



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)**

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

**Also in attendance:**

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – County Councillor

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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**1393/2024 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.

**1394 Public participation**

No public participation.

**1395 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

Cllr Venables (work commitments)

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



### **1396            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.

### **1397            Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

Draft Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 - Proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Smith. 5 agreed, 2 abstentions.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes.

### **1398            Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.**

None.

### **1399            A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

Cllr Worth announced that he had been appointed as one of the 10 Cabinet Members supporting the 570,000 residents of Cornwall. The appointment in Cornwall Council is from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. The position works alongside the ongoing commitment to the division of Saltash Trematon & Landrake.

Due to pre-election protocol, Cllr Worth was unable to comment on any other issues, other than to mention that the Tamar Crossings project is on hold until after the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and that the Cornwall Council Cabinet were working on drafting a 10-year strategy in dealing with Travellers' sites.

Cllr Smith asked how much travellers were expected to pay for a pitch when they arrived on site. Cllr Worth would find out the cost and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

### **1400            Finance**

#### **A                Accounts for Payment June 2024**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, 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 **£12,931** Total receipts Account1 2024/2025 **£12,931**.

Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00** Total receipts Account2 2024/2025 **£0.00**  
Total Receipts 2024/2025 **£12,931**

## **C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)**

The General Account balance was reported as **£14,813** and the Earmarked Funds as **£19,461**. Total Funds **£34,274**

## **D Monthly budget monitoring balances report**

Refer to Finance report at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)

Councillors **Resolved** to note items 1400 (B) (C) & (D).

## **E Public Works Loan Board Statement June 2024**

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Loan amount outstanding **£53,422.57**

### **1401 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>**

**New Planning Applications – None received.**

**Planning Application Decisions – One received**

**Application PA23 / 10388**

**Proposal Development of 4 No.2 storey dwellings with associated access and parking**

**Location Land at Orchard Meadow Hatt Cornwall**

**Approved with conditions 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Planning Application for Information – None received.**

**Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received.**

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



## 1402 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan [www.botusflemingandhatndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhatndp.com)

Cllr Smith requested archive (NDP) material from 2018.

Cllr Worth would contact the Planning Officer responsible for NDP matters in order to update Cllr Smith on archived (NDP) plan information circa 2017 / 2018.

**ACTION:** Clerk to trace archive files.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

## 1403 Recreation Field

Cllrs Edwards (Chairman) and Cllr Fletcher met with the grass cutting contractor to discuss cutting through a new access point into the old dog walking field. The Parish Council may have access to the field in the near future. Discussions are ongoing. Obviously, it would enable residents to let their dogs off of their leads for the entire length of the car park and then straight into the dog walking field through the new access point. The gate at the bottom of the car park would be relocated to the end of the mound/bund area that would effectively seal the car park and dog walking field off from the remainder of the Recreation Field.

The Recreation Field would remain a facility for dog walkers, but all dogs would have to be kept on a lead.

Security improvements to the main entrance gate were discussed. Additional seating for the area was also discussed and would be further dealt with at the next Public Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Saltash United Junior Football Club (SUJFC) were now playing fixtures again at the Recreation field football ground. A list of fixtures would be provided for the Clerk for purposes of rental charges. The old disused goal posts would be removed and disposed of.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) stated that in negotiating with Ally Hill (Contractor) grass cutting for the football pitch would also be complemented by Wayne Hambly (subject to provision of personal credentials, risk assessment and evidence of Liability insurance cover).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

## 1404 Councillors Reports

The full Council reports for Item 1404 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)

### A Asset Audit

All Assets on the monthly checklist were reported in order.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

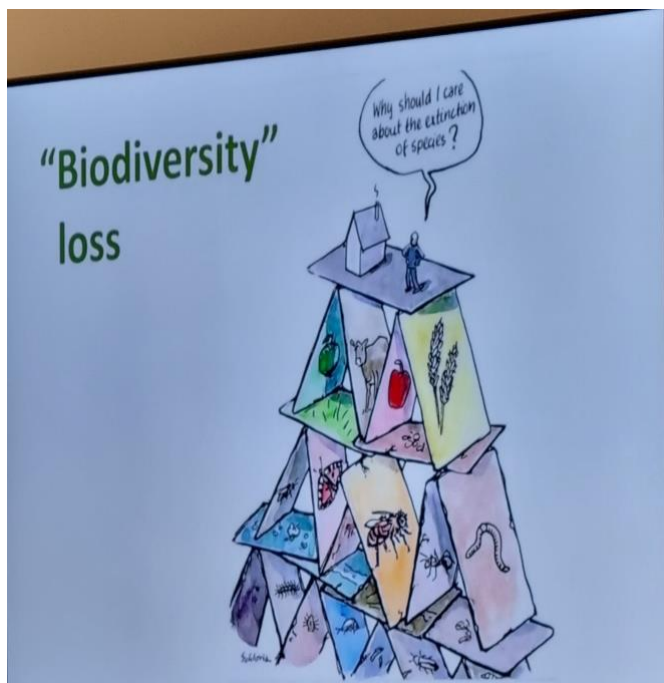
## B Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr Fletcher reported -

Cormac cut Hatt Roundabout for the first time this year on 18<sup>th</sup> June. This is in line with Cornwall's Nature Recovery Plan which aims to halt and reverse the decline in biodiversity in Cornwall for the health and wellbeing, and commercial benefits it will bring for the community.

Cormac is now delaying the first cut of roadside verges until the end of May/early June in order to allow wildflowers to bloom and provide habitats for pollinators and wildlife corridors to link up isolated habitats. The only exceptions to this will be where there are safety concerns. BFPC is pleased that Cormac have finally adopted this approach which it advocated back in 2018.

There have been concerns that the village approaches have looked "untidy" and "uncared for." It is now widely recognised that nature suffers when, with the best of intentions, we try to tidy it up by cutting and strimming everything to bowling green standards. We care for the environment when we allow it to thrive, not by tidying up the rough edges. We would do well to remember that as a species we live precariously on the top floor of a biological house of cards which is supported by invertebrates and micro-organisms. If we neglect or destroy them the whole edifice collapses.



Councillors **Resolved** to note.



**C BOTHER**

No report.

**1405 Clerk's items**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed that the Grants & Donations Policy be reviewed during the annual Budget review process in October. All agreed.

The Annual explanation of the Audit process was previously circulated to all Councillors.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

**1406 Correspondence**

None

**1407 Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7:30pm at the St Mary's Church Hall (covid safe).

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](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk) for further details.

**1408 End of meeting 20:17**

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**Signed  
(Chairman)**

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**Date**