



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)

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

Also in attendance:

Linda Coles - (Locum) Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer and Councillor Worth, Cornwall Council.

Members of the public: **11**

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 22nd February 2023

1113/2023 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. No one intended recording the meeting.

1114 Public participation

A member of the public raised the issue of nuisance by farm traffic on the road from Hatt Garage towards Pillaton. The farmer is slurry spreading and the sheer volume of traffic means that a significant amount of mud etc. is being deposited on the highway. This has been reported to Cornwall Council for a second time and has been told that the farmer has been visited and action will be taken. Nothing has been done yet and the Member of the public asked if pressure can be brought to bear on Cornwall Council enforcing the action. The speed of the vehicles is also an issue. Another member of the public has also reported this issue and said that the lane is really dangerous and a serious skid hazard, Vehicles would not be able to stop if necessary to avoid pedestrians. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to all Landowners by the Clerk.

Cllr Willey suggested that the Parish Council contacts the Church Warden, Eric Distin, regarding the lights etc. in the Church Hall. Cllr Edwards (Chairman) responded that he would fix the lights.



A member of the public spoke about the solar array at Pineapple Farm. It has been a while since the permission was granted and in the planning application it was stated that the array would be screened. It is felt that this is an enforcement issue because nothing has been done. The member of the public would like the Parish Council to adopt a default position on the installation of solar panels, i.e. that they should be put on the roofs of buildings and not in the middle of a valley. Cllr Fletcher said that he will chase the Planning Dept. re the condition of the permission that said that screening should be implemented within one planting season of the planning approval being granted.

A member of the public asked when there will be a meeting to discuss the planning for Orchard Meadows. There is no news of this yet. This was permission to develop land without access and there is no public confidence in the process.

Another member of the public said that appeal for the school bus route and concessionary passes has been resolved in their favour. Cllr Worth was thanked for his help who said that there had been great support from the community for this. The Head of the school was also thanked for her support. There is a meeting tomorrow with Transport and this will be followed up next week with the Head and the bus company to see how best the children can be served.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1115 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr White (illness).

1116 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.

1117 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 25th January 2023

Minutes 25th January 2023 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Oakes, 6 agreed, 1 abstention (Chairman abstained as had not been present at that meeting).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1118 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

No matters brought forward.

1119 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth updates-

- A link to Cornwall Council can be followed for a report of its meeting.
- The bus issue has already been reported in public participation.
- At Full Council the budget has been set and council tax will increase by 4.99%. A budget has also been fixed for next year.



- The Climate DPD has been approved. Cllr Worth is fighting for community funds from solar energy and geo thermal energy; 5% of the revenue from these sources to come back to the Parish.
- Cllr Worth will report the details of the Local Housing Survey when they are to hand.
- £500 has been committed from Cllr Worth's Community Chest and the Parish Council needs to submit an application in the next two days.
- The County Deal for Cornwall consultation closed on 17/02/23 and was well supported with responses. An independent analysis of the results will go to the Full Council on 18/04/23 when the merits of the possibility of a public referendum will be decided.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1120 Finance

A Accounts for Payment January 2023

Cllr Willey proposed, and Cllr Solomon, 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 **£13,542.61** 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.

1121 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

**New Planning Applications – One received
Information to Councillors from the Parish Clerk.
The Planning Department have consulted with Saltash Town Council regarding
this Application.
The proposed development IS NOT within the Parish boundary.
The 'red line' of the boundary encroaches slightly into the Parish boundary
site.**



The Parish Council are welcome to consult and comment IF the Council feels it is necessary.

Reference: PA23 / 00341
Proposal: Replacement of existing rear conservatory extension with new rear extension; replacement of existing single-storey side extension with new single-storey side extension and 2 no. proposed dormer windows to the rear of the existing property.
Location: Smallacombe, Carkeel, Saltash, Cornwall
Applicant: Jane Bownas
Grid ref: 240535 / 61134

No comments, Councillors **Resolved** to Note

Planning Application Decisions – Two received

Reference: PA22 / 08149
Proposal: Proposed residential development of 8 properties (4 starter homes at 75% of market value and 4 open market dwellings) (resubmission of application PA19 / 05565)
Location: Land adjacent to Huckberry Farm, Vollarads Lane, Hatt PL12 6PT
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Andrews

Planning application PA22 / 08149 was WITHDRAWN 1st February 2023

Planning Application received 13th November 2006 (Application 1st November 2017)

Reference: E2/06/01640/FUL
Proposal: Construction of gabion basket wall to prevent erosion of land and property by tidal effects of the River Tamar.
Location: Pineapple Farm, Moditonham, Botus Fleming, Saltash PL12 6NN

Planning application reference E2/06/01640/FUL was REFUSED 1st February 2023

Planning Application for Information – One received

Reference: PA23 / 01065
Proposal: Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA21/10831 dated 24/12/2021 to delete roof windows on East and West elevations delete vaulted window and patio doors on North elevation, add new window in place of patio doors on North elevation and reduce size of kitchen to make space for a boot room
Location: 25 Sunnybanks, Hatt, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 6SA
Applicant: Mr Paul Loveridge

Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

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



1122 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan
www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

No report, defer to the 22nd March 2023.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1123 Recreation Field

A new landmark tree has been planted and the bulbs are all beginning to flower.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1124 Councillors Reports

The full Council reports for Items 1124 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Cllr. White absent but there is nothing to report on the Asset Audit.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr. Fletcher reported as follows-

CEE Report February 2023.

1. Landmark Oak Tree: on-going care; monthly rota This replacement for the one destroyed by vandals 12 months ago was bought with funds kindly donated by Cllr Ellis from his Flower Pot Fund. These monies had been collected from the popular quizzes Cllr Ellis previously did at the old Holland Inn. It was planted on 18th February with the help of Cllr Robinson and resident Adele Robins. It will need regular care, especially watering during the summer months, for two to three years. Hopefully this will be done on a rota basis by residents.
2. A388 Tree plantation: Our contractor has been asked for a quote to cut back the brambles now emerging along the side of the A388. Strimming by residents will still be needed in between some of the smaller specimens on the northern part of the plantation during spring and summer. There are a number of self-sown blackthorns shrubs growing on the southern end of the plantation. These could be left to grow unchecked. However, the contractor is going to provide a quote to remove these should councillors wish to do this.
3. Planting on Hatt roundabout. A dozen Oxford Cranesbills (*Geranium x oxonianum*) and fifteen Red Valerian plants have been planted on the roundabout, both perennials and self-seeding. The former is a hybrid cranesbill, which attracts many pollinators. The Red Valerian (*Centranthus ruber*), although native to the Mediterranean, has long been naturalised here and also attracts a variety of pollinators, including the humming bird hawkmoth.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



C Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER

Cllr. Ellis reported as follows-

It has been brought to our attention that the Treledan agent wishes to speak with us in the spring regarding the proposed walk/cycle route from Hatt.

It had also come to BOTHER's attention that the Bus Recovery Grant system was to come to an end and representations/comments had to be made before Parliament by 17th February. BOTHER's response purely focussed on the fact that with the funding ending, bus companies would slash services and more people would be reliant on their own private transport.

This in turn flies in the face of parishes like ours who declared themselves a Climate Emergency Parish.

The latest news is that the bus fare cap is to be extended to 30/6/23. Millions of passengers across England will benefit from £155 million in government support to cap fares at £2, maintain services and ensure people can travel affordably.

You can read more about this on the Gov't.UK website.

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 Facebook group.

Councillors and a selection of residents were trained in using the defibrillator on the 13th February 2023, training was carried out by the South West Ambulance service at the St. Mary's Church Hall, attended by 20 parishioners and was very well received. Training is to be given to the twelve staff at Hatt Garage by SWAST.

The defibrillator was used the next day and the pads have been renewed for the next use. Cllr Fletcher carried out the monthly check today.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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

Cllr Willey thanked the previous speakers on this matter which is now resolved.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1125 Clerk's items

(i) Grass cutting contract Tender 2023

Two quotations had been received by the Tender application deadline 1st February 2023. Tender prices to be considered under Item 1128

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



Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1126 Correspondence

1126 (i) Tamar Toll Action Group

It was **Resolved** to support the group in principle and the Chairman will reply to the letter to this effect.

Proposed by Cllr Oakes, seconded by Cllr Fletcher with all in favour.

Letter of support can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1127 Public Bodies – It was not necessary to exclude the press and public.

The Council **Resolved** to have an Ops meeting to interview the Contractors. The Clerk will invite them to an interview.

1128 Evaluation of grass cutting Tenders 2023

This item was deferred until the Public meeting 22nd March 2023 regarding the appointment of a contractor.

1129 Public Bodies

The Press and Public had not left the meeting.

1130 Sub-Committee recommendation 8th February 2023

Brief resume from Cllr. Oakes. Probationary period to be extended until 8th August 2023.

Action: Cllr Oakes to write to the resident concerning the sub-committee recommendation

Councillors **Resolved** to note the recommendation.

1131 Date of next meeting

The next scheduled **Public Meeting** will be held on the 22nd March 2023 at 7:30pm The Meeting will take place at the St. Mary's 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.

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

1132 End of meeting 21.00

Signed

Date (Chairman)