



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Present: Councillor Fletcher (Acting Chairman)
Councillors Ellis, Oakes, Robinson, White.

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer;

Members of the public: **4**

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 23rd March 2022

924/2022 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Edwards (Chairman) and Cllr. Willey (Vice Chairman) were unavailable to attend the Public Meeting. Councillors resolved that Cllr Fletcher should act as Acting Chairman for the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr White. All agreed

Cllr Fletcher 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.

925 Public participation

Ms Vicki Lintern & Ms Lisa Jagger spoke to explain the details of the temporary storage of materials at Rumbullion Farm and offered apologies to the Council and also the residents who had expressed concerns. Both Cllrs Edwards (Chairman) & Fletcher had met with Mr James Crocker (partner to Ms Lintern) whose wish it was to react to the enforcement action brought by Cornwall Council and stated that a formal planning application would be submitted.

Cllrs Ellis & Oakes thanked the speakers for attending the Public Meeting and explaining the situation regarding Rumbullion Farm and appreciated the co-operation with the Parish Council.



Councillors **Resolved** to note this report

926 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr. Edwards (Chairman) (illness), Cllr. Solomon (illness), Cllr. Willey (Vice Chairman) (holiday).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

927 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.

928 Minutes of the Public Meeting 23rd February 2022

The draft Minutes were a true record of the Meeting.

Proposed Cllr Oakes, seconded Cllr Robinson.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the Minutes.

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

There were no matters arising.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

930 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth provided the following updates-

- Cornwall Council under the 'Council Deal' would be consulting with Cornwall residents concerning the appointment of a Mayor or Leader for Cornwall. A referendum would be held at some stage in the future.
- A Treasury Team at Cornwall Council and also the Scrutiny Committee are discussing implications of 'Level 3' status to enable Cornwall to control Education and to employ a commissioner for Education. Other topics under 'Level 3' control included a net zero 'pot' for electric vehicles, nature recovery 'pot' for the environment, energy policy (geotherms), and protection of Cornish hedges and control of the A30 & A38 funding.
- Cornwall Council have received 2,000 offers to house Ukrainian refugees in Cornwall. A plan was being devised to address the trauma displayed by victims, translation assistance, vaccination programmes, schooling and safeguarding of children. Mr Phil Mason at Cornwall Council is tasked with briefing Town & Parish Councils over the refugee programme.



- Cllr Worth had received a presentation from the Crime & Prevention Officer and Police Commissioned concerning the problem of County lines drug running in Cornwall entitled 'Operation Scorpion'. The public were encouraged to report drug instances or drug gangs to 'Crimestoppers' in order to prevent gangs becoming established. This process had had success in the Liskeard and Saltash areas.

Cllr Ellis pointed out that with the imminent closure of a forty-two job centres around the Country, this would not help with the ability for Ukrainians to get employment or to receive support.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

931 Finance

A Accounts for Payment

Cllr Fletcher (Acting Chairman) proposed, and Cllr White 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 **£550.00** Total receipts 2021/2022 **£48,742.31**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£12,438.86** and the Earmarked Funds as **£37,022.09**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

E Public Works Loan Board Statement March 2022

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

932 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – One received

Application PA22 / 02078

Proposal Single storey rear extension

Location The Cider Barn (Barn 4) Ramsicombe Hatt Cornwall

Applicant Mr Stuart Fort

Grid Ref 240436 / 62494

Cllr Oakes commented that no dimensions of the proposed extension were mentioned in the application. The single storey extension looked to be appropriate for the building in accordance with the plans submitted.



Cllr Fletcher commented that the proposed roofing and building materials would be suitable and also pointed out that the extension was largely hidden and lay outside the TVAONB.

Councillors agreed that the application could be supported subject to the condition of receiving actual dimension details of the extension.

Councillors voted to SUPPORT the planning application, Proposed Cllr Oakes, seconded by Cllr Robinson. The application subject to conditions as mentioned.

Councillors voted-
Support 5 votes
Reject 0 votes
Abstain 0 votes

Councillors **Resolved** to support Planning Application PA22 / 02078

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

933 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note and to defer until 27th April 2022.

934 Parish Plan

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to defer until 27th April 2022.

935 Recreation Field

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

936 Councillors Reports

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr White advised that the annual Engineering inspections of the playground equipment had been completed by Zurich Insurance and the contents of the reports noted for purposes of insurance renewal in May. A swing which was damaged had now been removed for safety purposes.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.



B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr Fletcher reported the following-

1. Hatt Roundabout.

For the past 3 years the Parish Council has been managing Hatt roundabout in such a way as to encourage the growth of native wildflowers. There have been some promising results, with several new species being noted. This is not simply for the visual spectacle, but also to provide a source of food, shelter and breeding opportunities for wild pollinators that have suffered a near catastrophic decline in the past decades. Without these invertebrates the security of our food supply would be in jeopardy.

The usually recommended mowing regime to achieve wildflower growth is for one cut in March and another in September. The cuttings should then be removed to prevent enrichment of the soil, which would favour the growth of grass rather than wildflowers. However, this has proved very difficult to do. After 6 months of growth the amount of cut grass to be removed in September is taxing, especially when this requires crossing and recrossing to the roundabout many times via a major road.

The Parish Council has therefore decided to modify the management of the roundabout in the following way in order to lessen the workload:

- There will be one cut of the whole roundabout at the end of May, and another one at the end of September. Although total amount of clippings will probably be very similar, each cut should be more manageable.
- There will still be a 2-monthly 2-metre safety cut around the perimeter and across the north-south diagonal to ensure good visibility for pedestrians crossing the A388.

We will evaluate this regime at the end of the year.

2. Clearance of Debris from Old Botus Lane.

The old lane that used to join Botus to the A388 is now a footpath for residents to use as a short cut if they wish. For many years the leaf debris had collected there uncleared and made the walk something of a quagmire. Many thanks to Brian Worth who gave of his time to use his tractor and bucket to scrape it all up into a corner, leaving an unobstructed way for residents to walk. Please take the opportunity over the next few weeks to use it and admire the succession of wild flowers on the banks. The snowdrops have finished, but we now have primroses, soon to be followed by bluebells, campions, stitchwort and early purple orchids. Please resist the temptation to pick the orchids as they need to set seed to reproduce and spread.

3. A388 Tree Plantation.

As the buds on young trees now start to open, we'd like to keep on top of the brambles this year. Not because we're anti-bramble (just think of blackberry and apple crumble!), but because we have no shortage of brambles, and if left unchecked they will smother the young trees. Therefore, we've asked for volunteers to help with a quick trim once per month before the brambles take over. Three volunteers so far. Still hoping for more!

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

C Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER



Cllr Ellis (Chairman of BOTHER) provided the following update-

The cycle/walk path has proved a difficult nut to crack. Sustrans who were the agency the BOTHER group looked to for advice and assistance have still not provided us with a final report.

A fifth route has now been suggested in response to the opposition of some landowners to the route passing through their property/land.

Without going over all the routes again, Cllr Ellis referred to a recent email received from Simon Murray of Sustrans.

Firstly, Mr Murray states he was unaware of the difficulties we encountered in approaching the various landowners, however despite this he will proceed to complete the study not least because the parishioners of this parish deserve to know about the study's progress.

Mr Murray then went on to mention that the original proposal included a Chapter on Landownership which Sustrans are expecting to update in light of the new route alignment. As the commission includes the sharing of Land Registry Data we must ask the PC to now sign a Data Sharing Agreement where they are disclosing personal landowner data. They will then send a copy of the agreement separately to us to read and sign. Sustrans will provide a Confidential copy of the Study with the land registry title deeds.

If anyone is interested in the project in more detail the BOTHER group can provide more information as this is a brief resume of the progress made thus far and to briefly explain the hurdles and hoops that we have faced.

Once again can I thank Margaret Matthews for her unstinting work and diligence regarding this project.

Finally, the BOTHER group consists of 6 members and because of other distractions/priorities it is not always possible for us to meet up at a given time so more volunteers would be welcome. With that of course brings fresh/new ideas to the table.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

D Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Play equipment funding

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

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

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

F Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Defibrillator

Cllr Fletcher advised Councillors of the following information which had been supplied by Mr Philip Braund (Landulph PC).

1. Memorial Hall and Yacht Club had them 4/5 years. Never been used in earnest.



2. The Memorial Hall one is installed outside for easy access.
3. It has a code to unlock it for use. The code is public knowledge in the village. Never been vandalised or abused. If entry is attempted without the code being inputted an alarm is triggered. If installed outside they do not **have** to be code-accessed.
4. If installed outside they have to have a power supply fitted to power a heater which maintains a suitable temperature in winter to prevent deterioration in the battery. This type of installation has to be carried out by a qualified electrician. The battery does not have to be on charge. It lasts about 4/5 years and then has to be replaced. The pads have to be replaced every 2 years.
5. Once installed it is registered with the ambulance service. Then if anyone calls 999 re suspected heart attack the ambulance service will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is.
6. The equipment has to have a monthly check. Anyone can do this. You just press a button that wakes up the machine. It runs its own check and will tell you if all is well or if anything needs attention, e.g., new battery. This check then has to be registered online. Ambulance service will only give callers details of location if the monthly checks are up to date.

The subject of a Defibrillator would be discussed further at the Public Meeting 27th April, 2022 when costs would be addressed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

937 Clerk's items

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

938 Correspondence

938 (i) Response to Anton Maguire

Following the request for information from the Parish Council, Cllrs Edwards (Chairman) & Fletcher undertook a site visit and met with Mr. Maguire.

The mature oak tree in question appeared to be a healthy specimen but would benefit from the some pruning work to the crown of the tree. As the tree was under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) it would be necessary for Mr Maguire to contact Cornwall Planning direct who would be able to offer advise and to complete the application request to enable the modification of a (TPO).

939 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Annual Public Meeting** on the 27th April 2022 at 6:30pm The Meeting will take place at the St. Marys Church Hall, (COVID safe), Botus Fleming, and will immediately be followed by the **Public Meeting** at 7:30pm.

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.

940 End of meeting 20:38



Signed

Date

Chairman)