



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 13th December 2023

**Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)
Councillors Fletcher, Robinson, White & Willey (Vice Chairman)**

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Members of the public: **4**

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 13th December 2023

1287/2023 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.

1288 Public participation

A resident asked why the street lighting on the Waitrose Saltash roundabout was not working. County Cllr Worth would contact National Highways regarding the lighting.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1289 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllrs Ellis & Oakes.

1290 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.



1291 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 22nd November 2023

Minutes 22nd November 2023 - Proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Fletcher. All agreed. Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes.

1292 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

None.

1293 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr Martin Worth reported.

- Level 2 deal signed off by Cornwall Council. £10million would be available for Education skills and learning.
- The green energy offshore wind project would proceed providing construction work and associated technology focused in Falmouth.
- British Irish Council formed to strengthen Cornish in Cornwall matters.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Levies available at 25% with a (NDP) plan in place or 15% with no plan dependent on the number of houses built in a Parish. Application for (CIL) funding can be made from the 75% central pot. The current window for Applications is closed.
- Landulph School has secured funding to improve classrooms for under 5s.
- The Landulph Memorial Hall to be promoted for more use and to include Community functions.
- Tamar Bridge Joint Committee proposal to increase cash tolls to £3.00 and tag tolls to £1.50, pending ratification by the Secretary of State in November 2024.
- Tamar Bridge long-term plan to 2050 to address environmental support and the 'free-flowing' of traffic. Expansion of the number of lanes on the Tamar Bridge and also the Saltash Tunnel.
- Tamar Bridge support rockers (Devon side) maintenance and replacement costs at £10million. By completing the maintenance work whilst keeping the Bridge open to traffic, the Bridge Authority will save £9.5million.

A resident asked why an amelioration on the toll charges could not be introduced for Companies or individuals using the Tamar Bridge regularly during a day. Cllr Worth stated that the current Act of Parliament and legislation does not permit an amelioration to toll rates.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.



1294 Finance

A Accounts for Payment December 2023

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, 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 2023/2024 **£26,027.78**
Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00** Total receipts Account2 2023/2024 **£22,845.00**
Total Receipts 2023/2024 **£48,872.78**

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£21,383.48** and the Earmarked Funds as **£33,389.14**

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Refer to Finance report at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note items 1294 (B) (C) & (D).

E Public Works Loan Board Statement December 2023

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Loan amount outstanding **£57,697.68**

1295 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – None received

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application for Information – None received

Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1296 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan
www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

No report.

1297 Recreation Field & Playground fencing

MOTION: to Resolve that the following expenditure in the sum of £10,131.88 (including Vat) is agreed in respect to the playground fencing installation.

Lowest quotation accepted from Zaun £7,068.23
+ Vat £1,413.65 **(£8,481.88)**



Installation by Steve Holman £1,650.00 (no Vat)

TOTAL OUTLAY (inc. Vat) £10,131.88

The nearer to the year-end 31st March 2024 that BFPC must settle the total outlay Vat costs these can immediately be recovered in April 2024 after use of Reserves to meet expenditure.

The Council finance the total outlay and vire between Accounts using the following Budgets viz –

Grant funding from Aviva	£2,500.00
Big Event A/c1 budget unused	£1,000.00
Community Action Team budget unused	£1,500.00
Projects (Newsletters printing)	£ 500.00 (a budget of £480.00 to remain)
Recreation Field A/c2 (EMF)	£2,500.00 (a budget of £999.00 to remain)
TOTAL FUNDS	£8,000.00
Initial reserves for recoverable Vat	£1,413.65 (£9,413.65)
Reserves to be used 2023/2024	£ 718.23 (10,131.88)

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded the **MOTION** to agree the Fencing expenditure in the sum of £10,131.88, and permission for the Responsible Finance Officer to vired monies between Account 1 & Account 2 budgets where necessary. All agreed.

The new fencing would be delivered to the Recreation Field around the 22nd January 2024.

Cllr Fletcher asked if an application could be made to the (CIL) central pot (see item 1293) to assist with the funding for the fencing. The Clerk confirmed that this should be considered when the application window was open.

Councillors agreed that even without a potential (CIL) injection to funds, this should not deter the Parish Council from continuing with the playground fencing installation project.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the expenditure outlined above.

1298 Councillors Reports

The full Council reports for Items 1298 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

A Asset Audit

Other Assets on the monthly checklist were reported in order.

Cllr White noted that there was a good display of Christmas decorations by residents in Hatt, bringing much festive cheer, to which all Councillors agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr. Fletcher reported as follows-

1. Tree Planting.



Despite the cold damp weather, a small group of residents joined us on 26th November to add to and replenish some losses on the tree plantation on the A388 verge north of Hatt roundabout. Species planted included dogwood, alder, oak and hazel. This brings us to a healthy total of some 130 young trees. Some of the original plantings from March 2020 are now over 2m tall.

2. COP 28

After much wrangling the conference finally decided on a declaration that fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal) should be phased out by 2050. Not a day too soon, given that 2023 is on track to be the hottest year since records began.

There is wide consensus that the only place for oil and gas is in the ground. Selling more licences to drill for more oil and gas in the North Sea will not provide us with energy security. Both those products will be sold on the international market to the highest bidder. Only investment in renewables such as wind and solar will provide that security. Just sitting back and saying, "Well, we've done a lot already, so let someone else take the lead," is not good enough. Other, poorer nations need to be able to look up to us for leadership and financial support. We cannot isolate ourselves from the far-reaching consequences from climate change. The world is like a Jenga tower. All the pieces need to be in place if it is to be secure and stable.

One breakthrough at the conference, though, has been to recognise that food production and agriculture (which together account for some 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions) must look to innovate and change their practices if we are to live in a more sustainable and survivable way.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C BOTHER

Cllr Fletcher referred to the analysis of Hatt to Carkeel walk/cycleway survey (2021) and the further breakdown of data as provided by Cllr Clare Tagg (Landulph Parish Council). (see also Item 1300 (ii) below regarding the report).

The conclusions from the report will be sent to James Hatton (Cornwall Council Traffic Officer) to further the business case that is being considered.

Cllr Fletcher offered a vote of thanks to Cllr Tagg for the work that she had carried out with analysing the 2021 survey data.

ACTION: A letter of thanks to be sent to Cllr Tagg (Cllr Fletcher to draft the Parish Council letter of thanks).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D Parish Noticeboards

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) reported that the noticeboard materials he favoured were currently out of stock with new deliveries expected in February 2024.

Councillors **resolved** to note.



E Councillor co-option

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed that the Parish Council advertise the Councillor vacancy position in early January 2024 with a view to interviewing applicants during January 2024 or on the 13th February 2024.

ACTION: The Clerk to produce an advert which would be posted to the noticeboards, Council website and Hatt Chat & Botus Banter Facebook page.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

F Cornwall Area Partnership (CAPs)

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) referred to a number of items on the (CAPs) Agenda, which included the Patients First update (see item 1300 (i)).

The full Agenda can be viewed at 'Reports' on the Council website www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

G Sunnybanks Flooding

Cllr Fletcher referred to historical flooding incidents at Sunnybanks and the concerns raised by one resident who had had difficulty in submitting an insurance claim for the ingress of water to the property because of overflowing drains. This issue was previously addressed at item 1234 (F) and referred to Cormac Highways for action.

Cormac have installed two new drains and raised the kerb. The drain sumps still appear full and further flooding issues are of concern. The resident was told that Cormac would be putting a camera down the drain to ascertain the cause of the ongoing problem. It is not known whether this has been done.

Local Government case Law from 1980 exists and stipulates that Highways are responsible for keeping drains clear and in good repair.

ACTION: Letter to Will Glassup (Highways Manager) requesting a further review.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

H Planning Application Issues

A Councillor requested that the Clerk record the following statement into the draft minutes -

PA23/08000 | Submission of details to discharge condition numbers, 3, 4 and 5 in relation to decision notice PA22/10400 dated 17/05/2023 | Hatt Yard Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6NH.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Botus Fleming Parish Council wanted to submit the following comments regarding the above submission of details to discharge the conditions mentioned. We note that comments have not been asked for on the Cornwall Council Planning Portal. However, as we have received correspondence from you regarding this matter, and several residents have voiced their concern over the inadequacy of the conditions stipulated we feel obliged and entitled to submit our views on the submission as it directly affects residents in our Parish.

Condition 3: Landscaping.

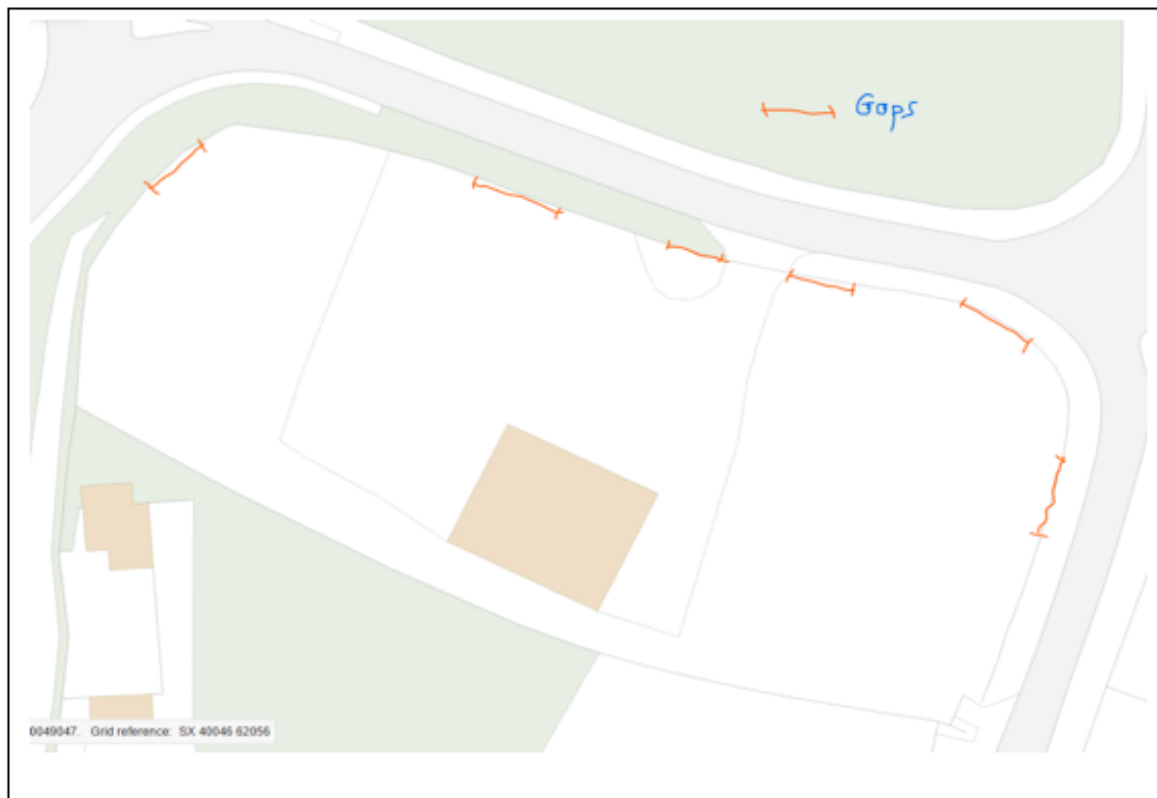
This condition requires the applicant to provide additional screening of the site. The submission provides a map indicating gaps in the natural screening provided by trees. We are of the opinion that this map does not give a true picture of the gaps in screening and would suggest that the attached map provides a more accurate picture.

Moreover, many of the existing deciduous trees (beech, alder and ash) do not provide continuous screening throughout the year. As can be seen now, the alder have already lost their leaves. The ash and beech will soon follow. The full leaf cover will not be regained until April/May next year. This means that, in effect, the site will be without screening for at least 6 months of the year.

It should also be noted that the applicant mentions Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) as being one of the existing screening species. As well as being deciduous, it should be noted that they were all felled by Highways 12/24 months ago because they clearly exhibited ash dieback disease. Although some regrowth is now apparent, they will all eventually succumb once more to the disease and thus cease to provide screening.

The species that the applicant proposes to plant (Beech and Hazel) are both deciduous and will not provide year-long screening. Any planting should be of evergreens if it is to be an effective screen.

Hatt Barns Gaps in Screening.





Condition 4: Dust Management.

The applicant proposes to manage dust on the site by using a sprinkler system attached to a telehandler. A more reliable solution would be to tarmac the site.

Botus Fleming Parish Council respectfully ask that our comments and suggestions be considered by Cornwall Council Planning Department.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1299 Clerk's items

1299 (i) Budget & Precept briefing note (as distributed to Councillors) and posted to the website www.botusfleming.org.uk

1300 Correspondence

1300 (i) Patients First – future of local healthcare & St. Barnabas.
Councillors and residents may respond to the Patients First proposals by visiting patient.voice@icloud.com

Councillors **Resolved** to note the project.

1300 (ii) Analysis of Hatt to Carkeel Walk V3 (Landulph PC)
See Item 1298 (C). The full analysis can be read under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

1300 (iii) Are you ready for weekly food waste Poster
Councillors **Resolved** to note. The poster is posted to the Noticeboards and Council Website www.botusfleming.org.uk

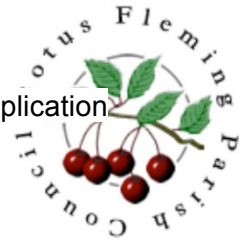
1300 (iv) Letter from Third Party regarding Planning application PA23 / 07736
Action: The Clerk to respond that the Parish Council had no further obligation to review the Application again. The Councillors' stance regarding the application remains the same.

1300 (v) Letter from Third Party regarding Planning application PA23 / 07736
Action: The Clerk to respond that the Parish Council had no further obligation to review the Application again. The Councillor's stance regarding the application remains the same.

1300 (vi) Letter from Third Party regarding Planning application PA23 / 07736
Action: The Clerk to respond that the Parish Council had no further obligation to review the Application again. The Councillor's stance regarding the application remains the same.

1300 (vii) Letter from Third Party regarding Planning application PA23 / 07736
Action: The Clerk to respond that the Parish Council had no further obligation

to review the Application again. The Councillor's stance regarding the application remains the same.



1301 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 24th January 2024 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.

1302 End of meeting 20:26

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Signed
(Chairman)

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Date