Miss Lisa Cooper's Suggestions (31/5/2017)

1) Improved access to Hatt Post Office/Shop for less abled people (Ramp/Steps, improved handrail, and or improved doorway) – Access Grants?

Advised:

Access to the Post Office/shop is the responsibility of the shop owner and not a statutory provision. The shop is currently closed, but I will raise the matter with the owners when/if it reopens.

2) Potential siting of a bench on the hill between Botus and Hatt. To provide a resting point for less abled walkers.

Advised:

Potential issues might be finance and location. I walked down the lane and have initially struggled to find a suitable public site. Will have a "better" look!

Miss Cooper further advised that this was originally raised with PC 9 years ago. She knows of at least 6 other Botus Parishioners who do not enjoy the best of health who would support this proposal. Some sites suggested. And some funding ideas (Waitrose green token, collection tin in Pub).

3) Potential installation of an additional bin for recycling cans/plastic to be sited adjacent to existing litter bin at the Hatt bus stop.

Advised:

Whilst the idea has merit, I anticipate the main barrier to be the cost of having it routinely emptied. I understand that the current collection service doesn't accept separate items. A new recycling facility would need to be collected by the recycling team and the extra cost of this would not be picked up by the County Council (The contract they have with Biffa has already been agreed).

Miss Cooper replied and suggests that the PC could fund this and mentions a number of parishioners already pick up waste voluntarily.

4) Potential installation of a compost bin in Botus Fleming cemetery to reduce green waste entering landfill. Advised:

The upkeep of the cemetery is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. I believe the Graveyards Authority is responsible. I have written to the Revd Catherine Signist in Saltash to seek the correct contact details so that I can forward a copy of your letter. No Reply as at 30/6/17

5) Consider amending current road sweeping schedule to take place immediately after hedge cutting/flailing in Botus, to avoid the cuttings blocking drains

Advised:

 Written to Councillor Jesse Foot (Cornwall Councillor for St Germans and Landulph) who agreed to make enquiries within the Cornwall Council and get back to me.

Advised

- Jesse confirmed it was logistically impractical to coincide the schedules of sweeping and hedge trimming. He referred to the CCC website which provides a number to use to seek urgent sweeping if the detritus issue became significant.
- 5a) Miss Cooper replied (21/6) that she used the number last year and the road was swept promptly. She asks if the Council could provide the 6-monthly schedule to the hedge cutting contractors so that they could consider this in their schedule planning?
- 5b) Miss Cooper also asks if the contractors have a legal obligation to clear their clippings if potentially dangerous (like farmers do if they leave mud on the road)? And, is clearing their mess included in the contract?

Additional Suggestions proposed by Miss Cooper on 21/6/17

- 6) Could the overgrown hedge opposite the cemetery be strimmed back so that cemetery users can park closer to the side of the road reducing the road hazard?
- 7) What about a small book lending/swap facility to be set up inside the porch hallway in the Church Hall to replace the mobile library that was discontinued?