



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 25th January 2023

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

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer;

Members of the public: **14**

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 25th January 2023

1096/2023 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Willey (Vice 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.
No one intended recording the meeting.

1097 Public participation

Amanda Holland (resident) advised of recent flooding to her property at Sunnybanks due to a blocked drain. Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) advised that the drain and maintenance was the responsibility of the Highways Agency. County Cllr Worth agreed to a site visit with Will Glassup (CORMAC) Manager. Councillors acknowledged that drains do become blocked but that residents installing any flood defence to their property should ensure that they are not diverting excess water to the property of other residents in Sunnybanks.

Steve Malcolm (resident) complained about the state of the road at Cross Park Farm (Camomile Cottage) noting that in his opinion the slippery and poor surface of the road caused his wife's horse to slip and for Mrs Malcolm to fall from her horse.

Any Liability claim would have to be directed to Cornwall Council Highways team.

The Parish Council acknowledged that several attempts had been made by Councillors with (CORMAC) over the years to improve the road surface at Cross Park Farm, without success, following inspection of the area.

A site visit would again be arranged with Will Glassup (CORMAC) to carry out another inspection with Mr Malcolm and Councillors present. Cllr Worth would arrange the Meeting with Parish Councillors in attendance.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



1098 Presentation by BOTHER – Walk/Cycle route

Margaret Matthews representing the BOTHER group provided an update on the progress of the Walk/Cycleway Hatt to Carkeel.

Background

A survey of residents' views concerning a walk/cycleway was conducted in 2021. In the light of survey results, a report produced by the national walking/cycling charity Sustrans, and the responses of local landowners, BOTHER (Botus Fleming and Hatt Environmental Response) proposed a route (see Map 1 below). This route differed in part from that favoured by Sustrans because of problems regarding land-use consents.

Recent developments

Following public meetings in June to present and discuss its proposed route, BOTHER requested a meeting with representatives of Cornwall Council. This took place on 1st July, and Cornwall Council Highways then commissioned CORMAC to evaluate the proposal.

Although it had become clear that one segment of any walk/cycle path between Hatt and Carkeel would necessarily pass through Treledan, requests made in 2022 to meet with those responsible for Phase 2 of this area's development could not be granted, as it was not known which company would acquire the contract. This uncertainty has now been resolved, and Bloor Homes have been identified as the new developers. A meeting was held on 13th January with Cornwall Council's case officer for the development, at which BOTHER outlined suggestions for the final leg of its proposed path. At the suggestion of the case officer, a request for a meeting with Bloor Homes' representative has now been sent via Cornwall Council's Community Link Officer.

Meanwhile, CORMAC submitted its report to Highways in December 2022, and it was presented to BOTHER at a meeting on 9th January. The report included a proposal for an alternative route between Roods Corner and Treledan (see Map 2 below). BOTHER members have been inspecting the new segment proposed in the report, and are preparing to give feedback on the report to CC Highways.

Next steps

It is hoped that the agent for Bloor Homes will agree to a meeting in the near future. The purpose of such a meeting will be to determine if any accommodation can be made within the new development for a segment of the proposed Hatt-to-Carkeel path.

Meanwhile, landowners on the proposed CORMAC route will be consulted regarding their willingness to allow a section of the path to cross their land.

The views of parishioners will be sought, as well as the views of councillors from neighbouring parishes. This process has already begun. As soon as possible, feedback on the CORMAC report will be submitted to Cornwall Council.

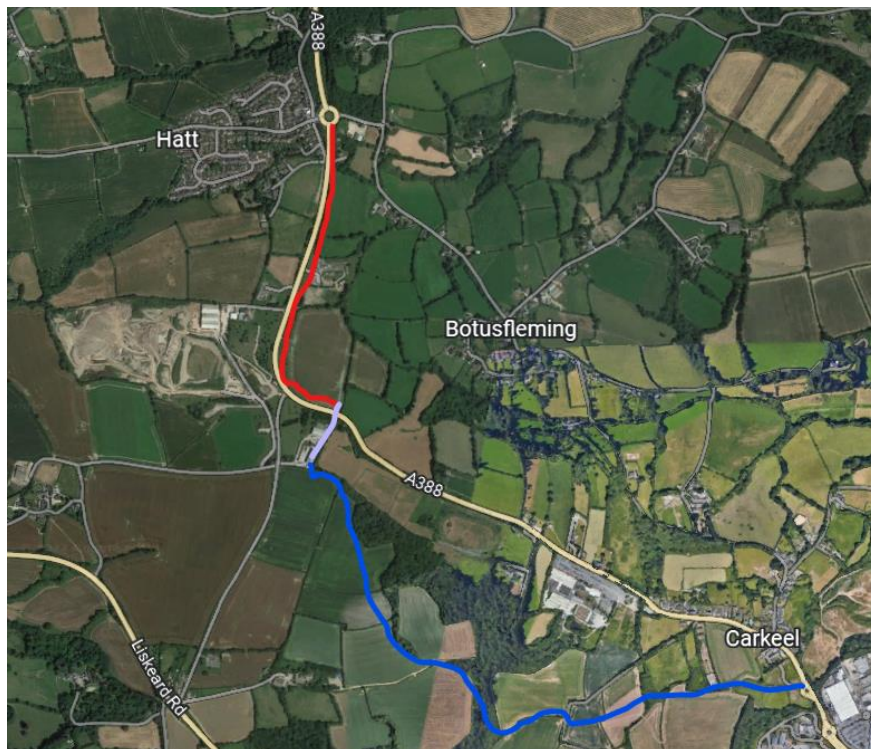
Information and communications

The full CORMAC report has been uploaded to BFPC website (Reports for Public Meetings). Any questions and/or comments can be sent to either of the following addresses:

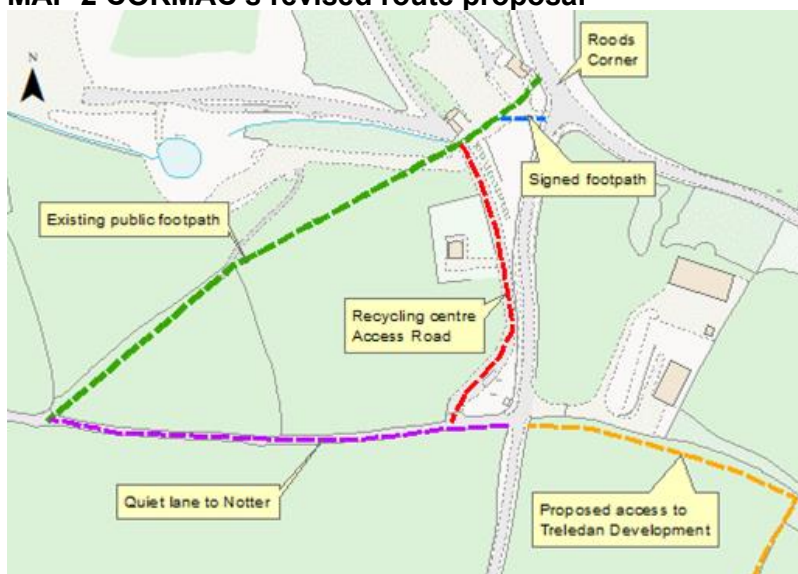
malcolm.fletcher@botusfleming.org.uk

mervyn.ellis@botusfleming.org.uk

MAP 1 BOTHER's original route proposal



MAP 2 CORMAC's revised route proposal



Margaret Matthews (for BOTHER), 25th January 2023

County Cllr Martin Worth added that the next stage of the Teledan Housing development would be carried out by Bloor contractors and that they were keen to work with Cormac and BOTHER regarding the development of a Cycle-Walkway scheme.

1099 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) (holiday).

1100 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.

1101 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 7th December 2022 and the Extraordinary Public Meeting held 10th January 2023

Minutes 7th December 2022 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr White. 6 agreed, 1 abstention.

Minutes 10th January 2023 - Proposed Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman), seconded Cllr Fletcher. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1102 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

Cllr White pointed out that under the Minutes 7th December 2022, Item 1091 (A) Hatt Noticeboard should be amended to read Botus Fleming Noticeboard.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the amendment.

1103 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth updates-

- Cornwall Council budget to be reviewed by Full Council shortly
- £500 Community Chest donation secured from Cornwall Council as funds for the Big Event
- Report on the Cornwall Affordable Housing scheme. A Presentation to Councillors and residents has taken place at Landulph PC for the Landulph & Botus Fleming Housing Needs Survey. The current survey runs to the 12th February 2023 and a response rate of 24% has been received so far. The scheme report can be viewed at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1104 Finance

A Accounts for Payment January 2023

Cllr Ellis proposed, and Cllr Robinson, 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 **£14,925.83** and the Earmarked Funds as **£11,502.13**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

E Public Works Loan Board Statement December 2022

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1105 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – One received

Reference: PA22 / 11197

Proposal: Conversion of garage and store to extra living accommodation for the bungalow installing pitched roof this area and demolishing adjacent timber agricultural sheds and construction of one detached fodder and implement store

Location: Philchris Vollards Lane Hatt Saltash

Applicant: Mrs Maisie Brown

Grid ref: 238764 / 61962

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) said that the Philchris store etc had been dilapidated for many years and that the development was welcome and the roofline would be in keeping with the current site.

Cllr Fletcher had made a site visit noting that the footprint for the proposed development was chiefly as existing.

Cllr White asked whether existing fir tree would be retained and the Applicant present at the Meeting confirmed that no trees would be removed.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) proposed, Cllr Fletcher seconded that the Council support the Planning Application.

Support 7 votes

Reject 0 votes

Abstain 0 votes

The Parish Council Resolved to Support Planning Application PA22 / 11197

(The full Council response to PA22/11197 following discussion with residents at the Public Meeting can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk and also under the Cornwall Council Planning portal website indicated above).

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application for Information – One received

Reference: PA22 / 10205

Proposal: Submission of details to discharge condition No.4 in relation to decision notice PA21 / 12138 dated 26/05/2022

Location: Pineapple Farm, Moditonham, Botus Fleming, Saltash PL12 6NN

Applicant: Michael Tapley

S52/S106 and discharge of conditions apps.



Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note all Planning matters.

1106 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan

www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

The Parish Council note that the Housing Needs Survey (HNS) report will soon be live. Information will be fed into the (NDP) Plan. Cllr Ellis to join the (NDP) steering group.

Cllr Solomon referred to the recent release of the (HNS) prepared by the Cornwall Council Housing team and also thanked Cllr Worth for the support from Landulph Parish Council and for arranging the last (HNS) Meeting.

The (HNS) report can be viewed at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1107 Recreation Field

Cllr Solomon to enquire as to whether Saltash Juniors intend to play at the Recreation Field.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1108 Councillors Reports

The full Council reports for Items 1091 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Remedial repairs carried out on the Botus Fleming Noticeboard. Thanks to Richard Taylor (resident) and Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman).

The small gate to the Recreation Field had been left open recently.

The wooden benches had been tipped over. Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) suggested that this may have been as a result of windy weather. Consideration would be given to concreting the benches into the ground in future.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr. Fletcher reported as follows-

1. A388 Tree Plantation.

It will be three years in March since the initial planting was done. Most have survived and even thrived, with several additions each year, resulting in a mix of some dozen species.

BFPC needs to decide on a longer-term management plan for them now. Left alone, the brambles will gradually reclaim most of the site. In a few more years the young trees will be able to cope with this, but in the long term it would be preferable to keep access easy for residents to be able to view the trees close up. I don't want them to be like a museum exhibit in a sterile glass case.

2. Landmark Tree.

Forest for Cornwall do not seem to reply to any requests for updates on this.

3. Hatt Roundabout.



Given the increase in the cost of the contract for grass cutting in the village, BFPC decided to hand over this work to Cormac as was previously the case. Cormac's grass cutting regime now accords with the approach advocated by BFPC to increase biodiversity. This means that the roundabout will be cut twice per year: once in Spring and another in late Summer/early Autumn. This will not include a safety cut along the north-south diameter. BFPC might be able to negotiate this with our contractor.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER

See Item 1098.

D Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Defibrillator

The defibrillator equipment and cabinet have now been installed at Hatt garage on the wall by the garage office. This information will be publicised on Hatt Chat and Botus Banter (HCBB) Facebook. Thanks to Darren Doney of P C Doney Electrics SW Ltd for carrying out the electrical installation free of charge.

Residents will be trained in using the defibrillator on the 13th February 2023, training carried out by the South West Ambulance service at the St.Mary's church hall. Numbers for training will be limited to around 20.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

E Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chairman) – Concessionary Bus rides

No progress since 7th December Minutes item 1091 (E) - Stage 2 appeal being prepared by James Crocker (resident) and protest walk by parents planned for the New Year.

Cllr Worth awaited an update on progress.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1109 Clerk's items

(i) Grass cutting contract Tender 2023

Two expressions of interest had been received by the Clerk but no quotations received to date. The closing date for the Tender applications is the 1st February 2023.

All documents can be viewed at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1110 Correspondence

1110 (i) DMY Ltd

The Clerk made a public statement relating to the complaint received from by DMY Ltd in connection with Planning Application PA22-10400.

The Planning Department and Parish Council agreed that a retraction over 3 specific comments should be made.



The Clerk offered a public apology to DMY Ltd and apologised for any inconvenience that may have been caused following the Parish Council's comments in connection with PA22-10400.

Cllr Fletcher mentioned that it was always the Parish Council's aim to represent all the views of residents and never to cause offence.

A Letter of retraction to be sent to DMY Ltd 26th January 2023.
All documents can be viewed at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1111 Date of next meeting

The next scheduled **Public Meeting** will be held on the 22nd February 2023 at 7:30pm The Meeting will take place at the St. Mary's Church Hall, (COVID safe) Botus Fleming.
A **Sub-Committee Meeting** will be held 8th February 2023 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Church Hall.

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.

Please refer to www.botusfleming.org.uk for further details.

1112 End of meeting 21:07

Signed
(Chairman)

Date