



## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman) & Willey (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Oakes, Robinson & White.

Also in attendance: Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Members of the public: 36

Members of the public were permitted to speak on each Agenda item for a period of 3 minutes. This meeting was advertised as a Public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media and members of the public. The public were advised that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public would not be filmed, it could not be guaranteed.

**Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **783/2021 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) welcomed residents to the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules. No members of the public intended recording the Public Meeting. Social distancing and Covid-19 measures were observed, face masks were optional.

### **784 Public participation**

Mr Steve Malcolm opened the session by acknowledging that it was good for the Council Meetings to be held face-to-face once more and how encouraging the attendance for the Public Meeting was.

Steve paid thanks to the Parish Council in firstly the purchase of the Recreation Field and noted that approximately 70% of the Parish Electorate had responded to the Council's survey and that over 92% of the respondents had been in favour of the purchase of the Recreation Field. Secondly, thanked the Parish Council, Chairman and Cllr Worth for their proactive approach to moving the travellers from the Recreation Field

Mrs Ann Williams, on behalf of the residents of Carlton Villas, thanked the Council for their input into ensuring that the proposed access road to the rear of Carlton Villas, to allow for development, had not been granted by Cornwall Council.

Mr Chris Jarvis thanked the Council in dealing with the travellers at the Recreation Field and the security issues that were a worry to nearby residents.



## **STATEMENT ON FOOTBALL BY CHRIS JARVIS AT THE BFPC MEETING ON 28 JULY 2021**

“Following on from the last meeting i am afraid that my correspondence set out in today's agenda is rather forthright but it reflects my exasperation at what looks like resistance towards the impact of football pitch enlargement on the pitch's nearest neighbours. I make a plea for help and compassion on behalf of the Chapman's. Councillors have the power to make parishioners lives stressful, unpleasant and depressing and, unfortunately, that is the case for the Chapman's. I would be saying the same if it was any parishioner being affected in a similar way. Our recreation area surely needs to work for all and not just for some.

It may help Councillors if i tell you that the measured distance between the western goal posts and the Chapman's garden is 17.88 metres. That is less than half the width of the football pitch, which is 40.5 metres. Dovecote Barn, the building, is 26.45 metres from the goal - just over half of the width of the pitch [3/5]. That is extremely close, especially in an otherwise quiet rural location and i am confident that it can be demonstrated that the present pitch contravenes nationally accepted guidelines for pitch design.

I therefore ask councillors to look at this carefully again, especially in the light of the corroborating input from Chris Speed's correspondence. I look forward to a good news story on football similar to that with the Council succeeding in the difficult job of getting rid of the travellers and their anti-social behaviour that was endured particularly by those neighbouring the recreation area.

On that note may i express my gratitude to the volunteers who assisted my daughter in cleansing and disinfecting the top of Orchard Meadow which the travellers had used as a toilet. The help was much appreciated. By way of saying thanks for that we will make a contribution to improved security of the playing field.

Lastly, i am puzzled that my proposed outline plan for the recreation area taking known "wished for" elements into account was omitted from publication with the agenda. There is great enthusiasm from some about the proposed children's play park. That is great but where will it go? How big should it be? Can we see a prioritised wish list? A zip wire has been mentioned for example that needs lots of space.

I have some concern that the ambitions of some may exceed the space available causing cramming with its various problems. We already have enlargement of the football pitch causing trouble. I suggest that there needs to be good consultation and ambition tempered with a sensible balance. Our recreation area is a valuable asset but it is not that big”.

Several members of the public questioned the need to make any improvements or alterations to the football pitch on the Recreation Field and moreover were looking forward to its general development for Community use in the future.



Mr Richard Taylor stated that there appeared to be a contradiction over the issue of noise when football teams were adjudged to be excessive, yet any proposed building and development work proposed by Mr Jarvis near to the Recreation Field could be seen as acceptable. Other members of the public concurred with this view.

The response from Mr Jarvis concerning noise and disruption from a building development and the impact on residents was "Well that's life!"

Cllr Fletcher pointed out that the issue of the football pitch and numerous letters and plans received from Mr Jarvis had been subject to lengthy discussion during the last 3 Public Meetings and that sufficient time had been given by the Parish Council in dealing with the enquiry, and that Councillors had other matters to attend to for the Community. The democratic decision should be to draw the subject to a close.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) agreed with Cllr Fletcher, adding that proposals from Mr Jarvis concerning the levelling of the football pitch involved expenditure which the Parish Council were not prepared to agree to. Further more the Precept should not be increased against the wishes of the residents. Drawing public participation to a close, the Chairman stated that the Parish would give their final response over the matter raised by Mr Jarvis.

**The Parish Council's response to the Football Pitch enquiry can be viewed at Item 798 (ii) below.**

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

**785 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

There were no apologies.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

**786 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors declared pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for written Dispensations or Gifts.

All noted and agreed.

**787 Minutes of the Public Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

The draft Minutes were a true record of the Meeting.

Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Robinson.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.



**788 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only**

There were no matters arising.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the amendment. All agreed.

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

Cornwall Cllr Martin Worth introduced himself to residents present at the Public Meeting and paid credit to the number of residents interested in attending the Meeting, as this was very encouraging for the Parish Council.

Cllr Worth informed the meeting that Cornwall Council were keen to 'rebuild' the economy post pandemic in Cornwall and that MPs and County Councillors were working hard to address this matter and to improve the quality of Housing, and to address homeless needs with the 'Bunker Bins' proposal which was proving successful in Truro. Cornwall Council were also reviewing the Adult Social Services programme.

Cllr Worth had been involved in the initial stages of the traveller encampment at Hatt, engaging with the Police along with the Parish Chairman Cllr Dave Edwards. Cllr Worth congratulated the Parish as a whole, both Councillors and Residents, in the way they arranged the eviction of the travellers, engaged with Cornwall Council and the Police, and of course the Community engagement and the spirit to 'clear-up' after the mess, all of which was resolved within a week of the travellers arriving and departing. He also advised that the Botus Fleming response to the encampment is a model that Cornwall Council are now looking at with a view to dealing with any such problems in the future and had noted the level of Community engagement throughout the process.

Cllr Fletcher added that parishioners should be congratulated over their restraint shown in not engaging with the travellers during the encampment and allowing the Parish Council and authorities to deal with the eviction process.

Cllr Worth advised that he was now the SE Deputy Chair for transport, which included Highways/Cormac and car parks. He is also Joint Chair for the Tamar Bridge authority, and welcomed contact from Residents should they have any issues which they needed to raise.

Cllr Ellis also added that the Parish Council run a 30minute surgery prior to every Public Meeting, and that residents were welcome to come along to meet Councillors. Further volunteers were also required for Council interest groups such as the Climate Emergency action group.

As mentioned at the Public Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 the new I.T. system called 'Case Direct' was being rolled out by Cornwall Council with Newquay involved in the trial period. The system aims to provide a direct link between the Parish Clerk, County Councillor & MP and a direct link to a specific Cornwall Council officer. The overall aim being to improve communications with parishioners and to provide a direct link for residents to the County Councillor.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.



## 790 Finance

### A Accounts for Payment

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed and Cllr Oakes seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment. All agreed.

### B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information

Bank Receipts were reported as **£1,307.23** Total receipts 2020/2021 **£12,633.43**

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

### C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£15,927.57** and the Earmarked Funds as **£18,095.99**.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

### D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

### E Public Works Loan Board Statement July 2021

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

## 791 Planning

**New Planning Applications – One received**

**Application PA21 / 05836**

**Proposal Single storey rear extension**

**Location 14 Carlton Villas A388 between Junction South of the**

**Cardinals**

**Hatt and Hatt Roundabout, Hatt PL12 6PS**

**Applicant Mr & Mrs Cox**

**Grid Ref 239739 / 61996**

Cllr Edwards for an assessment had visited the property. The Council noted that there were no consultee comments from neighbours and saw no reason not to support the Application.

The Planning Application response date was extended until the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and the Clerk updated the Planning Development Officer by email.

Proposed Cllr Edwards (Chairman) seconded Cllr Fletcher



Councillors agreed to SUPPORT Planning Application PA21 / 05836  
Support - 7 votes  
Reject - 0 votes  
Abstain - 0 votes

Councillors **Resolved** to note this action. All agreed

**Application PA21 / 06144**

**Proposal** Retrospective application for two storey rear extension, 2<sup>nd</sup> first floor side extensions, reconstruction/enlargement of garage with bedroom over

**Location** Trewarne Botus Fleming Saltash Cornwall

**Applicant** Mr & Mrs P Tennant

**Grid Ref** 240254 / 61459

The original Planning Application PA19 / 05198 refers.

The Parish Council supported the Application 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and the Planning Services Department approved the Application 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

The Parish Council commented 'that BPFC believe that the development would enhance the area and add to the ethos of well-constructed properties in the village. There are no issues involved with the AONB aspect' remain relevant comments

Proposed Cllr Edwards (Chairman) seconded Cllr Fletcher

Councillors agreed to SUPPORT Planning Application PA21 / 05836  
Support - 7 votes  
Reject - 0 votes  
Abstain - 0 votes

Councillors **Resolved** to note this action. All agreed

**Planning Application brought forward from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 (Item 774 refers).**

**Minutes requested specific information from the Planning Development Officer and extension in response date to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

**Application PA21 / 05405**

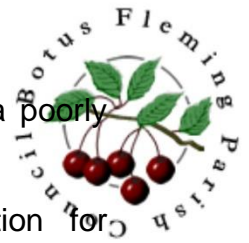
**Proposal** Rear extension

**Location** 6 Sunnybanks Hatt PL12 6SA

**Applicant** Mr R Dickson

**Grid Ref** 239505 / 61987

Parish Councillors noted that no further improved design Plans had been provided by the Planning Services Department, and whilst there appeared no major problem



with the development, Councillors agreed to refrain from commenting on a poorly prepared Application.

The Planning Department accepted that there was minimal information for Councillors to consider, yet it was still adequate and measurements could be taken by using the public access site. The Clerk had previously advised the Planning Officer of the Parish Council's views by email prior to the 'response' time.

Proposed Cllr Edwards (Chairman) seconded Cllr Fletcher

Councillors agreed to ABSTAIN from commenting regarding Planning Application PA21 / 05836

Support - 0 votes

Reject - 0 votes

Abstain - 7 votes

Councillors **Resolved** to note this action. All agreed

**Planning Application Decisions** – None received

**Planning Application for Information** – One applicable

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

<b>MHCLG</b>	<b>APP/D0840/W/21/3276587</b>
<b>Cornwall Council Ref</b>	<b>PA19 / 05565</b>
<b>Appeal start date</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Proposed residential development comprising 4 affordable rent 2 bed bungalows and 4 open market dwellings (two 2-bed and two 3-bed)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heckberry Barn, Vollarads Lane, Hatt, Saltash</b>
<b>Appellant</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs R Andrews</b>

Cornwall Council decision – **REFUSED**

Representations must be received by the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

**Planning Applications received after the Agenda published** – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

**792 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**  
[www.botusflemingandhattndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhattndp.com)

Report deferred until 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021.



Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

### **793 Parish Plan**

Report deferred until 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

### **794 Recreation Field**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) advised Councillors regarding the eviction procedure actioned 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in relation to the travellers' Unauthorised Encampment on the Recreation Field 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Following the Eviction procedure carried out with Police involvement and enforcement procedures under S61 & S62, the travellers left the site 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Two Letters of appreciation from the Parish Council Chairman to Cornwall Council and the Police respectively were listed in the Agenda.

Residents of the parish were kept up to date with proceedings via the (HCBB) Facebook.

The Recreation Field was out of use to the public between 13<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 whilst clean up procedures took place.

The Parish Council were blessed with a high level of community involvement in rectifying damage to the Recreation Field caused by the travellers, and grateful thanks are extended to the 70 Volunteers who helped with the clean-up process as managed by Maria McCarthy of All Seasons Group Services (SW) Ltd (ASGS).

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) advised that improved security measures would need to be put in place at the Recreation Field. This would involve installation of metal gates, fencing the length of the car park and maybe removable bollards. This would in future protect the Council from criminal damage. Funding for the installation works would need to be considered and quotations sought.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) proposed a vote of thanks to Brian Venables of Brunel Skips who immediately provided concrete blocks at the entrance to the Recreation Field once the travellers had left.

Cllrs Willey (Vice Chairman) & Fletcher considered the placing of concrete blocks or packs of gravel around a trench system which could then be suitably landscaped.

Saltash United Juniors FC (SUJFC) had had their changing room cabin vandalised and have proposed a replacement cabin to be situated at the Recreation Field in a position to be agreed with the Parish Council.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Maria McCarthy (ASGS)





## 795 Councillors Reports

### A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr White thanked Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) for renovating the notice board situated in Hatt.

Cllr White advised that a bench and the recently donated Jungle Gym equipment had been subjected to an amount of vandalism following the travellers' encampment, though, repairs could be affected; thanks again to Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman).

Councillors had removed picnic benches at the Recreation Field for safekeeping, and Cllr Ellis suggested that the benches could be re-sited when they are returned.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the monthly Audit maintenance report.

### B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Bio diversity

Cllr Fletcher updated Councillors regarding the Landmark Trees funding project which offered a free tree to the Parish Council. It was suggested by Cllr Fletcher that perhaps the tree could be planted at the Recreation Field. Details of the exact tree species would follow.

Cllr Fletcher reported that there was ragwort growing in part of the Recreation Field boundary and that Cornwall Council had been advised. The Council's Contractor Nick Brown advised that he had removed and disposed of ragwort during 2020.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

### C Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate Change Emergency

Cllr Fletcher mentioned the Climate Emergency Bill as referred to in the Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 (Agenda item 778(c)) as was disappointed to learn that Cornwall Council were not, at the moment, supporting the bill.

The Cornwall Gateway Climate Emergency Working Group would shortly be forming in order to address Climate Emergency issues, and Cllr Fletcher who had volunteered to be the Parish Councillor representative on the Group saw this as a positive move.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed

### D Cllr Mervyn Ellis – **BOTHER**

Cllr Ellis advised that Margaret Matthews (BOTHER) group had kindly provided a summary of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 involving the Planning case Officer for the Treledan development, Simon Murray (Sustrans) Manager, CNP Link Officer Catherine Thompson and Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth. The meeting was in connection with the proposed walk/cycle way from Hatt roundabout to Carkeel. This report had been circulated to Councillors.



Cllr Ellis informed that of the three potential routes for the walk/cycle way, the most favoured at present is that which will skirt the northern edge of the Trēledan development. A further Zoom meeting with the interested parties is due to be held in August.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

**E** Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Global Road Safety week

Cllr Fletcher advised that the Parish Council were supporting the Twenty's Plenty for Cornwall campaign and referred to a meeting that several Parish Councillors had had with the Cormac Highways Manager, with a view to introducing speed restriction/calming measures in Botus Fleming.

The following **MOTION** was raised by Cllr Fletcher under Item 778 (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021), and supported by Councillors.

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

The Parish Council have since written to the Cllr Desmonde at Cornwall Council in support of the Twenty's Plenty campaign. No reply has been received to date

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

**F** Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chairman) - Signage

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) confirmed that signage, as discussed at previous Public Meetings, will be reviewed further in light of the necessity to review security measures intended for the Recreation Field. See Item 794 above.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

**G** Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Playground funding

Mrs Sarah Edwards explained details of the Great Playground Fundraising project as outlined in the flyer. The Facebook group page (HCBB) provides more details, which includes a survey seeking views on installing multi-generational equipment.

For further details contact [fundraising@botusfleming.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@botusfleming.org.uk)

The fundraising team are hopeful to raise £25,000 for Play equipment at the Recreation Field, Hatt.

Mrs Sarah Edwards advised that a working group consisting of 15 residents were planning a Big Event for 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

**796 Clerk's items –**

- (a) Training sessions Planning Induction & Code of Conduct



(b) Society of Local Council Clerks 2-day Conference (cost £100)

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

### **797 Chairman's items**

Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) proposed that the Parish Council attempt to complete the co-option of a Councillor to bring the number of Councillors back to the full complement of 8.

The Advertising of the Vacancy dates 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were agreed by Councillors with interviews being held in Part 2 of the Public Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The Parish Clerk gave a broad outline of the co-option process, as agreed with the Electoral role services, and stated that an application form would be provided for interested candidates. The Clerk also briefly outlined the role and responsibility of a Councillor.

**Clerk:** action co-option of a Councillor and Casual Vacancy Notice.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.

### **798 Correspondence**

#### **798 (i) Response to Jon Mutter**

Dear Mr Mutter

The Parish Council are unable to offer any further information in connection with Housing needs in the area, without specific data and other precise information.

Our neighbouring Parish Council, Landulph, have suggested that the Cornwall Home Choice is a document to which residents with a housing need can refer.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Christopher Cook (CiLCA)  
Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Botus Fleming Parish Council  
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#### **798 (ii) Response to Chris Jarvis**

### **FOOTBALL AT HATT RECREATION FIELD**

BFPC have had several communications from the same resident over a prolonged period discussing the football pitch on Hatt Recreation Field. We have also received documents and a plan of the resident's proposed "Hatt Recreation Field – Proposed Plan". BFPC's views and suggestions appear to have been completely ignored in favour of the resident's insistence for his plans for "amelioration".

- BFPC believes that the email sent by the resident on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 17:03 hours was completely inappropriate and very poorly timed (the travellers had



only just left the Recreation Field and at the time of the email we were still working on the field and attempting to secure it).

- BFPC do not agree with the continued use of emotive language (“the horrible football problem has not gone away”). We were recently criticised for attempting a “character assassination” of the resident. BFPC strongly rejects this charge. The fact that we disagree with the resident does not in any way imply “character assassination.” It merely reflects the fact that we find the proposals unworkable. BFPC’s stance is that it is almost impossible to respond to the emotive and/or accusatory language without reproducing them in our response. The words utilised are actually those written by the resident.
- BFPC do not agree with the continued use of accusatory language. For example in the resident’s email dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 he stated that “I hope that this does not signal attempts to suppress dissent just because I take issue with the Council over the way that the Council is dealing with the football problem. That would be a very serious matter”. There is absolutely no evidence that this was the case and the suggestion/allegation is completely without grounds. However, we do not expect or make a demand for an apology.
- BFPC cannot be blamed for the unauthorised encampment. The resident wrote, “XXXXXXXXX XXX has yet again been “on the front line” of the daily and nightly anti-social impacts of the trespassing travellers and, when the travellers have gone, for them the football problems will return”. Again the suggestion/allegation that BFPC were somehow responsible for the unauthorised encampment is without grounds.
- BFPC has already stated that the football pitch has/is been/being reduced in size.
- BFPC are completely aware of this matter and the situation, as the resident sees it, and the concerns expressed. The resident’s comment “I believe includes each and every one of our Councillors - simply do not understand or, it seems, do not feel a need to understand, the degree of unpleasant impact and stress that this new pitch has generated for Mr & Mrs X ” (the resident’s neighbour), is incorrect.
- BFPC believes that we continue to demonstrate fairness and proportionality and further reject the resident’s comment “where is our sense of balance and compassion?”
- The resident has also commented that “I therefore ask councillors to look at this carefully again, especially in the light of the corroborating input from XXXX XXXX’s correspondence”. Unfortunately, BFPC does not agree that this is corroboration, as this is defined as “evidence which confirms or supports a statement, theory, or finding; confirmation”. The input fails to support the resident’s supposition or reach the standard as corroboration. The author of the input cannot be considered as independent due to the extensive shared business interests with the resident.



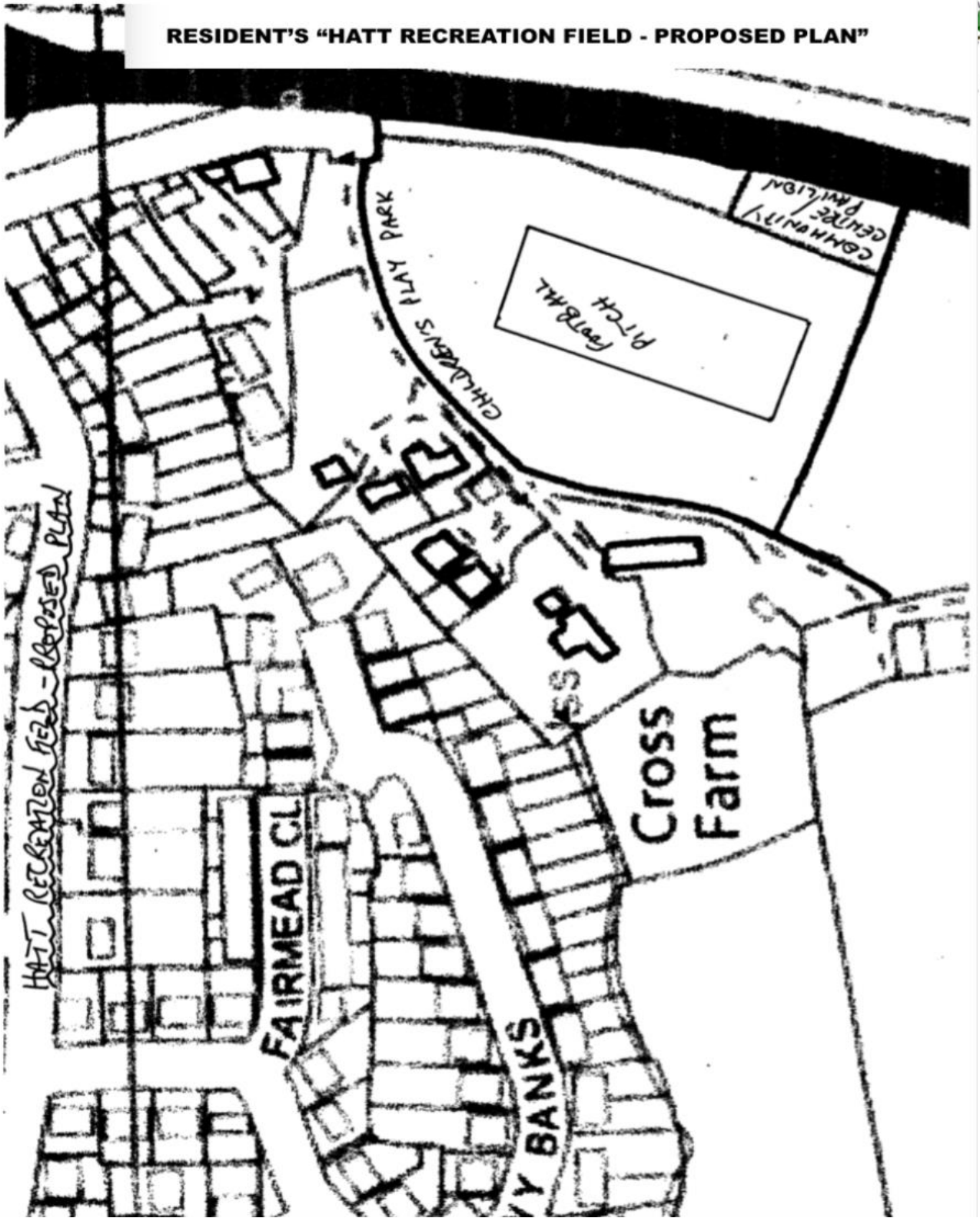
- BFPC believes that the comment “BFPC’s reaction so far to my sincere attempts to be constructive and helpful to resolve this serious long term problem puts me very much in mind of BFPC’s actions in 1998 when no weight was given to my comments on the need for appropriate drainage for the playing field” is in BFPC’s opinion, like comparing apples and oranges. The comment is in layman’s terms saying that a previous administration got it wrong in 1998, that the resident is also correct in this case and that the resident will get the Ombudsman to prove that he’s also correct on this occasion. Unfortunately, none of the members of BFPC possess the gift of prescience.
- BFPC believes that the resident has completely ignored our suggestions and our plan of action (e.g. to reduce the size of the football pitch) and continues to repeat the same thing. The Parish Council is a democratically accountable body. However, this does not mean that one resident can repeatedly make the same demands until they get the result that they want. Such behaviour would prejudice the right of other residents to a fair share of the time, budget and energies of the Parish Council”. The resident has now written to BFPC on several occasions and has also had the opportunity on addressing BFPC’s public meeting on three (3) separate occasions on this matter. BFPC will not be cajoled or be the subject of any persistent or vexatious activity.
- BFPC will decide through consultation with the wider community where the playground area will be sited.
- BFPC will also decide through consultation with the wider community where the community centre/village hall will be sited. BFPC notes the resident’s suggestion to site the community centre/pavilion (this is prior to having any available finances, architect plans or construction inspections reports) in the car park next to the A388 (marked ‘A’ on attached photo). It appears that it would be sited as far as possible that it could be from the resident’s home (marked ‘B’ on the attached photo).
- BFPC also notes the resident’s suggestion that if BFPC does not site it as recommended, it could be met with an objection(s) when a subsequent planning application is made.
- BFPC rejects the resident’s comment that “the Council’s very dismissive approach to my reorienting proposal was surprising and very disappointing by assuming, without any meaningful consideration, the pessimistic extremes”. BFPC do not understand what is meant by the resident’s use of the phrase “pessimistic extremes” in this context. BFPC has previously made the resident aware that BFPC is not prepared to spend any of the other parishioners’ precept on reorienting and levelling the field. This would be self-evidently an act of partiality favouring one resident alone. Neither do the current nor projected financial commitments allow this.

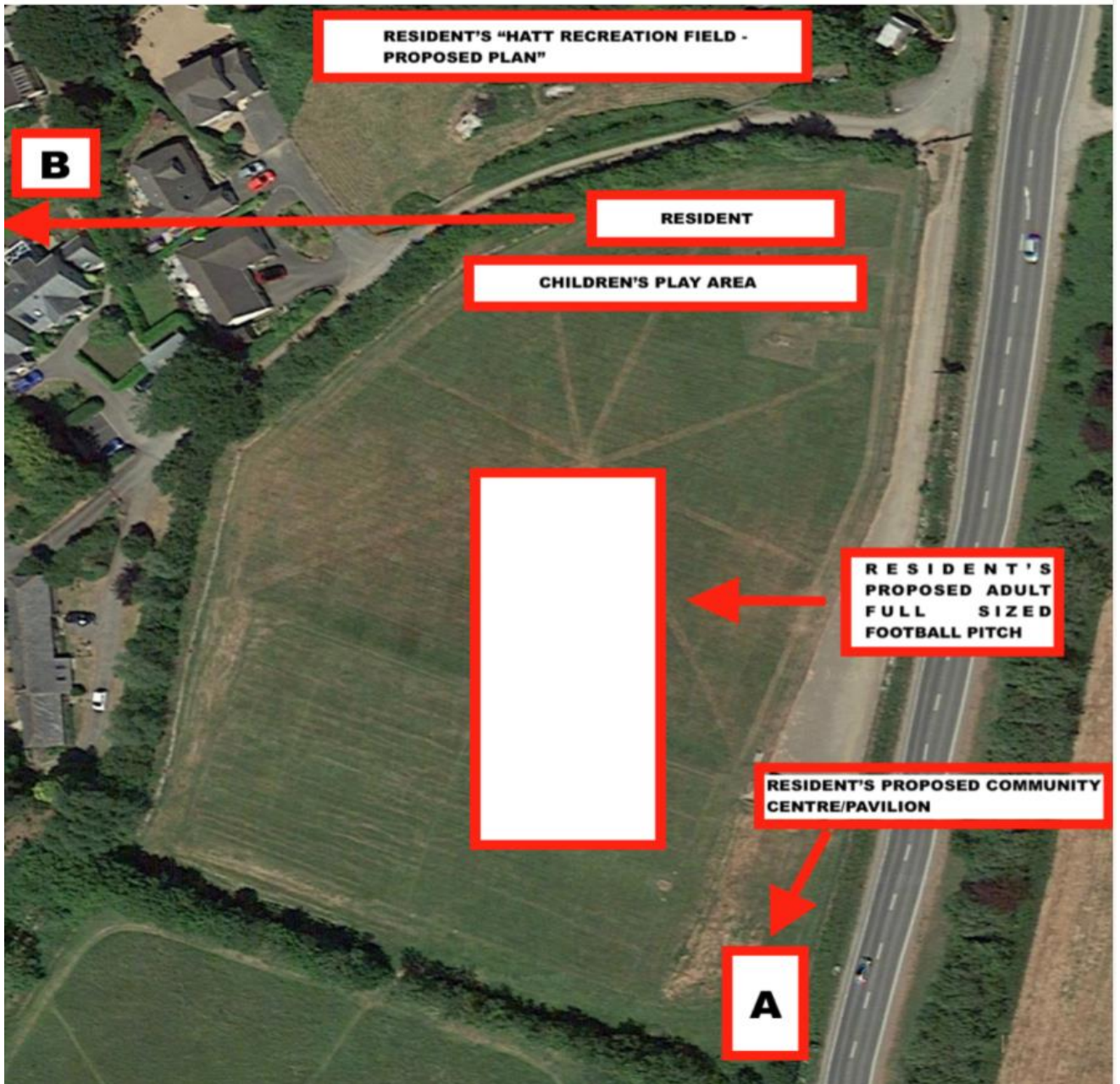


- BFPC again has commented on the factors that will be introduced to reduce complaints. We do not intend to move the football pitch at this time. As previously discussed, a full-sized adult football pitch is unnecessary, completely superfluous and any further financial burdens are completely unwelcome.

- BFPC will introduce the changes to the football pitch as previously agreed. BFPC considers that this matter has been thoroughly discussed and been given a considerable airing. Due to BFPC's current workload, we consider that any further comments are not welcome at this time and the matter is now closed.

RESIDENT'S "HATT RECREATION FIELD - PROPOSED PLAN"





**798 (iii) Response to Chris Speed**

Councillors note the comments from Mr Speed concerning the orientation of the Recreation Field Football pitch and other comments in support of the issues raised by Mr Jarvis.

The Parish Council's response can be viewed at Item 798 (ii) above.

**798 (iv) (v) & (vi) related to letters of thanks to the Chairman & Parish Councillors in connection with the Travellers encampment at Hatt Recreation Field and the eviction procedure and subsequent clean-up operation.**





Botus Fleming Parish Council acknowledge with gratitude the number of thank you emails received from residents, including –

Eric Distin  
Gill Mingo  
Monica & Bruce Chapman  
Pat Rendle

### **798 (vii) Response to Chris Jarvis**

See Item 798 (ii) above

### **798 (viii) Response to Gill Mingo**

Dear Gill

Lovely to hear from you, and thank you for asking after my Mum, she is doing well and settled in fine thanks.

Dave and the Councillors have done an amazing job not just with the eviction procedure but also the clean-up process, and what a fantastic effort by the Community.

Please find attached a schedule of the Parish Meetings, which I hope is ok with St. Mary's Church Hall committee.

Best wishes to you and Denis.

Regards, Chris

### **798 (ix) Response to Dr Aughey**

#### **Re: Casual Vacancy**

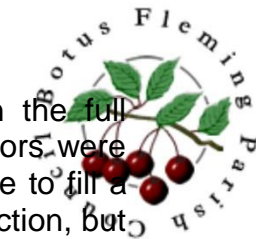
Dear Dr Aughey

Thank you for your email and offer to stand as Parish Councillor by co-option. By filling the position left vacant by Cllr Smith in June 2020, this would indeed bring the Council back to its full complement of 8 Councillors and the Council look forward to appointing an individual who can work collaboratively with the current team.

I am somewhat puzzled with your comments concerning the Parish Council's stance over the co-option position and feel that this, along with the Co-option of a Councillor procedure should be clarified.

The first 6 attachments demonstrate the procedure that that the Parish Council has followed with the Electoral Roll Services, the initial Notice of Vacancy, along with several Notices of

Casual Vacancy notices placed by the Council in order to attract residents to stand as a Councillor. Of course, the recent Local Elections held 6th May 2021 provided for



any resident to stand as a Parish Councillor. As it happens, not even the full complement of 8 candidates could be reached, and the current 7 Councillors were elected unopposed. There is the option for the Council to choose someone to fill a vacancy if there are insufficient candidates proposed for the seats at an Election, but as I say, no one came forward when they had the opportunity to serve the Community. Details of the Vacancy notices were displayed each time on the Noticeboards in the village and can also be viewed on the Parish Council website [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)

I attach the Council's 'Co-option of a Councillor Policy', adopted by BFPC, which in many respects is a similar Policy adopted by most other Town/Parish Councils. I would just add to the Policy that when candidates are interviewed by a panel of Councillors, a candidate can only be co-opted with an absolute majority of votes (LGA 1972 Sch.12 para.39). The Parish Council will follow the Policy which I have mentioned.

The Minutes relating to previous 'co-option of a Councillor' can be found as follows:

Minutes	Item
24/06/2020	540 Letter of resignation from Cllr Smith
26/08/2020	576 Advertising & Recruitment for 23rd September 2020
23/09/2020	595 No candidates for interview
28/10/2020	617 One candidate interviewed. Candidate withdrew Application. No candidate was appointed.
09/12/2020	657 Clerk to readvertise to co-opt a Councillor
27/01/2021	677 No candidates for interview. Purdah period applies. Co-option period recommences 35 working days after the 4th day of the Local Elections.

The Parish Council took the decision that it would be sensible for the new Council to 'settle' bearing in mind the Annual Parish Meeting & the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council had to be completed in April and May respectively.

A co-option period would recommence in July, if the Councillors agree to this as itemised on the forthcoming Agenda. If agreed, the intention would be to advertise the vacancy for a two week period in early August with a view to interviews being held at the 25th August 2021 Public Meeting. The interview process would take place under Part 2. The successful candidate would be informed on the 25th August 2021 and at that stage provided with the Acceptance of Office form and the Register of Interests Form for completion.

Bearing in mind the foregoing, the Parish Council are entitled to proceed immediately to filling the Councillor vacancy by co-option, and a Notice to this effect will be posted on the 2nd August 2021 should Councillors agree to this action at the Public Meeting 28th July 2021. The Notice period would run for two weeks, closing on the 16th August 2021 when, during this period, any resident in the Parish wishing to be considered as a candidate for co-option can apply for an Application form from the Parish Clerk at [clerk@botusfleming.org.uk](mailto:clerk@botusfleming.org.uk)

Candidates applying will be invited to interview on the 25th August 2021, as mentioned above. This procedure has been confirmed with the Electoral Services Cornwall Council.



I trust that this answers your enquiry

Christopher Cook (CiLCA)  
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**799 Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7:30pm The Meeting will take place at the St. Marys church hall, (COVID safe), Botus Fleming.

The Parish Council would continue to follow any instruction from CALC concerning the Covid-19 situation in connection with forthcoming Public Meetings. The choice to meet face to face was now an option with safety guidelines applying.

**800 End of meeting 21:39**

**Signed  
Chairman)**

**Date**