



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Present: Councillor Willey (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Robinson, Solomon, White

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer;

Members of the public: **9**

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 26th October 2022

1046/2022 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) deputising for 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.

1047 Public participation

Mr Vincent presented Planning application PA22/08157.

- Solar panels intended for heating and charging electric car. 2 rows / 10 panels
- Panels ground mounted hidden from view and in the resident's curtilage

Cllr Ellis had carried out a site visit.

Cllr White compared design and function of development with Applications which had already been granted permission.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) stated that the installation was not obtrusive.

See Item 1055 Councillors vote to support the Planning application.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1048 Presentation by Max Venables

The presentation was deferred until the Public Meeting 23rd November 2022.

1049 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given



Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) (holiday), Cllr Oakes (work engagement).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1050 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Malcolm Fletcher expressed a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Planning Application PA22 / 08157

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

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

1051 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 28th September 2022

The Meeting was not quorate to approve the draft Minutes as two Councillors were not present at the last Public Meeting.

Minutes 28th September 2022 deferred to the Public Meeting 23rd November 2022.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1052 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

No matters arising.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1053 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth updated the meeting as follows-

- Cost of Living briefing to all County Councillors 28th October 2022. Link to be provided to enable Clerks and Councillors to view the recorded event.
- Housing Survey in final stage. Each Councillor to complete a 'dummy' questionnaire before the Survey goes live.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1054 Finance

A Accounts for Payment October 2022

The Accounts listing were circulated separately, see www.botusfleming.org.uk

Cllr Fletcher 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 **£0.00** Total receipts Account1 2022/2023 **£23,119.07**

Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00** Total receipts Account2 2022/2023 **£ 5,744.45**



Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£21,896.45** and the Earmarked Funds as **£11,760.43**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

E Public Works Loan Board Statement October 2022

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

F Budget & Precept setting 2023 - 2024

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) provided a summary and explanation of the proposed draft Budget and Precept for 2023 – 2024.

The Budget level for 2023 – 2024 was proposed at £29,050
Proposed Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman), seconded Cllr Fletcher. All agreed

The Precept amount for 2023 – 2024 was proposed at £20,500
Proposed Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman), seconded Cllr Fletcher. All agreed

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Earmarked Funds amounts and Asset Register sums insured. A **Motion** to approve the draft Budget figure of £29,050 and the draft Precept figure of £20,500 would be finalised at the Public Meeting 23rd November 2022.

1055 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – One received

Reference: PA22 / 08157
Address: Pheasants Cry, road from junction south of West Kingsmill to Cherry Cottage Botus Fleming Cornwall
Proposal: Ground mounted solar panels to provide domestic electricity supply to property.
Applicant: Michael; Vincent
Grid ref: 240964 / 61631

See dialogue Item 1047

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

Councillors Voted-
Support 5
Reject 0
Abstain 1

Councillors **Resolved** to **SUPPORT** Planning Application PA22 / 08157.

Planning Application Decisions – None received



Councillors **Resolved** to note the Planning decision.

Planning Application for Information – None applicable

Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

1056 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan
www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

Cllr Marc Solomon reported no further progress.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the deferring of the (NDP) report.

1057 Recreation Field

(i) Dog fouling

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) reminded the Meeting of the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) process which would enable volunteer residents to issue a Notice following training on the scheme. The (FPN) process had been previously documented in Council minutes, and advertised on the Council's website, but no volunteers had been forthcoming to aid with enforcement. Enforcement could include a restricted area for dogs or a ban on the use of the Recreation Field all together in the future.

Cllr Willey added that it would be a great pity if dogs were excluded from the field. It is much used by dog owners to exercise their dogs. They are in effect the community's eyes and ears, keeping an eye on the equipment and the field in general.

Cllr Fletcher explained the Public Space Protection Order legislation as follows:

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) – the Cornwall Gateway Panel Communications Officer advises that, after communications with Cllr Edwards (Chairman), there is a blanket PSPO relating to dog fouling that covers all open spaces in Cornwall to which the public are entitled to access.

Training is available for volunteers who would like to become dog wardens, as mentioned above. Councillors already have the powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices. However, they would be reliant on members of the public reporting incidents of dog fouling to them, with details of the time, place, name and address of the person concerned and any other relevant details. If the offender did not pay the £100 FPN, then the witness might be asked to attend court to testify in the case. It is doubtful how many residents would be prepared to do this. If anyone is interested in dog warden training, please contact the Parish Council.

Residents will appreciate that this is not a simple issue to resolve. Simply banning dogs from certain parts of the field could be seen as over simplistic and oppressive for the many dog owners who live in the village. The majority of dog owners are responsible and do pick up. Further thought needs to be given to this matter.

Finally, if there are aggressive dogs, this is a police matter as they respond to incidents of dangerous dogs, so that would have to reported to them'. Cllr Edwards is to seek advice from Devon and Cornwall Police as to how to proceed with one specific case

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1058 Councillors Reports



The full Council reports for Items 1058 (A), (B) & (C) can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr White advised that both Parish Council noticeboards required some maintenance work and a repaint. **Action** : Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr Fletcher reported as follows-

- Tree planting – A388 verge tree plantation to be added to
- Wild flower planting – Perennials for planting on Hatt roundabout, see pictures below.
- Landmark Tree – new tree allocated following destruction of the previous tree
- Bulb planting – proposition to spend a small sum to purchase daffodil and crocus bulbs for planting on the mounds in the recreation field.



Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER

Cllr Ellis advised that a BOTHER meeting took place on Tuesday 4th October 2022, topics included-

- Events to attend: Saltash Environmental Action Group 25th October 2022 & a Climate Action march in Plymouth City Centre 12th November 2022
- Cycle/Walkway project now a permanent item on the Cornwall Network Panel Agendas. Encouraging support and progress noted.
- Improving the local bus services campaign
- Funding sources with British Cycling
- Climate Conference attended
- Volunteers for the BOTHER Group are needed

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Play equipment

No report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



E Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Defibrillator

Cllr Fletcher advised that the defibrillator to be located at Hatt garage had been ordered and delivery was awaited.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

F Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Concessionary Bus rides

Cllr Martin Worth advised

- Independent Cormac assessment of the school route was fundamentally based upon traffic frequency. Cllr Fletcher stated that assessors did not use professional judgement or carry out an assessment at the more active period of the year when farm vehicles are used more regularly.
- Cllr Worth explained the Appeals process active from 14th October 2022.
- A further Appeals process using 3 independent County Councillors (Appeals Committee) would also be used once the above Appeal is completed.
- James Crocker (Parents Group) preparing appeal. A protest march also being considered.
- Consideration for current school buses run by GoBus to enter a normal service route after school runs. The route would provide a link between Pillation, Botus Fleming and Saltash, connecting Pillmere and Saltash railway station.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

G Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Cornwall Network Panel (CNP)

(CNP) report deferred until 23rd November 2022, to incorporate the Extraordinary (CNP) meeting 1st November 2022.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

H Cllr John Robinson – Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS)

Cllr Robinson advised-

- Roundabout and pedestrian crossing outside the Library in Saltash deemed dangerous.
- 20mph restriction in Hatt was not being enforced.
- Cllr Worth added that Police patrol vehicles provided with 20mph speed monitoring equipment now in use
- Visibility at Hatt roundabout exit from Vollards Lane with traffic approaching from Saltash was poor due to vegetation restricting motorist's view. Reported to Cormac to cut back vegetation and brambles.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

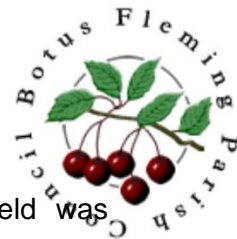
1059 Clerk's items

The Parish Council have received their Civility & Respect Project certificate.

Details of the Civility & Respect Project are recorded at item 1042.

The Pledge statement can be viewed at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



1060 Correspondence

1060 (i) Wright – the complaint regarding dog fouling at the Recreation Field was specifically discussed at items 1057.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1061 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on the 23rd November 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.

1062 End of meeting 21.20

Signed

Date

(Chairman)