



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 27th October 2021

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

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

Members of the public: 11

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 27th October 2021

838/2021 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) welcomed residents to the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules.

One member of the public intended recording the Public Meeting (audio recording). Social distancing and Covid-19 measures were observed, such as ventilation.

839 Public participation

Jane Hutton advised the Parish Council that as part of the Truro Diocese churches outreach project, St. Mary's church would like to hear from parishioners over services or support that could be offered to the Community. Cllr Fletcher noted that many churchyards were now being managed in such a way as to promote the growth of wildflowers and encourage biodiversity. He asked if the resident could suggest that St Mary's PCC could do likewise with the churchyard in the village, and propose the same to the diocese.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

840 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

No apologies.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

841 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.

842 Minutes of the Public Meeting 22nd September 2021

The draft Minutes were a true record of the Meeting.

Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Oakes.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the Minutes. One abstention.

843 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

There were no matters arising.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

844 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr Martin Worth updated the meeting on the following-

- Cornwall Council £60million injection from National levelling-up budget
- Adult Social Care in Cornwall to receive injection from the National budget.
- 50% business rate reduction proposed for businesses and hospitality in Cornwall
- Leisure Centre consultation process underway – Protests and Recruitment drives
- Cornwall Overview & Scrutiny Committee reviewing the 20mph and 20s Plenty scheme involving the Cornwall Network Panel (CNP) Botus Fleming being used as a case study
- Consultations with Parishes to reduce 30mph zones to 20mph zones
- Vollarde Lane, Hatt - 20 mph scheme installation commences 24th January 2022
- Treledan development would result in new road layout diverting traffic to Stoketon Cross and then downgrading the A388.
- Sustrans survey for cycle / path ways to reflect the Treledan development

Cllr Ellis advised that the speed limit consultation was mentioned in the Sustrans survey and should be noted in Cornwall Council's ECO & Transport Policy.

Cllr Fletcher enquired with Cllr Martin Worth as to how many Afghan refugees would be hosted by Cornwall. Cllr Worth replied that he did not know the number, but would ask for details from Cornwall Council.

Cllr Fletcher noted that Sheryll Murray (MP) had voted against the Lord's amendment to the Environment Bill proposing a reduction in pollution to coastal waters and improvements to air quality. Cllr Fletcher asked that Cllr Worth enquire of Mrs Murray the reason for her vote, given that sewage-laden rivers and beaches would harm Cornwall's tourism industry. Air pollution was already harming residents' health in locations such as Tideford.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

845 Finance

A Accounts for Payment



Cllr Robinson proposed, and Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment.

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

B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information

Bank Receipts were reported as **£1,746.04** Total receipts 2020/2021 **£30,784.16**.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£19,069.71** and the Earmarked Funds as **£29,571.33**.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

E Public Works Loan Board Statement October 2021

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

F Pre-Precept & Budget 2022 2023

The Clerk explained that the small increases in the current budget level were restricted to maintenance & equipment (security measures for the Recreation Field), and projects such as the Community Action Team activities.

Councillors addressed the Council budget and precept level for 2022/2023, recommending that the Budget be set at £25,000 and the precept to remain at £20,000.

Councillors will approve the Budget and Precept at the Public Meeting 24th November 2021.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

846 Planning

New Planning Applications – One received

Application Reference: PA21 / 08337

Proposal Extension & alteration of existing outbuilding, together with provision of decking

Location Pineapple Farm, Moditonham, Botus Fleming, Saltash

Applicant Michael Tapley

Grid Ref 241853 / 61277



Cllr Fletcher stated that the development was modest and well designed.

Councillors agreed that the development appeared suitable and noted that the Area of Natural Beauty (ANB) had made no negative comments concerning the visual amenity to the area.

The Environmental Agency had made no objection to the application.

Cllr Fletcher proposed, Cllr Ellis seconded to support the Planning Application.

Councillors **Resolved** to support this Planning Application.

Vote: 8 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

Planning Application for Information – None applicable

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

847 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

Cllr Fletcher advised that no response had been received from Cornwall Council following submission of the current Parish Council draft (NDP) document dated 2018.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed forming a working group with residents providing input into a slimmed down version of the (NDP) document.

Cllr Solomon was encouraged to take part in a working group, and he agreed.

Councillors would explore an engagement and publicity process to revisit the (NDP) and Parish Plan.

Councillors **Resolved** to defer until 24th November 2021.

848 Parish Plan

Councillors **Resolved** to defer until 24th November 2021.

849 Recreation Field

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) expressed thanks to the many residents who had provided help with the installation of gate posts, bollard hole locations for cementing and erecting play equipment at the Recreation Field.



Becky Escott (resident) thanked residents for the generous donations to the Ear marked Playground equipment fund which was steadily increasing.

A site meeting is planned with Wicksteed the play equipment specialists who will advise on existing and new equipment, the latter planned for Spring 2022.

A ROSPA inspection may be requested to inspect newly erected play equipment. The equipment would benefit from the installation of matting at the end of the slide area.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

850 Councillors Reports

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr White advised that there was a requirement to site some matting at the end of the slide as the grass was getting very thin.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Bio diversity

Cllr Fletcher reported on the following topics-

- Tree Planting A388 verge
- Weed Control
- Mortality, replacement and maintenance of trees
- Landmark tree scheme (delivery of Oak tree 25th November 2021)
- Ash Dieback & Traffic Hazard

A full transcript of this report can be viewed under Reports at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors discussed the location in the Recreation Field for planting the landmark tree which would be commemorated in memory of a resident recently deceased.

The Bio-diversity and Climate Change Emergency reports will be merged in future as the Climate & Ecological Emergency report.

Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Ellis to amend the report afore mentioned.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report and support the report amendment.

C Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate Change Emergency

See item 850B report amendment.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

D Cllr Mervyn Ellis - BOTHER



Cllr Ellis reported on the following topics-

- Sustrans 86-page document (Version 1) – survey of proposed cycle/walk route
- BOTHER Group's attendance at Saltash Town Council 7th October 2021. STC agreed to support the Sustrans report in principle, but were unable to incorporate it into their Neighbourhood Development Plan as this had already gone out for consultation.
- Route Strategies Survey and engagement with Highways England.

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Cllr Oakes enquired as to whether the Sustrans document could now be included in the Parish (NDP) under transport links.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

E Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chairman) - Signage

The new signage for Moditonham quay is currently being manufactured.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

F Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Play equipment funding

See item 849.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

G Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Newsletter

Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the deadline for the Christmas edition of the Newsletter is 15th November 2021. Newsletter articles welcome from Councillors and Parishioners.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

H Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Big Event

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

I Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Traffic Calming

The Parish Council have been advised by CORMAC that speed monitoring equipment will be placed on posts at Botus Fleming crossroads and in the area of St. Mary's church / Rising Sun public house in order to measure the maximum speed of vehicles, braking and acceleration in the area. The monitoring exercise will be completed by December 2021.



Further traffic calming measures will take place in Vollarads Lane, Hatt with the introduction of a 20 mph speed zone, the construction commencing on 24th January 2022.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

851 Clerk's items

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

852 Correspondence

A statement from Councillor David Willey (Vice Chairman):

"I have been asked to publicly apologise to Dr Trevor Aughey for failing to correctly process his complaint within 28 days and by doing so have not shown respect for the complainant or the procedure.

I now unreservedly make these apologies".

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

853 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on the 24th November 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 instructions 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.

854 End of meeting 20.42

**Signed
Chairman)**

Date