

# Botus Fleming Parish Council

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## Notice of the Public Meeting of the Parish Council

Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council meetings

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Time: 7.30pm

Location: St Marys Church Hall, Botus Fleming

### To : Chairman & Parish Councillors

Chairman D Edwards

Councillors. M Ellis, M Fletcher, J Oakes, J Robinson, S White, & D Willey (Vice Chairman).

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

(LGA 1972 sch.12 para.10(2))

Councillors will be discussing all the items as listed overleaf on the Agenda.

*Christopher Cook (CILCA)*

Christopher Cook

Clerk to the Council

7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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Members of the public will be permitted to speak for a period of 3 minutes. Please note that members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Questions Time may be recorded.

The Parish Council recommend that any questions for Members should be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk 24 hours before the Meeting and that responses may be put in writing at a later date.

**Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**

**24 Rashleigh Avenue - Saltash - Cornwall - PL12 4NS**

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**7.30pm – Item 767 below** (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1 extended by LG Act 1972 s.100)

**Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 15 minutes in total)**

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Botus Fleming and Hatt. No decision can be taken during this session\*, but the Chairman may decide to refer matters raised for further consideration. Items of a sensitive nature are not discussed in public and the Council passes a resolution under the above Act

\* Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that are not specified in the Summons/Agenda (LGA1972 Sch.12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88Ch.119

## Agenda | 23 June 2021

### **766/2021 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Health and Safety housekeeping announcement,  
Recording of Meetings – Please notify the Chair if you are intending to record this meeting.

### **767 Public participation**

**768 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given.**  
(LGA 1972 s.85 (1))

### **769 Declarations of interest**

Parish Councillors will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this Agenda. Items A to C accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and Item D accords with the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). This does not preclude any later declarations.

A. Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests – Members must declare an interest, which has been declared on their Register of Financial Interests Form, relevant to this Agenda.

B. Non-registerable Interests – Members must declare non-pecuniary interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interests become apparent.

C. Declaration of Gifts – Members must declare any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of £50.

D. Dispensations – Members to consider any written requests for dispensations.

**770 To approve and sign as a correct record the draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**  
(LGA 1972 sch.12.para 41(1))

**771 Matters arising from the Minutes for report purposes only.**

**772 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

**773 Finance**

**A Accounts for Payment.**

Members are asked to note the following items of expenditure for the month of **June 2021**.

Date	Payee	Description	BACs ref.	£
23/06/2021	Christopher Cook	Salary	BACS137	239.78
23/06/2021	HMRC	PAYE	BACS138	60.00
23/06/2021	Christopher Cook	Office allowance contractual	BACS139	52.00
23/06/2021	BMS Landscaping	Grass cutting (June)	BACS140	462.00
23/06/2021	Cornwall ALC Limited	Annual membership subscription	BACS141	393.62
23/06/2021	Cornwall Council	Legal fees (Recreation Field)	BACS142	35.98
23/06/2021	Christopher Cook	Administration expenses	BACS143	21.40
23/06/2021	Cllr Mervyn Ellis	Travel expenses	BACS144	12.60
23/06/2021	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment instalment	DD	2,732.22
<b>All BACs payment amounts today</b>				<b>£</b> <b>4,009.60</b>

## B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information

All bank receipts for this period **£0.00** Total receipts 2021/2022 are **£11,326.20**

Date 23rd June 2021

Botus Fleming PC Current Year 2021/2022

Period 3

Receipts & Payments statement as at 23/06/2021  
for Cashbook - Current A/c 1 & Business Reserve A/c 2

Bank Statement Account Name(s)	Statement Date	Amount	Balances
Current Account - Lloyds A/c 1	23/06/2021		11,326.20
Business Reserve Account - Lloyds A/c 2	23/06/2021		0.00
Lloyds A/c 2 = Earmarked Funds *			
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>11,326.20</b>

Available General Funds from 31st March			14,103.84
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Apr			2,383.23
Add - Receipts during April			11,326.20
Less - Payments made A/c1 - May			1,989.66
Less - Payments made A/c1 - June			1,277.38
Less - Payments made A/c1 - June - Loan			2,732.22
Less - Payments made A/c1 - July			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - August			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Sept			0.00
Add - Receipts during September			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Oct			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - NOV			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Dec			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Jan			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Feb			0.00
Less - Payments made A/c1 - Mar			0.00
<b>General Funds as per Bank Statement</b>			<b>17,047.55</b>

Movement on A/c1 May	Receipts	Payments	Movement +/-
Receipts against Payments	11,326.20	8,382.49	2,943.71

Precept payment due 7/4/21 £10,000.00

Precept payment due 7/9/21 £10,000.00

07/04/2021 Receipt A/c1		Cornwall Council		Precept April 2021	10,000.00
07/04/2021 Receipt A/c1		Cornwall Council		CTS Grant April 2021	80.39
09/04/2021 Receipt A/c1		HMRC		Vat recovery claim	1,245.81
14/09/2021 Receipt A/c1		Cornwall Council		Precept April 2021	0.00
14/09/2021 Receipt A/c1		Cornwall Council		CTS Grant April 2021	0.00
					11,326.20

<b>23/06/2021 Earmarked Funds receipts *</b>					
Big Event / Christmas Fayre		Account 2		Receipts	0.00
Big Event / Assets		Account 2		Receipts	0.00
Sports & Recreation		Account 2		Receipts	0.00
BOTHER Climate emergency		Account 2		Receipts	0.00
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)		Account 2		Receipts	0.00
RFO 23rd June 2021					0.00

### C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF) balances at 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Date 23rd June 2021

Botus Fleming PC Current Year  
2021/2022

Period 3

Bank Reconciliation statement as at 23/06/2021  
for Cashbook - Current A/c 1 & Business Reserve A/c 2

Bank Statement Account Name(s)	Statement Date	Amount	Balances
Current Account - Lloyds A/c 1	23/06/2021		17,047.55
Business Reserve Account - Lloyds A/c 2	23/06/2021		16,788.76
A/c 2 = Earmarked Funds *			
<b>Total balance</b>			<b>33,836.31</b>

<b>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
			<b>33,836.31</b>
<b>Receipts not banked / Cleared (Plus)</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
			<b>33,836.31</b>
	<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>		<b>33,836.31</b>
	<b>Difference is :-</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>General Funds as per Bank Statement</b>	<b>Available General Funds</b>		<b>17,047.55</b>

<b>23/06/2021 Earmarked Funds *</b>		
Big Event / Christmas Fayre		3,285.52
Big Event / Assets		1,400.00
Sports & Recreation		1,921.64
BOTHER emergency response		8,762.94
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)		1,418.66
		16,788.76
RFO 23rd June 2021		

### D Monthly budget monitoring balances at 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

**Summary Expenditure Account      Year ended 31st March 2022**  
**Monthly Budget monitoring**

**YEAR END 2021-2022**

**Period 3 - June**

Lloyds Current Account A/c 1 - 38772468	Budget 2020 2021 *	Expendit ure 2020 2021	Budget 2021 2022 *	Expendi ture as at 23/6/21	Budget availab le
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Clerk's Salary & Locum expenses	4,000	3,277	3,750	902	2,848
HMRC	700	818	686	226	460
				<b>1,128</b>	
<b>General &amp; Administration</b>					
Postage & Admin / Office allowance	400	529	350	94	256
Legal & Website	500	654	500	190	310
Legal - Recreation Field	1,500	1,138	50	50	0
Elections & Adverts	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
Training & Expenses & Subscriptions	800	824	800	374	426
				<b>708</b>	
<b>Contracts</b>					
Grass cutting	4,250	2,897	4,250	1,278	2,972
Dog bin cleansing			700	0	700
Insurance	1,000	709	1,000	710	290
Loan Repayments	2,500	2,757	5,464	2,732	2,732
Maintenance & Equipment	500	516	500	0	500
				<b>4,720</b>	
<b>Other Payments</b>					
Grants & Donations	650	600	300	0	300
Newsletter printing	1,000	698	400	0	400
Projects & CAT	2,850	0	1,000	1,200	-200
Big Event *	1,400	0	1,000	0	1,000
Neighbourhood Dev. Plan *	250	0	250	0	250
BOTHER	0	0	500	0	500
Vat recoverable amount^ ^see Receipts £1,245.81				<b>1,200</b>	
* includes Projects, Bother & (CAT)					
<b>Total Budget £4,500</b>					
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>15,417</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>7,756</b>	<b>16,744</b>
<b>Vat amount to date 2021 2022</b>				<b>624</b>	

RFO 23rd June 2021

**E      Public Works Loan Board - Loan Statement 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

Loan Payments statement  
for Cashbook - Current A/c 1

Bank Statement Account Name(s)	Statement Date 23/06/2021	Loan advance	Payments Principal & Interest	Balance to pay
Current Account - Lloyds A/c 1	24/06/2020			
PWLB Loan advance 24/06/2020*		69,975.00		
Direct Debit payment - 24/12/2020			2,732.22	67,242.78
Direct Debit payment - 24/06/2021			2,732.22	64,510.56

Total Loan amount outstanding					64,510.56
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\* PWLB less loan admin fee £25

**F Financial Regulations 2021 – adoption of NALC 2019 model Regulations.**

**G Standing Orders 2021 – adoption of NALC 2018 model Regulations.**

**774 Planning**

**New Planning Applications – One received**

Application link <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

**Application PA21 / 05405**

**Proposal Rear extension**

**Location 6 Sunnybanks Hatt PL12 6SA**

**Applicant Mr R Dickson**

**Grid Ref 239505 / 61987**

**Planning Application Decisions – Five received**

**All Planning Applications relate to Roods Landfill Roodcroft Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6PJ**

**PA20/09929 Variation of Condition 2 of permission PA19/03586 dated 16/08/2019**

Move the current offices across the track and retention of weighbridge – to allow existing offices and weighbridge to be used in conjunction with existing landfill to 30/11/2030

**PA20/09963 Variation of Condition 1 of permission CC/CN/00/01161/CN dated 21/12/2000**

Proposed time extension to allow tipping on inert builders and construction waste to be continued at the landfill site up until the year 2020 – to allow extension of operational time for existing landfill to 30/11/2030.

**PA20/09966 Variation of Condition 1 of permission CC/CN/00/01160/CN dated 21/12/2000**

Erection of new building to cover and enclose the operational area adjoining the existing waste recycling building and to raise the roof level of the existing recycling building by 600mm – to allow extension of operational time for existing landfill to 30/11/2030.

**PA20/09967 Variation of Condition 1 of permission CC/CN/00/01159/CN dated 21/12/2000**

Variation to Condition No.2 of decision no. Cc/CN/94/0025 (CN81) to permit a time extension of recycling operations in existing recycling building up until the year 2020 – to allow extension of operational time for existing landfill to 30/11/2030.

**PA20/09968 Variation of Condition 2 of permission CC/CN/02/01437 dated 11/04/2003**

Provision of new secure office ancillary to approved landfill/waste recycling facilities – to allow existing offices to be used in conjunction with existing landfill 30/11/2030.

Planning Applications all **Approved** with conditions 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Planning Application – For information**

**Town & Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulation 2009**

The following Appeal was made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government:

MHCLG **APP/D0840/W/21/3270382**

Cornwall Council ref **PA20 / 02824**

Appeal start date 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Proposal Construction of four detached bungalows with private drive access  
Location Land east of Loveton, Vollarads Lane, Hatt, Cornwall PL12 6PT  
Appellant Mr & Mrs Christopher, Ann, Alistair Mason, Ms Jane Johnson  
Cornwall Council decision - REFUSED

**The Planning Inspectorate site visit was made on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.  
The application Ref PA20 / 02824 dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, was REFUSED by notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**The Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government concluded that the Appeal should be dismissed.  
Decision date 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Planning Application received after the Agenda issue – To be advised**

**775 Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman)**  
[www.botusflemingandhattndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhattndp.com)

Report deferred until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**776 Parish Plan - Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman)**

Report deferred until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**777 Recreation Field - Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman)**

**778 Councillor Reports (Reports A to D previously circulated)**

A Asset Audit - Cllr Sally White

B Bio diversity - Cllr Malcolm Fletcher

C Climate change emergency - Cllr Malcolm Fletcher

Response to Item 761 (iii) from Sheryll Murray (MP)

*Cllr David Edwards (Chair) & Councillors*

*Re: Climate Emergency*

*Thank you for your recent letter in respect of the above.*

*I am hopeful that we will be having some announcements regarding caring for the Environment and Climate in the run up to the G7.*

*I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with me on this matter and should I be of any further assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me again.*

*Kind regards*

*Sheryll Murray MP  
Your local Member of Parliament*

D BOTHER - Cllr Mervyn Ellis

E Global Road Safety week - Cllr Malcolm Fletcher

**Motion**

***“Botus Fleming Parish Council urges Cornwall Council to implement a 20mph speed limit on all minor roads with the parish, given the concerns about excessive speed and volume of traffic raised by numerous residents.”***

F Signage in the Parish - Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chairman)

G Cornwall Network Panel - Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman)

## **779 Clerk's items**

CALC training sessions 2021

- Planning Induction training 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Code of Conduct for Councillors 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Councillor's responsibilities schedule 2021/2022

Audit Explainer AGAR 2021/2022 (as previously circulated)

Standing Orders 2021 – adoption of Filming & Recording Policy (Standing Order 22)

## **780 Correspondence**

(1) Dear Parish Councillors

Our son attends Landulph school and started at the school last September. He travels to school on the school bus from Hatt.

I am writing to request that a road safety railing is put up along the edge of the pavement which surrounds the bus stop, and going along the rear of the bus stop.

There is a lot of traffic which passes the bus stop with no protection for the children. As I'm sure you know a lot of traffic passes over the roundabout at top speed, travelling way over 30mph and also along Vollards Lane and coming out of the garage.

The amount of families using the bus service is increasing, and will do the next academic year. Families stand along a small area of pavement and children like to flock to the rear of the bus stop where there is a small patch of grass so close to a very fast road, with no protection.

Please could the councillors consider this as part of the road safety plan? Also, the speed of traffic which travels down Andrew's Way, is this also considered on the road safety plan? So many of us families need a safe walk home and cars and delivery drivers come down the road so fast when the kids are either side of the road walking home and crossing the road to their homes.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely  
Mr and Mrs Ross.

(2) Dear Clerks and Parish Councillors,

Please share this with all your Parish Councils.

We aim to reduce excessive speed in areas where the roads are too narrow and traffic moves too quickly, and especially those areas where there are no footpaths or pavements.

The Conservative manifesto included a promise to reduce 30mph to 20mph for all those areas in Cornwall that want it.

Attached are the presentation slides which show the impact that reducing the default speed in built-up areas to 20mph can have on our communities in Cornwall.

A recent 20's Plenty campaign meeting attended and supported by many County Councillors shows there is tremendous support for the initiative. The campaign is requesting that funding be applied for from central Government and from Director of Public Health.

Devon and Cornwall Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez have already agreed their full support for this measure.

Please would you share the attached presentations with your parish councils.

We are asking your parishes to table a motion to support 20's Plenty for Cornwall's aim for default 20mph limits where people live, work, shop, play, learn and spend leisure time with signage and public engagement.



This is a cross party issue that can unify Cornwall at a time when nationwide, bridges need to be built in what had become a divided country- we can show the rest of the UK that Cornwall can lead the way in cross party agreement and achieving something with our new Council.

The Covid 19 pandemic has been devastating, but there have been a few silver linings including the enforced slowing down of all our lives. A chance for people to hear and appreciate the birds singing and the reduced traffic on our roads. As a county, our Tourist Board would leap at the chance to show that Cornwall is fully embracing this slower pace of life. By adopting 20 mph as a default in built-up areas and villages we will be encouraging people to slow down, listen to the birdsong and enjoy our unique communities.

All Councillors and supporters at County and Parish Level plus all residents are welcome to the Zoom on 29 June at 7.30pm

Please report back to us any successes by email before then too.

Please do feel free to contact us if you need more from either myself, Dean Evans or Anna Semlyen (National Campaign Manager).

Tiffany Coates.

(3) Hi Chris

We have arranged for the 'Jungle Gym' that I am donating to the council to be erected tonight. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for helping make this happen, as well as any others involved.

Once the Jungle Gym is in place, full ownership and responsibility for maintenance is transferred from myself to the council. We have had confirmation from Zurich that it will be covered by the existing insurance policy.

Please confirm your acceptance of this donation and the above conditions.

Kind Regards  
Scott Bligh

(4) Dear Town and Parish Councillors

Safe38 is declaring an *A38 Road Safety Emergency*.

Following stakeholder engagement with Highways England we have learnt that the current scope of the plans for improvements to the Carkeel roundabout to Trerulefoot in SE Cornwall fall wildly short of the mark for what is needed to save lives and secure livelihoods for generations to come.

We are writing to you today because we need your help to ensure that the residents of Cornwall and its visitors get the infrastructure investment that is required and not a cheaper *less than ideal solution*. I will outline briefly below what the emergency is and what you can do to help avert a disaster:

A road that has a killed and seriously injured rate over 3 times the national average for a road of its type, which operates over capacity leading to chronic congestion, cutting villages in half, impassable to the tallest vehicles, liable to heavy flooding, steep inclines and extreme bends and regular unplanned closures. One would be hard pressed to find another section of the Strategic Road Network that is in such desperate need of investment due to the myriad of deficiencies with it.

It is not fit for purpose and the current plans to address the problem fall well short of what is needed. Highways England themselves have said that a dual carriageway bypass as planned in the 1990s would be the ideal solution however they are not able to put that forward as an option to the public to be consulted on in 2022 as the Department for Transport have defined the project in such a way that prohibits this.

As part of early stakeholder engagement with Highways England we have learnt that the most Cornwall can hope for is some form of single carriageway bypass in either small sections or at very best mostly offline. We believe this to be woefully inadequate. From day one of opening such a

road would do little to combat the current congestion leading to continued rat running on local roads.

The section of the A38 between Saltash and Trerulefoot makes a compelling case for investment which is why after a hard-fought battle by a multitude of stakeholders it has been identified as a section of the Strategic Road Network that is in the pipeline for improvements between 2025-2030.

A new dual carriageway bypass would boost the local and regional economy to the tune of £900m in induced economic growth securing livelihoods and will slash the collision rate saving the most amount of lives. A plan to dual this section of road was ready to go to tender in the mid-1990s but was sadly cancelled due to budget cuts.

A modern offline dual carriageway similar to the one planned in the 1990s would enable the current single carriageway section to be used as a local access road fit for buses, cyclists, pedestrians and local traffic giving South East Cornwall an integrated transport network fit for generations to come.

Furthermore, it would free Tideford and Landrake of heavy traffic, eliminate the toxic air quality in Tideford (a Cornwall Council designated Air Quality Management Area since 2011), remove congestion and unplanned closures along the route and eliminate the need for high vehicles to divert along narrow country lanes to avoid a low bridge.

Even the Dobwalls bypass that opened in 2008 which had lower daily flows than the Carkeel to Trerulefoot section was deemed to need to be built to a dual carriageway standard in order to ensure congestion was removed.

Safe38 believes the residents of Cornwall and its visitors deserve better than the current scope of proposals. It does not represent a *levelling up* and does not appear to be *building back better*. Now more than ever Cornwall needs the right investment in our infrastructure in order to ensure a safe, prosperous and healthy future for generations to come.

### **Our Call to Action!**

- We ask you to join us in *Declaring a Road Safety Emergency on the A38*.
- We invite you to write to your MP, the Secretary of State for Transport and your County Councillor to ask them to redefine this project in such a way that enables the option of a dual carriageway to be added to the options to be consulted on next year.
- Will you also consider supporting the Safe38 campaign as a priority for your Council.

We believe that if Cornwall can speak with one voice on this matter we will be able to secure the investment that is needed which it has been shown can be achieved elsewhere in Cornwall such as the dualling of the A30. Only the appropriate investment will ensure that lives are saved and livelihoods are secured for this and many generations to come. We know it will take many years to develop plans to get a dual carriageway delivered but we must push for the best solution and we must push for that now.

Most respectfully,

James Millidge  
Chair of Safe38

(5) Comments by Chris Jarvis on BFPC's paper dated 17 May 2021

This information from BFPC is very welcome. I have been unable to find it after searching the BFPC web site, including any mention of SUJFC being granted various permissions and making any payments. There are a few things in the paper that seem open to question but I will confine my comments to those relevant to current issues.

The benefits of football to our Parish and our young people have never been at issue with me or with Mr & Mrs Chapman. BFPC's repeated citing of this reason as a response to complaints about the western goal siting simply sidesteps the real issue. BFPC's laudable aims of supporting the young can be satisfied by continuation of the unobjectionable SUJFC 7-a-side matches.

I do not believe that there have been any complaints about football in the recreation area, including when SUJFC played 7-a-side matches, before 2020. The first complaint made to BFPC was on Wednesday 14 October 2020 when Mr & Mrs Chapman and I met Councillor Willey to discuss recreation area issues including the western goal siting. The timing of our complaints has absolutely nothing to do with BFPC's purchase of the field - and how is that relevant? The timing was dictated solely by when Mr & Mrs Chapman realised that the property they had purchased was subject to such an intensely unneighbourly impact on them. This timing was after their experience of football just before, and occasionally, during the pandemic after they took up occupation of their new property.

It is NOT correct and is MISLEADING to say that "for many years the juniors pitch has existed in its current location".

- The latest pitch is very much longer than its predecessor, placing the western goal extremely close to Dovecote Barn front door and front garden;
- the games, and practising, are now played by TWO teams instead of one [46 matches a year];
- the players are older and noisier than the younger players;
- the matches are more competitive and so supporters are greater in number and are noisier than in the past.

All this impacts directly, and particularly badly, on one property, namely Dovecote Barn. Other properties nearby, including Cross Farmhouse, are affected by the increased impact of the new football arrangements but not to the same extent as Dovecote Barn. By permitting two teams from the biggest club in the local area to play regularly on this present pitch as their "home" venue BFPC has effectively blighted Dovecote Barn.

It is said that this enlargement was "about 6 years ago" but I do not believe that it could have been earlier than late 2016 - and I question whether it was enlarged then. I do not recall the western goal being where it is now before the pandemic and neither do Mr & Mrs Chapman. When the Chapmans bought the property they did not see the western goal and they were not informed about it by Mr & Mrs Frayne who seem unaware of it. Furthermore, we do not believe that BFPC carried out any neighbour consultation about the pitch alteration before its decision to permit enlargement of the pitch and permit such a radical intensification of football activity on the recreation area. I request a full copy of the minutes of the BFPC meeting at which SUJFC's application to change its arrangements was considered and permission granted please.

It is very evident to Mr & Mrs Chapman and I from some unkind, disrespectful, and ill-informed comment from a couple of parishioners that the situation relating to enlargement of the football pitch is not properly understood. I will therefore describe recent history as best I know or understand it in the hope that it will help to correct misunderstandings.

In the Autumn of 2016 Mr & Mrs Frayne, then owners of Dovecote Barn, were in USA. During this time, Mr Frayne suffered a serious illness requiring major surgery. While he was in hospital in USA, Mrs Frayne also required hospitalisation for a different serious illness. During the early part of 2017, Mr Frayne and later Mrs Frayne, were repatriated by "air ambulance". Once at home the Fraynes were not out and about much during the football season. I do not recall much loud football being played at this time or the western goal being where it is now. At Cross Farmhouse we were not aware of any substantial change to football arrangements in 2017 and neither does Mr Frayne.

In 2018, the Fraynes sold Dovecote Barn to Mr & Mrs Chapman but the Chapman's did not come to live there until the Summer of 2019. During the sale process, the Chapmans were not told anything about receiving any notice from BFPC about changes to football, or about the playing of football in the recreation area. The Chapmans did not see anything to indicate that there was a goal post anywhere near Dovecote Barn when they inspected as prospective purchasers. A planning search would have revealed the planning permission showing the football pitch running north/south. If the Chapman's were to sell in future the horrible football arrangements [that are now in place and public knowledge] would need to be declared to any purchasers. It is cruel of BFPC to do this!

Between the Fraynes leaving Dovecote Barn and the Chapman's taking up residence the property was occupied by Lauren Chapman and Adam Frayne as caretakers. They work long hours, including weekends, at Yelverton Golf Club. They do not recall the present football arrangements.

When Mr & Mrs Chapman moved in the present football arrangements gradually became apparent during the events interrupted by the Covid pandemic.

BFPC and SUJFC helpfully propose the following measures to alleviate impact:

- **SUJFC provide a removable ball retention net.** This is helpful but only to stop balls escaping into Dovecote Barn garden when goals are scored. The net will not stop balls that miss the goal [unless the net is large enough] or alleviate the impact of substantial noise and unpleasant disturbance from very close to Dovecote Barn.
- **SUJFC will remove the western goal post at the end of each season.** This measure will be very helpful for a few months and particularly during the Summer holidays. We may be able to assist with safe storage. However, it would be more helpful if the western goal could be collapsed between matches during the playing season to limit "kick abouts" to the eastern goal.

There are other measures that would help with the present pitch such as:

- Publishing the fixture list and programme of practice sessions.
- Reducing the number of SUJFC teams from two to one.
- Collapsing the western goal posts between matches.
- Undertaking practice sessions towards the eastern goal.
- Providing a name and contact phone number for liaison when necessary.

It needs to be understood that these amelioration measures would not resolve the objection. This pitch is unsustainable. The impacts of matches on Dovecote Barn are very severe in this otherwise quiet rural location [as established in the recent noise survey]. The football objections could be overcome simply by SUJFC resuming its 7-a-side pitch. However, the only way to prevent the upgraded football pitch blighting any parishioners' property is to rearrange the pitch north/south as it was originally designed.

BFPC is custodian and now freehold owner of the recreation area on parishioners' behalf and so any works on the land will need BFPC's support and permission. We contend that BFPC's support for a community project, working with SUJFC and local businesses, to provide a new custom-made pitch is fully justified to achieve its desired upgrading of football here. This is the right thing to do if our community wants a bigger pitch. It is morally wrong to blight any property in our community to achieve such an upgrade, even more-so when other options are available to achieve worthy aims. I contend that BFPC has an obligation to help Mr & Mrs Chapman in this matter.

I have explored changing the pitch to north/south orientation in outline with an experienced groundworks contractor who has laid a football pitch in the area. The project will, after survey, require groundworks to create a suitable surface of similar dimensions to the present pitch including run off areas. Two companies [so far] have indicated willingness to assist with financial assistance and expertise. However, there are other possibilities that need to be explored with BFPC's help with the aim of working up a feasible scheme of works for implementation between seasons without requiring significant funding from the community. I am therefore asking BFPC to actively support this project as a sustainable solution to upgrading football in our Parish.

My own role in supporting Mr & Mrs Chapman is as a fellow parishioner who is very concerned that, as newcomers, the Chapmans have been badly wronged. They need and deserve BFPC's support. Our property [Cross Farmhouse] is not affected to the same degree as Dovecote Barn as the barn shields us from the direct impact of the football. I wish to help to put things right by backing this project to its successful conclusion.

Chris Jarvis

8 June 2021

#### **781 Date of next meeting.**

The next Meeting of the Council will be the Public Meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This Meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the St Mary's Church hall (covid safe).

#### **782 End of meeting**



