



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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)

Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Oakes, Robinson, Solomon, White & Willey (Vice Chairman)

### **Also in attendance:**

Ren Jackaman - (Locum) Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer;

Will Glassup of CORMAC (Highways & Environment Manager)

Members of the public: 10

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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **855/2021 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

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

Social distancing and Covid-19 measures were observed, such as ventilation.

### **856 Public participation (moved to 857)**

Steve Malcolm wanted to thank the PC for the efforts and extra work of putting the gates and security and additional play equipment at the recreation field. He was very grateful and thought that the PC was doing a tremendous job.

Sarah Edwards had sent an email about a separate bank account for the recreation field.

Cllr Edwards recommended deferring discussion on this item until the next meeting and adding the item to the agenda in December.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **857 Presentation by Will Glassup (WG) – CORMAC - Highways & Env. Manager**

**(This item moved up above public participation to 856)**

WG and his team deal with highway issues, which are reported to CORMAC.

The Highways Manager between rural and urban areas undertakes regular inspections.



The Rural Inspection was every six months; this is why potholes sometimes do not get fixed unless they are reported to the department.

The Highways Steward deals with the majority of the issues in the area. There are 13 ward members in the area, which WG deals with. The aim is to reply to all correspondence within ten days.

Examples of works carried out: highway drainage, signs, road markings, potholes, footways; flooding and fallen trees (out of hours), winter maintenance, salting the roads, road safety schemes, churchyards, parks and green areas, grass cutting

Q: Does CORMAC operate out of hours and 24 hours?

A: Yes and 365 days a year.

Q: In terms of the overall quality of the road surface, who deals with that?

A: Everything is set out in Cornwall Council (CC) highways maintenance manual (which is on the CC website)

Q: When do proper road surfaces get repaired fully rather than patched?

A: Suitable roads for surface treatment are nominated to Cornwall Council and are then prioritised

WG encourages the reporting of issues via the Cornwall Council website.

It was noted that the response using this method was efficient and quick. WG confirmed that there is a maximum of 7 days allowed to respond to reports initially and then they are given a categorisation, which dictates how quickly it can be dealt with

### **20 is Plenty campaign:**

The desire is to reduce the speed limit from the Hatt roundabout past the Rising Sun, which is currently National Speed Limit.

WG told us that the council have set aside £1M to reduce 30 zones to 20 zones, this is phase one, two entire community network areas have been chosen (Camelford & Penryn) for pilot scheme, every 30 zone in these areas to be reduced to 20. Reviewed in October 2022 and if a success to be rolled out across Cornwall. This project was to continue for the next four years.

Q: If a limit is reduced to 30 mph, do you need to install street lighting?

A: No, not necessarily.

WG told us that new posts for speed monitoring had been installed and speed cameras were rotated between posts, once the data was in and analysed this would help to determine whether the speed limit could be reduced to 30 mph. Even if there was no data which indicated speeding, the data could still be useful. It may be easier to qualify for a 30 mph change after the existing policy on speed limits is reviewed.

This issue to be pursued by Parish Council via the CNP

Q: Road markings at Botus Fleming crossroads need renewing, has this been pursued?

A: They are on the list for renewal but there is no reactive process for this issue and there is a finite budget for road markings in this area (£13K per annum).



Q: Signage from roundabout to Botus Fleming crossroads be added?

A: Dependant upon results of speed monitoring

Q: Plans for A388 coming up from the new development, will this reduce the speed limit coming into Hatt?

A: The temporary 20 mph zone will probably go to a 30 mph

Vollards Lane is programmed in for 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for a maximum 10 days road closure, five days of give and take traffic prioritisation down at the Pillaton end of Hatt, some electrical ducting to be installed for signage and streetlights. Road closed in sections, not all the way through.

Q: With Vollards Lane going down to 20 mph, will that impact on the whole estate (Sunnybanks) or just the road going through?

A: Not sure, but probably, WG will check.

It was noted that in the 30 mph zone on Vollards Lane towards Pillaton, Heckberry Barn has now got planning permission to build a development (PA19/05565), which will likely be in the new 20 mph zone.

Q: Residents of the road opposite, will they have access to the vehicles at night?

A: 8am-5pm maximum restriction time.

Q: Are the ash trees felled near the roundabout because of Ash Die Back to be replaced?

A: Not at the moment, but possibly under Green Growth policy will be replaced in more suitable locations.

Q: Landowners are responsible for felling diseased trees; do they always need to ask for a road closure? Are they reminded to do so as appropriate?

A: All ash trees with disease are now monitored and recorded, landowners are reminded as appropriate, leniency in terms of road closures is being extended to help deal with this.

Q: An approach has been received from the owner of Brunel to work with Cornwall Council to get a pathway and crossing on A388 to the pub with lighting running through the PC field, is this possible or at least a conversation between interested parties?

A: Not possible to guarantee a positive answer but if funding offered privately it is more likely to be considered. A meeting should be possible.

Q: If such a crossing were installed, would this help reduce the speed limit?

A: WG couldn't comment on this but it is hoped that the new development will result in a lower speed limit anyway.

Q: Why not a pathway from the existing crossing at the roundabout?

A: Lighting and lack of barrier protection from the open road.

Cllr Edwards thanked Will Glassup for attending the meeting and answering the questions.

#### **858 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **859 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.

## **860 Minutes of the Public Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The draft Minutes were a true record of the Meeting.

Proposed Cllr Ellis, seconded Cllr Oakes.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the Minutes. All in favour.

## **861 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.**

A concerned member of the public in the last minutes had contacted the PC because they feared that Cllr Fletcher was advocating to “rewild” the churchyard. Cllr Fletcher stated that this was not his intent, but rather that there were areas in the new churchyard which were currently not occupied by graves which could remain unmowed in May, since this would not restrict access to graves.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

## **862 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

Cllr. Martin Worth emailed the following report for presentation at the meeting:

**Saltash Leisure Centre** – I am continuing to take an active role in a positive campaign to encourage all residents in the PL12 area to join up as new members. It's a fantastic community asset and this is the best way to ensure its future. I would be asking Botus Fleming Parish Council to also support this.

**BOTHER** - I took part this week in a call to assist the group in working with Cornwall Council planners and the Treledan development in literally "joining up the dots" of the best route options. I will ask Cllr Fletcher to comment on the details.

Cllr Fletcher, on recommending that people join up to the leisure centre membership, noted that many people will not have the means to do so. These facilities should be made more available and affordable to people.

Cllr White – had enquired about joining there was a pay as you go option some years ago but this appears to no longer be available.

Cllr Ellis: queried Cllr Worth's report under Afghan refugees and MP Sheryl Murray voting against Environment Bill.

Cllr Fletcher: Sheryl Murray had asked that she be written to personally, so he has, and has received a reply. The Cornwall Housing Officer is looking for accommodation for refugees.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

## **863 Finance**

### **A Accounts for Payment**

**Cllr White proposed, and Cllr Fletcher seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment.**

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment. All in favour.



## **B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information**

Bank Receipts were reported as **£1,997.69** Total receipts 2021/2022 **£32,781.85**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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

The General Account balance was reported as **£17,994.61** and the Earmarked Funds as **£31,569.02**.

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**

Councillors noted that their regular Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer was unable to attend the meeting due to a sudden bereavement. The Parish Council had sent their thoughts and condolences for Chris Cook's mothers' sudden demise.

Therefore the PC felt that it was not appropriate to deal with this item and councillors **Resolved** to defer approval of the Budget and Precept as discussed at the Public Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021, until the next meeting in December.

## **864 Planning**

### **New Planning Applications – Three received**

**Application: PA21 / 09925**

**Proposal: Listed Building Consent application for minor works to restore building to its form at time of October 1987 listing, and removal of timber lean-to garage which pre-dates listing**

**Location: Swiftaford Farm A388 between Hatt roundabout and Leigh Lane Hatt PL12 6PP**

**Applicant: Mr H Symons**

**Grid Ref: 239780 / 62940**

Cllr Fletcher: noted that advice at pre-application has been followed.

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

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

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



**Application: PA21 / 10522**  
**Proposal: Larger home extension for single storey rear extension to provide sitting room**  
**Location: 44 Andrews Way Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6PE**  
**Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Bligh**

This was permissive development, it had already been built.

Cllr Willey proposed, Cllr Oakes seconded to support the Planning Application.

Councillors Resolved to support this Planning Application.

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

**Application: PA21 / 10831**  
**Proposal: Single storey rear extension**  
**Location: 25 Sunnybanks Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6SA**  
**Applicant: Mr & Mrs Loveridge**  
**Grid Ref: 239517 / 61897**

It was noted that this is a non-controversial application and that no public comments have been made.

Cllr Oakes proposed, Cllr Solomon seconded to support the Planning Application.

Councillors Resolved to support this Planning Application.

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

#### **Planning Application Decisions – One received**

**Appeal Ref – APP/D0840/W/21/32766587**  
**Land adjacent to Heckberry Barn, Vollarads Lane, Hatt PL12 6PT**  
**Mr & Mrs Richard Andrews**

**The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for residential development of 8 dwellings (4 open market and 4 affordable rent) PA19/05565 dated 27 June 2019 refers.**

Q: From floor Martin Smith, asked that would this development be subject to the new requirement from 2022 to install EV charging points?

A: Building control will likely have influence here but this development has not been planned with sustainability in mind.

Cllr Edwards noted that a judicial review was looked into, but was well beyond the financial means of the Parish Council.

Cllr Fletcher commented that many hours of work by the Parish Council had gone into opposing this development as unsuitable and poorly planned. It seemed that the views of parish council in these matters did not appear to have any influence.

Cllr Edwards commented that Cornwall Council ultimately backed the PC to an extent, following the serious objections raised, but that the Planning Inspector did not agree.



Cllr Ellis commented that he recalled that there had been a proposal to put this on social media and had it led to any clarification? It was noted by Cllr Edwards that this did not result in any significant response, but that there would likely be considerable objection once work began.

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.

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

Cllr Edwards (Chairman)

Cllr Fletcher had contacted Imogen Day in the NDP planning team at Cornwall Council asking what can be done next, she has since moved on and the new officer Mr. Lacey is following up.

Councillors **Resolved** to defer until 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

#### **866 Parish Plan**

Councillors **Resolved** to defer until 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

#### **867 Recreation Field**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) reported that work continued and it was hoped that work might be completed by the end of December. Brunel had some more work to do but posts and gates could be put in along with setting up playground equipment.

Cllr Willey commented that getting the timber playframes was not possible by the end of December but would be completed in January.

Cllr Fletcher requested an informal discussion about the earth mound/bank between the fence and the parking area created by Brunel as an additional security measure against incursion by large vehicles and caravans. This needed fixing so that it was not subject to erosion, possibly by turfing, which was likely to be expensive, or sowing grass and wildflower seed (not recommended at this time of year). Pricing indicated this latter solution would be £60-£70 plus VAT.

Cllr Willey agreed that sowing grass was a good idea.

A question from the floor from Martin Smith asked if children could be encouraged to sow the seed when the trees event happened?

This was deemed a good idea if the seed could be purchased in time to undertake it.

A question from the floor from Becky Escott stated that if sectioned into wildflower and turf/grass seed it would allow for a happy medium between the wild and manicured look. Grass would also be better for areas where the children like to play.



Cllr Willey stated this would allow for easier management especially with regard to mowing.

Cllr Fletcher asked if in the short-term was sowing the answer?

Cllr Ellis to cover the cost of the seeds, from the flower fund.

A question from the floor from Sarah Edwards asked that as the mound had a very nice slope on the side facing the field it would lend itself to event seating area in good weather, could this be grassed whilst the steeper outside be left for wildflowers where mowing was problematic anyway?

Cllr Willey asked Cllr Fletcher to purchase of grass seed and wildflower mix for outside slope and grass seed for inside slope.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

## **868 Councillors Reports**

### **A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance**

Cllr White advised on the asset audit

- Cornwall Council had topped up three of the four salt bins in the parish.
- Benches were not in their original places as they had been moved for works
- At the Quay there was a tree, which was overhanging the entranceway, should there be an intervention? Discussion followed – Nick Brown to be asked to take a look and report back.
- Thanks to councillors and residents for the work on installing the play equipment

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

### **B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate Ecological emergency**

Cllr Fletcher reported on the following topics –

- Climate Emergency and Biodiversity reports to be combined.
- Tree Planting A388 verge: Thanks to Cllr Ellis flower fund there were now replacement saplings of birch, dogwood, alder, hazel and willow.
- Landmark tree scheme (delivery of Oak tree 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021) Cornwall Council Forest for Cornwall, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree (Green Canopy).
- To be planted at the recreation field on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 11 a.m. with the involvement of the local children. A discussion followed about this location and alternatives suggested, but the case for this location was well made by Cllr Fletcher.

A full transcript of this report can be viewed under Reports at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

### **C Cllr Mervyn Ellis - BOTHER**

Cllr Ellis reported on the following topics-

- Sustrans 86-page document (Version 1) – survey of proposed cycle/walk routes: Some routes were now discounted, as they were not possible for various reasons, some of the proposals involved the permission of landowners. An additional £2K



funding was now required to explore feasibility of the new route, which would be funded by the VAT refund on the original survey fee.

Cllr Fletcher commented that while informal approaches to landowners concerned had yielded some positive responses, formal requests for consent were not in the remit of the Parish Council and needed to be handled by Cornwall Council following public consultation exercise.

A question from the floor from Martin Smith asked how much of the new development would be involved in the cycle route?

Cllr Fletcher stated that there were some issues with gradients in one of the options getting into the Treledan estate. No Section 106 money was currently available. Sustrans were currently working on this.

A full transcript of this report can be viewed under Reports at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)  
Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### **D** Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Play equipment funding

Sarah Edwards told us that the fund was now over £10K. A meeting had been held at the recreation field with the suppliers of play equipment. The money raised needed to be spent. In January some equipment would be purchased and installed. Fundraising and grant applications were ongoing. The Tesco scheme was ongoing and needed more engagement, as currently we were third out of three. The scheme was to be included in the December newsletter.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### **E** Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Newsletter

Christmas edition to be printed at the end of next week.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### **F** Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Big Event

Sarah Edwards told us that the team meetings were ongoing. Next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### **869** Clerk's items

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **870** Correspondence

No correspondence.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



**871 Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 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.

**872 End of meeting 21:17**

**Signed  
Chairman)**

**Date**