



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)

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

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer and Councillor Martin Worth, Cornwall County Councillor.

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 22nd March 2023

1133/2023 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.

1134 Public participation

Peter Broyd and Pat Rendle (residents) asked the County Councillor why there had been a lack of consultation with the residents of Carlton Villas regarding the proposed access road for the development at Orchard Meadow. The County Councillor noted the request but stated that no further comments could be made as the Planning Application PA23/01065 had currently been withdrawn (see Item 1141).

David Brockbank (resident) enquired as to the A388 tubes being installed under the road and how far the roadworks would reach. The County Councillor stated that roadworks should end at The Croft. David Brockbank also asked whether the landfill taking place at The Croft under the perimeter landfill, was being monitored for noise and other intrusions. The County Councillor agreed to review the situation.

Mr Terry Darke (resident) noted that Highways verges outside The Croft had been cut by The Croft / Brunel Recycling and should they be permitted to carry out the work themselves.



The Clerk advised that it is not permissible for residents to carry out grass cutting on Highways property unless they have received permission from CORMAC. Even then, it was unlikely that residents could indemnify Cornwall Council against any Liability claims.

Mr Darke also complained about the state of the grass or lack of grass cutting on the A388 roundabout and the verges at Carlton Villas. Cllr Edwards (Chairman) stated that the areas in question were now the responsibility of CORMAC Highways who would carry out grass cutting within their own scheduled timetable. CORMAC had stipulated what their level of grass cutting services throughout Cornwall would be by way of a statement to Parishes and service commitment.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1135 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr Oakes (bereavement). Cllr Solomon (illness).

1136 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.

1137 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 22nd February 2023

Minutes 22nd February 2023 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman). All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1138 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

No matters brought forward.

1139 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr. Martin Worth updates -

- Housing Needs Survey (HNS) published. Landulph & (BFPC) 605 households contacted, 190 responses received

Cllr Fletcher asked whether the Cornwall Council was able to borrow money to build affordable Housing. Cllr Worth stated that money was not the issue as Cornwall had sufficient funds. The problem lay with acquiring suitable land and also increasing the database of the number of developers with specific contract services, Electricians and Plasterers etc.

- The Fire Service provision and call centre will remain in Cornwall and not be contracted out to another area in the UK.



- Devolution update – Cornwall Cabinet deferred decision from the 5th April 2023 until the 18th April 2023. Cornwall Councillors are likely to vote that the Devolution position is referred to a Referendum for Cornwall residents to vote on.
- Local Elections May 2023 – introduction of an I.D. system for any Elector voting in person at a Polling station.
- The 20mph vehicle speed limit to be rolled out in villages shortly as a confirmation of local needs and requests.
- The new Saltash Red Bus scheme is being introduced as a community bus service utilising school buses between their morning and evening timetables. There will also be a service introduced on Tuesdays and Thursdays only to provide residents with a service to Lidl and Saltash Health centre and Leisure centre effective from April 2023. This service will start at Landulph and will be a request stop service taking in Pillaton, Hatt and Botusfleming. Please refer to the Notice at www.botusfleming.org.uk for details.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1140 Finance

A Accounts for Payment March 2023

Cllr White proposed, and Cllr Fletcher 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 **£ 6,244.45**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£12,979.26** and the Earmarked Funds as **£11,264.73**

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

E Public Works Loan Board Statement March 2023

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



1141 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – None received

Planning Application Decisions – Two received

Reference: PA22 / 09964
Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping and scale following outline consent PA19 / 01685 dated 12.11.2019
Location: Land at Orchard Meadow, Hatt, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 6PL
Applicant: NHSW Ltd

Planning application PA22 / 09964 was WITHDRAWN 21st February 2023

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 application PA23 / 01065 was APPROVED 3rd March 2023

Planning Application for Information – None received

Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

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

1142 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan
www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

No report, deferred to the 26th April 2023.

1143 Recreation Field & Big Event

No report.

1144 Councillors Reports

The full Council reports for Items 1144 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance



Cllr. White reported that Zurich Insurance had carried out an annual inspection on all playground equipment (including Kompan).

All reports state that no further action is required, except-

- Set of two swings – safety surface for review, compaction of the surface.
- Multi activity units 2-5 – Manufacturers data plate to add to conform to BSEN1176.

Other Assets on the monthly checklist are reported in order.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr. Fletcher reported as follows -

Tree Plantation

A price has been agreed with the contractor to trim/cut back the bramble growth from the A388 edge to the area where the trees are growing in order to prevent their gradual “creep” in among the trees. He is also going to cut back the blackthorn shrubs which have appeared spontaneously on the southernmost end of the plantation and are threatening to prove a barrier to access to the trees.

The trees growing in the southern half of the plantation are especially sturdy and most are now some 2 metres in height and will need very little attention from now on. The conditions seem to have especially favoured the birch and hawthorn. Although rather marshy the soil cover seems to be deeper than at the northern end. Some of the trees here have struggled to establish themselves as well as their southern neighbours, possibly because of the thinner soil cover. This, of course, was an unknown quantity before the dense bramble cover was removed in 2020. However, many are growing well, and we had no alternative site for planting. A small number of crab apples, rowan, hazel and goat willow have been recently added to fill in some of the spaces.

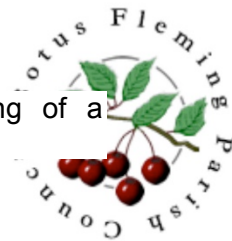
Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Cllr Mervyn Ellis – BOTHER

Cllr. Ellis reported as follows -

An email from James Hatton was received 2 weeks ago, in which he said “By way of a short update CORMAC have been asked by Bloor Homes to design the Rood’s Corner roundabout. I have been in touch with CORMAC and their client and we have agreed to review the design of the roundabout with a view of safeguarding options to allow all future route options to be safeguarded. So the design will be looking at the potential for a crossing point to link up to the public footpath to support the route identified in the CORMAC report but also safeguarding land to the north of the roundabout to allow for the Parish Council’s preferred route to be accommodated, at least as far as the extents of the scheme.”

We know that this meeting with Bloor went ahead. James Hatton has agreed to a meeting at the end of March (no date suggested yet) with BFPC/BOTHER to discuss the feedback we submitted on the CORMAC report.



Cllr Fletcher added that Cormac would also consult regarding the redesigning of a roundabout likely to be situated at Roods Corner.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Defibrillator

Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the monthly check on the new defibrillator situated at Hatt garage had been carried out. The emergency alarm cover when removed has a siren effect. The South West co-ordinator has confirmed that it is permissible to deactivate the alarm during the evenings so as not to disturb residents.

The Council's ambition is to provide for another defibrillator in Botus Fleming and the St. Mary's Church Hall is cited as a suitable location. Cllr Edwards to consult with the Chairman of the church P.C.C. Along with electrical works to connect a defibrillator, suitable lighting at the hall would need to be added. The estimates of these costs are not yet known.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

E Cllr Dave Edwards (Chairman) – Slurry on roads

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) reported that the road conditions had improved after a spell of dry weather. We anticipated that spreading slurry during wet conditions would cause the roads to be dangerous again. Letters had been sent to local farmers advising them of their responsibilities to make the roads good after they had spread slurry. CORMAC Highways had also carried out an inspection, but would not be taking any further action at this time.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

F Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Horse riding consideration

Councillors agreed that horse riding signage be considered at crossroads in Botus Fleming following incidents reported by Parish residents.

Landulph Parish Council were consulting with CORMAC to install horse-riding signs for hacking routes and crossroads in Landulph.

The costs of the horse riding signs are circa £250 each.

Cllr Fletcher to consult with CORMAC over this.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

G Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chairman) – Cornwall Network Panel (CNP)

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) reported as follows-

- Presentation on the shared prosperity funding project and the application for funds from Cornwall Council.
- Local bus service improvements (see also report from Cllr Worth)
- Safe 38 – progress report on the project for road improvements between the Tamar Bridge and Trerulefoot roundabout.



- Tamar Toll action group – progress report detailing Councils who had signed up in support of the action.
- The next (CNP) meeting will constitute a new meeting group following boundary alterations and will include Liskeard & Looe Town Councils.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1145 Clerk's items

No report.

1146 Correspondence

1146 (i) Mat Windrum Wheal Sophia PL12 6NN

The correspondence refers to Planning application PA23/01247 (Landulph Parish Council responsibility).

The Applicant Mrs Rebecca Best has been informed by Cornwall Council that prior approval to carry out the development within 5 years is NOT required.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1147 Public Bodies

The Council **Resolved** that press and public be excluded from the item for Evaluation of Tenders.

1148 Evaluation of grass cutting Tenders 2023

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) advised that following interviews on the 8th March 2023 with the two parties who had tendered, Councillors had discussed all aspects of the quotes and not merely the Tender pricing.

Councillors agreed to award the Grass cutting Contract to Ally Hill Property Maintenance.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Ellis seconded. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

Action: The Parish Clerk to write to both Steve Blatchford & Ally Hill and to prepare the Agreement for signature.

1149 Public Bodies

The Council **Resolved** press and public are re-admitted to the Public Meeting.

1150 Policy Review (Sub-Committee Meeting 8th February 2023)



Deferred to 26th April 2023.

1151 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)** on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 6:30pm at the St. Mary's Church Hall, (COVID safe) Botus Fleming.

The **Public Meeting** will immediately follow the (APM) on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7:30pm 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.

1152 End of meeting 21:10

Signed
(Chairman)

Date