in particular. Cllr Knott further reported that it had been agreed at the meeting to designate Councillors to take forward different sections of the actions listed in the Parish Plan in conjunction with volunteers from the community. After Cllr Knott had asked Councillors to volunteer to act as facilitators for taking forward different aspects of the Parish plan, the following list was agreed:

- Cllr Powell would take responsibility for Health, as would:
- Cllr Jackson for Young People
- Cllr Clarke for Environment
- Cllr Mitcheson for Communication and for Flood Alleviation
- Cllr Pollard for Wildlife
- Cllr Knott for Crime and Safety
- Cllr Austin for Leisure

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – HEREFORDSHIRE DIAMOND COUNTY AWARD**

20. The Clerk had circulated details of the Herefordshire Diamond County Award, which asked for nominations for businesses which have made an outstanding contribution to the community. The Clerk was instructed to circulate the details of the award again.

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**AGENDA ITEM 11 – REPAIR OF MOUNTING BLOCK**

21. Mr Tony Clark had reported that the mounting block by the Church was in need of repair. The Clerk was instructed to obtain two quotations for the repair.

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**AGENDA ITEM 12 – REQUEST FOR A GRIT BIN IN MILLCROFT ROAD**

22. A request had been received for the installation of a grit bin in Millcroft Road. After discussion, it was agreed that the request be held over pending a general request for grit bins.

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**AGENDA ITEM 13 – FOOTPATHS OFFICER**

23. Cllr Knott reported that Mrs Sue Hack had resigned as Parish Footpaths Officer and that the post had been advertised in the March edition of the Bodenham Newsletter. The Clerk was instructed to include this item in the Agenda for the April Meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 14 – FINANCE**

24. Cllr Knott reported that he had circulated the monthly accounts, which are attached as Annex A. Cllr Knott further reported that the balance of the Parish Council's account was £8,329. Cllr Powell reported that part of the Community Technology Grant was still to be paid. Cllr Knott thanked Mr Bob Bowden for his work in researching and acquiring the equipment purchased by the grant. Cllr Mitcheson asked for the next set of accounts to include a projection for a few months into the next financial year. Cllr Knott said that he would do this. Cllr Austin proposed and Cllr Avery seconded that the accounts be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

25. The Clerk reported that the following invoices had been received:

- Clerk's expenses (printer cartridges: stamps) £21.00
- Parish Hall Management Committee  
(Bodenham Festival grant) £400.00
- DC Gardening Services (Lengthsman) £25.00
- Mr R Hemming (BFPG equipment) £44.90
- Mr R Bowden (CT Grant equipment) £630.45

26. The Clerk also reported that two additional invoices had been received since the publication of the Agenda, namely:

- Leominster Community Support Centre  
(Newsletter printing) £184.80
- Seward James and Arkwright Trust (BFPG room hire) £15.75

27. Cllr Mitcheson proposed and Cllr Pollard seconded that these invoices be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 15 – PLANNING**

28. The Clerk reported that a copy of the Dudales Wood Management Plan had been received for comments by the Parish Council. Cllr Powell proposed and Cllr Jackson seconded that the Plan be supported. Cllr Davis abstained, but all other Councillors agreed that the Plan should be supported.

29. The Clerk also reported that a letter had been received and circulated from Mrs Alison Tutty about the work in progress at Upper Holbatch Farm. Cllr Millar said that he had been in touch with the Planning Officer and the Enforcement Officer, who had agreed that to date nothing had been done which was not included in the planning application approval. Cllr Mitcheson said the matter should be taken seriously and suggested that the Planning Sub-Group should visit the site. This was agreed.

30. The Clerk then reported that the following planning applications had been received:

- N130088/F: Maund Court: erection of one poultry building and extension to two poultry buildings
- N130167/F: Maund Court: conversion of redundant stone barn
- N130143/FH: Maple House: erection of garden room

31. With respect to the Maund Court poultry houses application, Cllr James-Moore said that the Planning Sub-Group had visited the site and that the applicant had addressed most of the concerns expressed by the Group, including flooding and traffic. Cllr Millar said that he had spoken to the planners, who had concerns about some aspects of the application, including the absence of a separate environmental survey. He added that the Planning Officers were reviewing

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the adequacy of the attenuation pond with the Environmental Agency and the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board. Having reported that the Planning Officers did not consider that there were any highway issues with the application, Cllr Millar said that he felt they should re-assess this. Cllr Mitcheson proposed and Cllr James-Moore seconded that the Parish Council's response should be that it had no objections in principle to the application, but noted that concerns had been expressed about flooding and drainage. This was agreed unanimously.

32. Cllr James-Moore reported that the Planning Sub-Group had visited the site of the proposed conversion of the redundant stone barn. Cllr James-Moore proposed and Cllr Pollard seconded that the application should be supported. This was agreed unanimously.

33. Cllr James-Moore reported that the Planning Sub-Group had visited the site of the proposed garden room at Maple House. Cllr James-Moore proposed and Cllr Austin seconded that the application should be supported. This was agreed unanimously.

34. The Clerk reported that an application had been received after the publication of the Agenda for a single storey storage building at Maund Farm (application N130397/FH). The Planning Sub-Group undertook to visit this site.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 16 – UPDATES**

35. **Bodenham Flood Protection Group.** Cllr Mitcheson gave a report on the activities of the Bodenham Flood Protection Group, which is attached as Annex B.

36. **Parish Hall.** Because Cllr Jackson has resigned as Parish Hall Treasurer and is, therefore, no longer the Parish Hall representative on the Parish Council, Cllr Knott gave the Parish Hall Report. He asked for a replacement for Cllr Jackson as Parish Hall representative. Cllrs Powell and Austin both offered to undertake this role and it was agreed that both should join the Parish Hall Management Committee. Cllr Knott said that he might become Parish Hall Treasurer himself. He then reported that Mr Simon Nickols had received confirmation of a grant of £9,900 for improvements at the Parish Hall, and that an application would be made for a grant for a replacement boiler.

37. **Lengthsman.** The Clerk reported that approximately £382 remained in the budget for the Lengthsman, which would be lost if it remained unspent. The Clerk asked for suggestions for work for the Lengthsman and a number of suggestions were made. In addition, it was agreed that the Clerk and Mr Tony Clark would identify work for the Lengthsman, as well as issues for consideration on the Parish Walk.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 17 - CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED**

38. The Clerk reported that he had received letters asking for donations from the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Spinal Injuries Association and Leominster Shopmobility. It was agreed that as a matter of policy the Parish Council would not make donations to these or similar organizations. The Clerk also reported that he had received a copy of the draft Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy (which replaces the Local Development Framework). This was handed to Cllr James-Moore, who would pass it to Mr David Tilford, when she had finished with it. The Clerk also reported that he had received a letter saying that the water at Dinmore Spout remained undrinkable.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 18– OTHER BUSINESS (INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS)**

39. Cllr Millar confirmed that he had circulated his February Report. He reported that:
- a. Herefordshire Council had received a grant of £1.5M for emergency highway repairs and that a plan for major repairs would be completed by the end of March
  - b. A contract had been signed with BT for provision of high-speed broadband, which would provide speeds of 20MB by 2018.
  - c. Eight parish councils in Herefordshire had requested a reduced precept, while, of those requesting an increased precept, Bodenham was the second lowest.
  - d. A new planning rule introduces a levy on new housing developments, of which the local parish council will receive 15%. This figure rises to 25%, if the parish council has a neighbourhood plan.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 19 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

40. The next Meeting will be held in the Seward James Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The Meeting ended at 9.25pm.



	<b>July 12</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
BFPG Open Balance	1721.00	1737.00	1737.53	1687.53	1667.28	1667.28	2014.21	1900.27	2250.27	2206.65
BFPG Inc	146.00	33.81				428.00	33.6	350	60	
BFPG Ex	130.00	33.28	50.00	20.25		81.07	147.54		103.62	
BFPG Closing Balance	1737.00	1737.53	1687.53	1667.28	1667.28	2014.21	1900.27	2250.27	2206.65	2206.65
LADY Close Orchard	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00
<b>Total Closing Balance</b>	<b>7552.00</b>	<b>7309.50</b>	<b>6206.79</b>	<b>9282.33</b>	<b>8887.72</b>	<b>7731.08</b>	<b>7388.26</b>	<b>8329.3</b>	<b>6734.62</b>	<b>5434.76</b>

**BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP REPORT**  
**(4 MARCH 2013)**

1. **Bad Weather.** February was a relatively quiet month for the BFPG. Despite the poor weather there were only two occasions since our last Meeting on which the level of the Brook rose to 0.5m (10 February and 14 February) and only on the last occasion did it get any higher – the water level peaked at only just over 1m, so there was no real cause for concern.
  
2. **Outstanding Tasks.**
  - a. We are still waiting for Amey to clear the pile of debris from the Ketch Lane junction and for either Amey or Welsh Water to stop the flow of water which has been constantly running down the North side of Millcroft Road for several months now. Both issues have been reported on more than one occasion, with the Millcroft Road water being the more important concern because of the potential hazard it presents in freezing weather to both vehicles and pedestrians. However, we recognise that, with Amey and Welsh Water facing so many other pressing tasks, these two issues probably do not have a very high priority with them.
  
  - b. Perhaps more important is the poor and deteriorating state of the unclassified roads (U94017 and U94018) in the Maund Bryan area reported by Mr Grumbley and I would suggest that a visit to examine these should be a key item for consideration during the Parish Walk.
  
3. **Monthly Meeting.** Our second Meeting of 2013 was held last Tuesday (26 February) and, despite the cold, was as well attended as ever, with some 27 members present. Amongst other items, the potential for increased run off - and as a result a heightened risk of flooding - created by the Maund Court planning application was mentioned. Plans were also made for 10 members of the Group to receive training this month in how to operate the BFPG's two pumps. It was too early in the year to announce the start of working party sessions, but the opportunity was taken to discuss the dates for the BFPG's annual social events (barbecue, bonfire party and quiz night).
  
4. **External Contacts.**
  - a. We have been approached by Dormington and Mordiford Parish Council to give a talk, accompanied by a display of photographs, at its Annual Parish Meeting early in April. We have also been in contact with a resident of Cradley who is keen to start a flood protection group.
  
  - b. Finally, we have heard from Brimfield & Little Hereford, which we visited in 2011, that the flood group which they established last year is going very well, is now fully constituted with its own finances, has held some fund-raising events and, apart from some general on-going clearance work, have been investigating the replacement of a farm bridge, all of which is very good news.

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