

Botus Fleming Parish Council

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Notice of the Public Meeting of the Parish Council

Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council meetings

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Date: Wednesday 26th February 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Location: St Marys Church Hall, Botus Fleming

To: Chairman & Parish Councillors

Chairman D Edwards

Councillors. M Ellis, M Fletcher, J Robinson, M Smith, B Venables, S White, & D Willey (Vice Chairman).

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

(LGA 1972 sch.12 para.10(2))

Councillors will be discussing all the items as listed overleaf on this Agenda.

Christopher Cook (CILCA) (PIALC)

Christopher Cook

Clerk to the Council

17th February 2025

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the Clerk know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public.

Should you wish to record the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not to disrupt the conduct of meetings by, for example, using intrusive lighting, flash photography, or in asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. Oral commentary may not be made during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording, and recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting.

Please be aware that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public will not be filmed, we cannot guarantee this, especially if you are speaking or taking an active role.

Members of the public will be permitted to speak for a period of 3 minutes. Please note that members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Questions Time may be recorded.

The Parish Council recommend that any questions for Members should be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk 24 hours before the Meeting and that responses may be put in writing at a later date.

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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7.30pm – Item 1506 below (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1 extended by LG Act 1972 s.100)

Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 15 minutes in total)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns, or making comments on matters affecting Botus Fleming and Hatt. No decision can be taken during this session*, but the Chairman may decide to refer matters raised for further consideration. Items of a sensitive nature are not discussed in public and the Council passes a resolution under the above Act

* Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that are not specified in the Summons/Agenda (LGA1972 Sch.12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88Ch.119

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1505/2025 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Health and Safety housekeeping announcement,
Recording of Meetings – Please notify the Chair if you are intending to record this meeting.

1506 Public participation

1507 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given.

(LGA 1972 s.85 (1))

1508 Declarations of interest

Parish Councillors will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this Agenda. Items A to C accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and Item D accords with the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). This does not preclude any later declarations.

A. Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests – Members must declare an interest, which has been declared on their Register of Financial Interests Form, relevant to this Agenda.

B. Non-registerable Interests – Members must declare non-pecuniary interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interests become apparent.

C. Declaration of Gifts – Members must declare any gift or hospitality with a value more than £50.

D. Dispensations – Members to consider any written requests for dispensations.

1509 To approve and sign as a correct record the draft Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025.

(LGA 1972 sch.12.para 41(1))

1510 Matters arising from the Minutes for report purposes only.

1511 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

1512 Finance

A Accounts for Payment.

Members are asked to note the following items of expenditure for the month of **February 2025**.

Payments Schedule

26 February 2025

Period 11

Date	Payee	Description	BACs ref.	£
26/02/2025	Christopher Cook	Salary	BACS406	352.18
26/02/2025	HMRC	PAYE	BACS407	88.00
26/02/2025	Ally Hill	Grass cutting (Dec)	BACS408	290.00
26/02/2025	WesternWeb Limited	Renewal of BFPC domain name	BACS409	126.00
26/02/2025	Ally Hill	Grass cutting (Jan)	BACS410	290.00
All BACs payment amounts today				£ 1,146.18

B Direct bank Receipts & Payments for information

All bank receipts for this period **£650** Total receipts 2024/2025 are **£24,331**

Total receipts **Account 1** 2024/2025 are **£23,681**

Total receipts **Account 2** 2024/2025 are **£650**

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF) balances at 26th February 2025

Current Account Lloyds A/c1 £13,048.81

Business Reserve Lloyds A/c2 £ 7,871.06

Bank Reconciliation balance £20,919.87

D Monthly budget monitoring balances at 26th February 2025

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

E Public Works Loan Board - Loan Statement 26th February 2025

Public Works Loan Board - Loan amount outstanding £51,251.29

1513 Planning

New Planning Applications – One received

Application link <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

Application PA25 / 00303

Proposal Application for proposal in principle for the construction of up to 2 dwellings (minimum of 2, maximum of 2)

Location Sunnyside Botus Fleming Saltash Cornwall

Grid Ref 240601 / 61284

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application – For information – None received

Planning Application received after Agenda has been issued – To be advised

1514 Neighbourhood Development Plan & Parish Plan

www.botusflemingandhatndp.com

1515 Recreation Field

1516 Asset maintenance audit

1517 Climate Ecological emergency & cycle/walkway

1518 Correspondence

(i) Colleagues,

After considerable thought and reflection I have, with some regret, decided not to stand for re-election in May. I would, however, wish to continue with my responsibilities as councillor until 30th April 2025. I have a number of health niggles which, although not live-threatening, often leave me feeling tired and unwell. I have a number of personal projects which I wish to pursue, but do not feel that I would be left with enough time and energy to fulfill my Councillor's responsibilities as I would like to.

I would, however, like to continue to be the defibrillators' "Guardian" and to act as the Parish Tree Warden. Neither of these two roles require the person responsible to be a local councillor. I would keep the Parish Council informed about those matters on a regular basis. Given that Botus Fleming Parish Council was one of the first in Cornwall to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency, neither of which is going away any time soon, I would like to think that the topic could remain as a permanent agenda item, and that another Councillor might step forward to carry the torch. Like-wise with the Walk/Cycle Way project which BFPC has supported so effectively.

I have truly enjoyed working with fellow Councillors since 2017. There have been some bumps along the road for us, but the achievements are something that you should all be proud, especially the purchase for the community of the recreation field and the plan to build a community hall thanks to the tireless work of our Chair, Councillor David Edwards, whose support I have greatly valued. You are lucky to have him.

My very best wishes for the future.

Malcolm

(ii) A Resident writes

With increased traffic and some new Residents it would be beneficial if the County Highways would pit a passing sign where the road widens i.e. by the water meters so a "little give & take" could help all road users.

Parish Council support and a request to Highways would seem the best way forward please and if you could bring this to the next meeting it would be appreciated.

(ii) From Redruth Town Council

Cornwall Council
All Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall

Our Reference:
RTC/FC Corres
Date:
10 February 2025

Sent on behalf of Redruth Town Council for consideration by all Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall

Below is a motion which was put forward by Cllr Katie Grasso and which Council resolved to send to all Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall, and to Cornwall Council at our last Full Council meeting held on 27th January 2025.

After studying the recent tax base figures for the new second home council tax premiums, we propose that Cornwall Council consider a much fairer way of proportioning the proceeds, so that all areas have equal benefit reflected in their precepts, and not those only with busy tourist locations or wealthier areas which have a much higher rate of second home ownership. Poorer areas should receive similar amounts to those wealthier locations, where the need is often greater, and this would benefit the county as a whole.

Looking at second home council tax in general, Cornwall Council should ring fence this money solely for providing housing, reparation works to current council housing and those currently empty due to repair status, and potential CPO for properties empty in towns/villages that could provide much needed accommodation, as well as helping areas improve.

Like when the second home council tax rate 50% deduction was removed to support local housing, the second home premium was introduced as part of the levelling up strategy, in response to the housing crisis and need for additional social and local support. This is similar to the way in which the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is distributed.

We look forward to hearing from you once you have considered this matter.

Yours sincerely

1519 Clerk's items

- (i) Ethical Standards consultation

1520 Date of next meeting.

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 7:30pm at the St Mary's Church Hall (covid safe).

1521 End of meeting