



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

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)

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

### **Also in attendance:**

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer;

Members of the public: **13**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

#### **907/2022 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.

#### **908 Public participation**

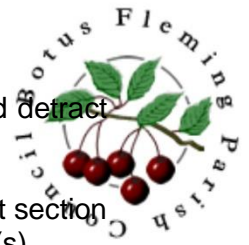
Martin Smith (resident) questioned, under road safety, why there were no 30mph signs between Saltash and Hatt through the Carkeel stretch when 30mph signs existed in the opposite direction. Cllr Martin Worth said he would find the answer to this point.

Becky Escott (resident) thanked the Parish Council for use of the Survey Monkey facility used to find information from residents in connection with Playground equipment wishes. She also stated that it appeared that the BFPC Facebook page was being under used in connection with Parish Council business. She asked that the Council use the site to publicise more of the good work that it is doing.

John Watts (resident) referred to correspondence with the Parish Council in connection with the depositing of materials, unsightly building materials and dangerous parking of lorries loading and unloading at Rumbullion Farm. (See Item 921 (ii) under correspondence).

John Invest (resident) reiterated the points raised by Mr. Watts, adding that the Rumbullion Farm and environmental issues do not fall within the local Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) for

them to report or comment upon. However they are in the setting of the AONB, and detract from its value. (See Item 921 (i) under correspondence).



Cllr Fletcher advised that the Parish Council had written to the Planning Enforcement section of Cornwall Council and that the Enforcement Team would investigate the complaint(s).

Cllr Martin Worth stated the position with the Enforcement Team would by law carry out necessary enquiries and that the matter now rested with Cornwall Council and not the Parish Council. As the County Councillor he would receive updates from the Enforcement Team as to how the matter is progressing. Such Enforcement issues can be protracted.

Cllrs Fletcher & Edwards (Chair) both advised residents that a 'letter of concern' would be sent to the owners of Rumbullion Farm to highlight the issues raised by residents.

Sarah Edwards (resident) stated that Tesco's had reported that there was a difficulty being experienced in applying for Playground equipment funding. A number of Funding organisations had been approached, but were unable to provide funds directly into the name of Botus Fleming Parish Council, and much funding was being missed from the likes of Cornwall Community Foundation, Aviva Insurance and Amazon.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report

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

No apologies.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **910 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Malcolm Fletcher expressed a non-pecuniary interest relating to Planning Application PA22/00944.

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

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

#### **911 Minutes of the Public Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The draft Minutes were a true record of the Meeting.

Proposed Cllr Oakes, seconded Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman).

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the Minutes.

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

There were no matters arising.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



## 913 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth provided the following updates-

- Cornwall Council budget of £1.2 billion was focused on providing Adult Social Care. The Council Tax increase of 2.99% had been agreed by Cornwall Council at the Budget meeting. Adult Social Care received 1% of the proposed increase.
- Cornwall Council capital budget focused on Housing needs and economic growth.
- Central Government to inject £4.5 million into Cornwall Council to support free school meals and to focus on women's services, the environment and children related causes.
- The consultation period regarding the Tamar Bridge crossings costs would finish on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. 4,500 respondents have replied to the consultation so far. He added that reports of an increase released in the media were incorrect, as no decision had yet been taken.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

## 914 Finance

### A Accounts for Payment

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, and Cllr Fletcher 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 **£7,596.85** Total receipts 2021/2022 **£48,192.31**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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

The General Account balance was reported as **£12,934.64** and the Earmarked Funds as **£36,873.60**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

### E Public Works Loan Board Statement February 2022

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



**Cllr. Fletcher left the room**

**New Planning Applications – One received**

**Application PA22 / 00944**

**Proposal 2 frames of 9 ground mounted solar panels**

**Location Marraborough Farm Road from Junction South of West Kingsmill to Cherry Cottage Botus Fleming Cornwall**

**Applicant Mr Darren Stonehouse**

**Grid Ref 240921 / 61647**

Mr Andy Ferris, and Mr & Mrs Mike Vincent residents and neighbours to the applicant, raised a number of concerns concerning the solar panels height and positioning.

The full dialogue from the objections can be viewed at-  
<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

The objections mainly surrounded the height of the panels at 2.8 metres and the glint and glare that would emanate from the panels. Road safety and access was raised as an issue. Reference was made to design and issues over the siting of the panels.

The applicant stated that the panels and surrounds were all black to reduce glare.

The height of the panels would only be realised at 4 to 5 months of the year and would be 1.8 metres.

The planning application related to a private drive where no more than approximately six cars a day used the access.

The panels were situated in a such a manner as to provide the minimum disruption to neighbours and not to cause disruption to the sight line of residents.

The AONB had made no significant adverse comments in their report.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) stated that the Parish Council's position was as a consultee and that Cornwall Council had the next say as to whether Approval or Rejection is given.

Both Cllrs Edwards (Chairman), Robinson & Oakes advised all interested parties that, as they were all neighbours and that clearly no animosity existed; a compromise over the application could be reached through discussion.

Councillors voted to SUPPORT the planning application, Proposed Cllr Edwards (Chairman), seconded by Cllr Solomon.

**Councillors voted-**

**Support 7 votes**

**Reject 0 votes**

**Abstain 0 votes**

Councillors **Resolved** to support Planning Application PA22 / 00944

**Cllr. Fletcher returned to the room**



## Planning Application Decisions – One received

**Application:** PA21 / 08337

**Proposal:** Extension and alteration of existing outbuilding, together with provision of decking

**Location:** Pineapple Farm Moditonham Botus Fleming Saltash

**Applicant:** Michael Tapley

**Grid Ref:** 241853 / 61277

**Approved with conditions 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

## Planning Application for Information – None applicable

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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

### 916 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

[www.botusflemingandhattndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhattndp.com)

Cllr Marc Solomon reported that no further progress had taken place and that no (NDP) online training was available at the moment.

It was agreed that Cllrs Solomon, Edwards (Chairman) & Fletcher would meet to review the current (NDP) documents as the next step and to make amendments where necessary.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### 917 Parish Plan

Councillors **Resolved** to defer until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

### 918 Recreation Field

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

### 919 Councillors Reports

#### A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr White advised that there were no changes to report since the last Audit 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, although, following the recent storms, some equipment had been damaged. Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) stated that repairs were in hand.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.



**B** Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr Fletcher reported that regarding the clearance of debris from the Old Botus Lane.

The lane that formerly joined Botus Fleming to the A388 is no longer used as a public highway. It is, however, used as short cut for residents who wish to walk from Hatt to Botus Fleming. It also has considerable wildlife value as a green corridor which boasts snowdrops, bluebells, primroses and early purple orchids in their seasons.

However, over the years, the leaf litter has accumulated on the old tarmac surface to such an extent that walking is becoming difficult. A local farmer has kindly offered to clear the debris with his tractor and front-loaded bucket. A request for permission to do this clearance has been made to Cormac as the Highway Authority. Permission has been granted on condition that the Parish Council liaise with Ms Rebecca Dickson (Community Partnership Officer) in order to agree safe procedure. Ms Dickson is happy for the work to go ahead providing a risk assessment is provided for her, which should include measures to ensure the safety of any members of the public who may be in the vicinity at the time. The risk assessment will be duly done, and the work completed by 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Once completed, residents should be able to enjoy the quiet beauty of the lane for many years to come, and benefit from the proven therapeutic effects of contact with nature.

Reference was also made to Planning Application PA21/11531 and the works planned to the trees under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at Bar K Vollards Lane. The owner had stated that whilst the application had been approved, the works to the TPOs would be modified so as the mixed linear group of trees would not give the appearance of a hedge. The Parish Council approved of this modification and co-operation by the owner of Bar K.

Cllr Fletcher had noted the clearance of Goat willow trees and brambles on the corner of the A388 opposite the Roodscoft. It was confirmed by Cormac that the clearance work had not been carried out by them, but would monitor the situation. Cllr Fletcher regretted the clearance of this area, which had provided a diverse wildlife habit, and expressed the hope that it would not be reduced to a uniform grass verge devoid of biodiversity interest. The Parish Council noted the removal of trees from the area in question.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**C** Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER

No report. Refer to comments under Item 921 (iv) below.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

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

Sarah Edwards (resident) reported that the initial funding target of £25,000 had been met thanks in part following a recent generous donation to the Parish Council. No further funding would be considered at the moment, though consideration must be given to fence in the proposed play area. The estimated cost of fence would be circa £7,500. Quotations for this work would be sought.



Becky Escott (resident) reported that a recent Survey Monkey with residents had identified 5 types of equipment which would cater for 6 months old children up to adult. Further consultation with suppliers continued.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**E** Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Big Event/Platinum Jubilee Event

Sarah Edwards (resident) reported that the next Big Event meeting was planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Entertainments, food outlets and First Aid services had already been booked.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**F** Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Survey Monkey

Cllr Fletcher advised that the current Survey Monkey contract expires 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, and that the Parish Council could consider renewing the annual subscription for a Survey Monkey facility from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**G** Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Defibrillator

Cllr Fletcher advised that the Parish should consider investing in a defibrillator. The owner of the Hatt shop had stated that a defibrillator could be sited at the shop.

Councillors considered that the purchase of two defibrillators, one for a location in Hatt and another in Botus Fleming should be considered. The cost of a defibrillator was estimated at £800 each.

Defibrillators required monthly maintenance either through a maintenance contract or with a parishioner (Martin Smith) able to carry out this responsibility (First Aid trained with defibrillator knowledge. Cllr Fletcher agreed to further investigate the viability of a defibrillator purchase.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**920 Clerk's items**

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

**921 Correspondence**

**921 (i) Response to JF Invest**

See response under Item 908.

**921 (ii) Response to John Watts**

See response under Item 908.



### **921 (iii) Response to Becky Escott**

The Biffa supervisor has advised the Parish Council that comments received regarding the emptying of the dog bin at the Recreation Field, Hatt have been noted. The bin will be emptied on Tuesdays and Fridays in accordance with the cleansing contract which the Council have in place.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **921 (iv) Response to Margaret Matthews (BOTHER)**

#### **Letter to Eric Distin**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Eric,

I/we are looking for your assistance.

As you may be aware, a 2021 survey of parish residents indicated that there is overwhelming support for the construction of a walk/cycle path between our parish and Carkeel.

As result of the residents' strong support, Sustrans (<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>), the walking, wheeling and cycling charity, and the custodian of the National Cycle Network, was commissioned to look into a variety of possible route options. Sustrans' final report is due to be handed over by the end of this month.

One area of interest is the top (roadside) edge of fields 1 and 2 on the attached map. Some local research suggests that you may be the owner of these.

Perhaps you could confirm if this is the case and, if correct, I wonder if you would be willing to meet me informally to discuss them and where they feature in this project?

The Parish Council and I would be very grateful for any help you can offer, or suggestions you could make.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

David James Edwards  
Chairman  
Botus Fleming Parish Council

### **921 (v) Response to Margaret Matthews (BOTHER)**





## Email to Cllr Martin Worth

Dear Martin

As you are aware, a 2021 survey of parish residents indicated that there is overwhelming support for the construction of a walk/cycle path between our parish and Carkeel.

Sustrans are due to produce their final report by the end of the month.

The BOTHER group has attempted to discuss the Sustrans cycle/walkway route which might partially traverse Treledan.

Unfortunately Mr David Matthews the Development Director at Barratt Homes has not responded to Margaret Matthews (unfortunately no relation) from BOTHER with regards to their enquiries.

This blockage in the system is now preventing us and BOTHER of progressing this important project.

Could you as a matter of urgency please facilitate some dialogue between the developers at Treledan and BOTHER and I whilst the routing opportunities remain feasible?

This matter will be discussed at the Parish Council next week.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

Dave Edwards

## 922 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 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.

## 923 End of meeting 21:45

**Signed**

**Chairman)**

**Date**