



Notes of the Public Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 26th August 2026

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)
Councillors Robinson, Walton, White & Willey (Vice Chair).

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

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 26th August 2026

1756/2026 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 recorded the meeting.

1757 Public participation

Three residents of Carlton Villas, Hatt reported regarding housing maintenance issues in connection with porch subsidence, ingress of water, escape of gas and roof repairs. Whilst Cornwall Housing Limited (a Limited Company owned and controlled by Cornwall Council) had apparently made some attempt to effect temporary emergency repairs, the issues still continued and the residents requested that the Cornwall Cllr Paul Cador dealt with their cases and contacted Cornwall Council.

ACTION - The Parish Clerk would action this matter with the Cornwall Councillor, but requested that each resident provide a brief report over their individual complaints and support their report with photographic evidence.

The situation regarding the Yew tree at St. Mary's church was discussed and Councillors acknowledged the points raised by the Tree Warden which primarily surrounded the exposed tree roots and the question as to whether the roots were causing invasive damage to the wall



and catafalque (a raised, often decorated platform or framework used to support a casket, coffin, or body during a funeral). Further, it was pointed out that an expert opinion to support the claim regarding the damaged wall was still outstanding.

These points were accepted, although CORMAC were still considering a design improvement to the shale wall structure, as the wall is not a reinforced structure.

See also comments at item 1762.

Councillors **resolved** to note.

1758 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr Smith (holiday), Cllr Ellis (incapacitated), Cllr Venables (absent), Cornwall Cllr Cador.

1759 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.

1760 Minutes of the Public Meeting 22nd July 2026

Draft Minutes 22nd July 2026 – Proposed Cllr Willey (Vice Chair), Seconded Cllr Robinson.
All agreed.

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

1761 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

No matters arising.

1762 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Paul Cador

Cllr Cador was unable to attend the Public Meeting, but provided the following update with regards to the Yew tree situation at St. Mary's church.

'When you first contacted me, I was unaware of a report that was given to the diocese, which was then presented to the PCC and the DAC, from the Tree Specialist dated May 25 and, in this report, it was stated that the tree was healthy and did not need to come down. This coincides with the report that came back from Cormac.

Ultimately, the decision now comes from the PCC, DAC and Vicar of the Parish. So, now and for the future, the tree will not be coming down'.

Councillors **resolved** to note this report.

1763 Finance

A Accounts for Payment August 2026



Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Walton 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

Receipts **Account1** 2026/2027 **£12,919**

Receipts **Account2** 2026/2027 **£375**

Total Receipts all Accounts 2026/2027 £13,294

Councillors **resolved** to note.

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£5,900** and the Earmarked Funds as **£11,609**.
Total Funds **£17,509. (rounded)**.

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

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

Councillors **resolved** to note items 1748 (B) (C) & (D) as specified in the agenda.

E Public Works Loan Board Statement June 2026

Councillors **resolved** to note the Loan amount outstanding **£44,599.69**

1764 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

Planning Application NEW – None received

Planning Application Decisions – Two received

Application PA26/02976
Proposal Erection of a livestock building
Location Land at Hatt (SX397627) Saltash
Grid ref 239772/62704

Application Refused 23rd July 2026

Application PA26/01784
Proposal Erection of a livestock building
Location Land at East of Villaton Court Farm Hatt PL12 6PX
Grid ref 239772/62704

Application Refused 28th July 2026



Planning Application for Information – None received

Planning Application received after Agenda issue – None received.

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

1765 Recreation Field

Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) had installed the new swing seats and shackles following placing of the order in the sum of £237.60.

Two replacement black plastic picnic benches have been received and delivered to the Recreation field, with the placement of the benches to be completed soon. The benches were funded from a donation given to the Parish Council. Councillors acknowledged this point with thanks.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) & Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) had met with the Saltash United Junior football club (SUJFC) management team regarding the placing of a suitable sized container unit at the Recreation Field. Both Councillors were satisfied with the proposal put forward by the (SUJFC) with the proviso given that a concrete base be set in place before the now agreed 10' 'cube' container unit arrives on site.

Councillors **resolved** to note this report.

1766 (i) Asset Maintenance Audit

Cllr White acknowledged the installation of the new play area swings thanking Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) for the installation of the swings.

The asset report revealed that some of the struts to the picnic bench had become loose due to the bench being moved around, and that the nuts needed tightening.

Councillors **resolved** to note this report.

1767 (ii) Other Councillor reports

Cllr Walton confirmed that the defibrillator training session would take place in the St. Mary's church hall on the 16th September 2026. Training would be provided by SWAST.

Councillors **resolved** to note.

1768 Clerk's items – no items.

1769 Correspondence – Councillors noted the following items.

- Planning newsletter – Neighbourhood Priority statements
- Forest for Cornwall – tree grants
- Clean Cornwall newsletter
- SLCC – Martyn's Law legislation & Standing Orders review
- CALC news bulletin – various subjects including Fly-tipping survey
- National Allotments survey



- Stoketon cross roundabout update
- Planning application updates PA26/01784 & PA26/02976
- Hall bookings/hirings – 2 enquiries for action
- 5-day Planning protocol response PA26/03297
- South West Water hospice ban
- Council grant request from Cornwall Air Ambulance
- Building Local Benefit through Community ownership and energy generation
- Safer Cornwall – Have your say survey 2026 crime/antisocial behaviour
- Screwfix Foundation grants round 2026
- Town & Parish Council newsletter
- Callington hub banking petition

Councillors resolved to note all items and take no further action other than to consider a Forest for Cornwall tree grant.

St Mary's church Yew tree correspondence is addressed at item 1757 above.

Councillors **resolved** to note.

1770 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7:30pm in 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 a requirement with safety guidelines applying.

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

1771 End of meeting 20:28

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Signed
(Chairman/Vice Chairman)

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Date