



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)

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

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer;

Members of the public: 7

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 November 2022

1063/2022 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.

1064 Public participation

Mr John Invest referred to development works at the Hatt Barns which is subject to an Enforcement order. No Planning application has been submitted. No Enforcement information has been sent to the Parish Council. Cllr Martin Worth will receive update.

Mr James Crocker advised that a number of appeals had been submitted to Cornwall Council concerning the withdrawal of the Concessionary School rides to Landulph School. The Appeals addressed the decision taken by the Assessors that the walk route was safe. Parents prepared for a protest walk with media coverage from Cornwall Live.

Cllr Fletcher advised that the Freedom of Information request sent to Cornwall Council and the response only revealed that an 'assessor had walked the route'.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1065 Presentation by Max Venables

The presentation was deferred until the Public Meeting 25th January 2023.



1066 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr Solomon (Unwell).

1067 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.

1068 Minutes of the Public Meetings held on the 28th September 2022 & 26th October 2022

Minutes 28th September 2022 - Proposed Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman), seconded Cllr Oakes. 5 agreed, 2 abstentions.

Minutes 26th October 2022 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr White. 5 agreed, 2 abstentions.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1069 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

Councillors **Resolved** to note that there were no matters arising.

1070 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth updated the meeting as follows-

- Cornwall Council £26m deficit to address
- Cornwall Council entitled to increase Council Tax to maximum 5%
- Consultation over the Tamar Bridge crossing charges continues
- Treledan development enters stages 2 & 3. Meeting with Planning Officer to address the Cycle-lane / BOTHER issues. Cllr Worth agreed to facilitate a meeting with BOTHER, developers and Planning Officer
- Shared Prosperity Fund – grants still available from Cornwall Council
- Cllr Martin Worth now Chair of Scrutiny Committee for Transport

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1071 Finance

A Accounts for Payment November 2022

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

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 **£18,939.29** 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 November 2022

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

F Budget & Precept setting 2023 - 2024

Motion.

To approve the draft Budget & Precept amounts as discussed at the Public Meeting 26th October 2022. Final Budget & Precept levels for 2023 – 2024 as follows -

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

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

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the Final Budget figure of £29,050 and the Final Precept figure of £20,500 for 2023 – 2024.

1072 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – None received

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application for Information – None applicable

Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

Planning training – Cllrs Fletcher & White attended the recent training session.



Topics included –

- Cornwall Council new local plan
- Planning Applications – fee increases from 2023
- (NDP) – funding available in 2023
- Neighbourhood Priority statements to support (NDP plans)
- Natural Climate Solutions – more importance on Biodiversity issues
- Cornwall Design Guide – assistance for Councils in making Application decisions

1073 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan
www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

Councillors **Resolved** to note the deferring of the (NDP) report until 7th December 2022.

1074 Recreation Field

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) advised that grass cutting (temporary contract works) were being addressed.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) agreed to organise strimming work to the Recreation Field banks to enable bulb planting.

The Recreation Field would be used for the next Big Event planned for 15th July 2023.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1075 Councillors Reports

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

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr White advised that there were no issues to report.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr Fletcher reported as follows-

- Landmark Tree – delivery of new replacement tree awaited.
- Rumbullion Farm have offered to the Parish Council several oak saplings.
- Forest for Cornwall distributing free trees to householders in several Parishes (West Cornwall). Trees to be offered to other parts of Cornwall next year.
- Bulb planting – 100 miniature daffodil bulbs to be planted on the Recreation field banks.
- Reference to COP27 summit (no reduction in fossil fuels use)
- Reference to COP27 summit (alternative farming methods needed to address degradation of soils.



Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER

Cllr Ellis advised that no BOTHER meetings had taken place since 4th October 2022, but commented on the following –

- The delayed report from Cormac on the route and costings of the first stage of a walk/cycleway between Hatt and Carkeel is now expected at the end of November
- The Active Travel Fund (AFT) offers funding. Funding available from 2023
- The (AFT) note the roles Towns play in supporting transport networks especially high numbers of commuters
- BOTHER addressing the withdrawal of buses services
- Survey considered regarding bus connectivity St. Germans, Hatt, Liskeard & Saltash

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Defibrillator

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

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

E Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Concessionary Bus rides

Refer to Item 1064.

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

(CNP) review aims to improve area partnerships –

- Tackle community priorities
- Deliver levelling up missions
- Improve joint working
- Extend and build on existing (CNP) successes and strengths

The Chairman has responded on behalf of the Parish Council stating that the existing (CNPs) currently deliver on all the proposals of the intended Community Area Partnerships (CAPs).

The full Summary can be viewed at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1076 Clerk's items

- (i) **Grass cutting contract Tender 2023**
- (ii) **Specification 1**

Councillors **Resolved** to note and agreed the Timetable and Specification 1 subject to a minor amendment to Specification 1 Parish Pound (weed strimming).



Specification 2 relating to grass cutting at Sunnybanks, Carlton Villas verges and Hatt roundabout is currently being considered by Cormac and would relieve the Parish Council of this duty plus any grass cutting Contract expenditure above budget levels for 2023/2024. Confirmation from Cormac is requested prior to commencement of the Tender process.

Additional expenditure could result in an increase in the Budget beyond inflationary increases and increase the Precept if the Parish Council remained responsible for the Specification 2 work.

Councillors **Resolved** to note details of Specification 2.

1077 Correspondence

No correspondence.

1078 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 7th December 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.

1079 End of meeting 21:15

**Signed
(Chairman)**

Date