

BOTUS FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 19 June 2014

Present: Councillor Adcock, Chair.
Councillors Crook, Ellis, Henwood, Loveridge, Robinson and West.

Apologies: Councillor Billing.

Also in Attendance: Cornwall Councillor D Pugh, three members and Helen Wright (Clerk).

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and finished at 8.15 pm.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

21. MINUTES

The parish council agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

22. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

23. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINES

The Chair advised that –

- (a) following the memorial service that was held for Mrs Rosemary Jeffery, Councillor Loveridge had suggested that the parish council made a donation to the nominated charity. The Chair considered that it would be appropriate to make a contribution as Mrs Jeffery had been a long standing Chair of the parish council and latterly for a number of years had reported on the parish council meetings for the Cornish Times;
- (b) Mrs Mingo (Parochial Church Council) had advised him that the Church had not received a contribution from the parish council for the maintenance of the cemetery for the past two years; the Chair advised that the parish council no longer received a grant from Cornwall Council for this facility and suggested that on this occasion a donation be made.

With the permission of the Chair, the Clerk advised that following the publication of the agenda two invoices had been received one from DCB Plant Hire in the sum of £360.00 and one from Chris Billing in the sum of £84.00.

The parish council agreed that –

- (1) with regard to (a) above, a donation is made in the sum of £100.00 for Mrs Jeffery's nominated charity;
- (2) with regard to (b) above, a donation is made in the sum of £100.00 for the maintenance of the cemetery;
- (3) with regard to (c) above, the invoices are included under accounts on this agenda.

24. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk advised that PCSO Thomas Cornwell was unable to attend this meeting but had provided a briefing report. The following crimes and incidents had occurred in the Botus Fleming/Hatt areas in the last month -

(a) Crimes -

- 11 May 2014 – Carlton Villas, Hatt
criminal damage to motor vehicle, car scratched on bonnet in parking bay;
- 25 May 2014 – Carlton Villas, Hatt
drink driver - caught by police and blew over limit of 35 (blew 62);
- 29 May 2014 – Fairmead Close, Hatt
taking of vehicle without consent – domestic argument whereby driver was also over the limit;
- 19 June 2014 – Vollards Lane, Hatt
use threatening/abusive insulting words, behaviour with intent to cause fear - road traffic collision which resulted in argument;

(b) Log of incidents -

- 3 May 2014
report of a 4 x4 Nissan Quasquai driving with no lights into Botus Fleming from St Mellion – the vehicle was not located;
- 1 June 2014
house alarm activated – on attendance false alarm;
- 10 May 2014
domestic incident;
- 25 May 2014
Carlton Villas - report of drink driver;
- 29 May 2014
Fairmead Close – road traffic collision – driver made off;

- 1 June 2014
A388 Hatt – broken down bike on dangerous bend; passer by helped out elderly chap on motorbike and the police were not required.

Councillor Crook advised that on Monday 16 June 2014 at 4.45pm he had been involved in a 'near-miss' accident which involved yet another Greyhound bus undertaking a 'U' turn in Vollards Lane. The bus driver had also used abusive language when Councillor Crook told him that he should be using the designated bus turning bay.

The parish council agreed to write a further letter to the Greyhound Bus Company relating to this recent incident.

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN POLICE MATTERS

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

26. MATTERS RAISED BY CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Pugh advised that –

- (a) with regard to Lisa Hackett's enquiry relating to the overgrown trees in Sunnybanks, he was in contact with the land owner Mr E Distin;
- (b) permission had been granted in 1998 for the Hollands Inn to have in place four advertising signs; however, the size of the signs (currently advertising the Cardinals Hatt) were being investigated;
- (c) as the planning application for Way Orchard had generated a lot of public interest he had called it in to be considered at the Planning Committee meeting to be held in July 2014. He hoped that a member of the parish council would be present to submit its objections to the application;
- (d) the Cabinet would be considering whether to ratify the recommendation to cease the mobile library service at its meeting on 2 July 2014;
- (e) that the parish council should consider nominating the parish's recreation field to be included in the list of assets of community value.

The Community Right to Bid formed part of the Localism Act 2011, which enabled town and parish councils and local voluntary and community organisations to nominate local land or buildings to be included in the list of assets of community value.

Once an asset was listed this placed some restrictions on the owner, if they should decide to put it up for sale. Before the asset may be sold, the owner must notify the council and from then an initial period of six weeks was provided to allow local community groups the opportunity to register an interest in making a bid to purchase the asset. Where an interest was registered by a qualifying group, the asset cannot be sold for six months.

It was important to note that the listing served only to give a window of time to groups to prepare to bid.

The parish council agreed to nominate the recreation field on the list of assets of community value.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no issues raised.

28. ACCOUNTS

The parish council agreed to authorise the following accounts for payment –

£225.25	Helen Wright (Clerk's Salary for June 2014) to be paid by PAYE
£10.23	Helen Wright (Postage May/June 2014)
£360.00	DCB Plant Hire (Grass Cutting Recreation Field) Invoice 370
£125.00	Ken Abraham (Internal Audit 2013-14)
£144.00	Chris Billing (Grounds Maintenance within the Parish) Invoice 1103
£360.00	DCB Plant Hire (Grass Cutting Recreation Field) Invoice 374
£84.00	Chris Billing (Grounds Maintenance within the Parish) Invoice 1119
£100.00	(Donation Mrs R Jeffery's Memorial)
£100.00	Parochial Church Council (Donation for running of Cemetery)

29. RECREATION FIELD

Mr P Jones, Chair of the Hatt Youth Sports Association, advised that Saltash United Football Club wished to continue to be able to play on the recreation field next year.

30. FUTURE OPTIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF THE RECREATION FIELD

This matter had been raised under agenda item 26.

31. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PROGRESS UPDATE

The Clerk advised that the web designer had sourced two domain names for the parish council 'www.botusflemming.org.uk and www.botusflemming.co.uk'. The Clerk further advised that she had requested that the web designer source a further domain name, as she considered that the ones proposed would cause confusion due to the spelling.

The parish council raised concerns at the length of time the website was taking to be launched. However, it was sympathetic to hear about the web designer's current illness.

The parish council agreed that if an alternative domain name could not be provided by the date of the next parish council meeting then a new web designer would be sought.

32. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Caulfield reiterated that he was still willing to help with funding for the recreation field. The Clerk advised that she had provided his details to Mr Pete Jones, Chair of the Hatt Youth Sports Association.

33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Councillor West had received a complaint from a resident in Fairmead Close, regarding a caravan that was parked outside of their property. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the details of the covenant on the properties. Councillor West undertook to obtain a copy of the covenant;
- (b) Councillor Henwood advised that a Cluster meeting had been arranged for 1 July 2014 at 7pm in the Church Hall at Botus Fleming. Four representatives from St Germans, Landulph, Landrake and Pillaton parish councils had been invited to attend.

Cornwall Councillor Trubody had been invited to attend to discuss the arrangements for Cluster meetings and Ester Richmond (Caradon and Cornwall Gateway Community Network Manager) had also been invited to discuss Neighbourhood Planning.

Councillor Crook considered that the Cluster meetings would be a good forum to raise local strategic issues such as the Tamar Bridge and also the Broadmoor Farm development;

- (c) Councillor Loveridge advised that the parish council's objections to the Broadmoor Farm development had not been published on Cornwall's website, even though she had contacted them to do so; the Clerk undertook to follow this issue up;
- (d) Councillor Loveridge reported that following the re-organisation of the Post Office in Hatt it was not operating the opening hours as stated (it was closed after 5pm);
- (e) Councillor Loveridge advised that she had previously reported the pot holes in Moditonham on two occasions before Easter, however, no work to repair the holes had been undertaken; Councillor Pugh undertook to follow this matter up;
- (f) Councillor Robinson reported on the state of the road (Boaden Close which backed onto Vollards Lane); the road needed to be swept and the vegetation cut back; Councillor Pugh undertook to investigate this matter;
- (g) Councillor Robinson reported that the cats eyes had been removed from St Mellion to Callington; Councillor Pugh undertook to investigate this matter.

The parish council agreed that –

- (1) with regard to (b) above, Councillors Crook and West attend the Cluster meeting on behalf of the parish council meeting;
- (2) with regard to (d) above, a letter is written relating to the opening times of the Post Office.

34. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 17 July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at Botus Fleming.