



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 25th September 2019

Present: Councillor Ellis (Chair)

Councillors Edwards (V/Chair), Fletcher, Oakes, Robinson, Smith, White & Willey

Apologies for absence: None

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 25th September 2019

345/2019 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Ellis (Chair) welcomed residents to the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules. No members of the public intended recording the Public Meeting

346 Public participation

Mr D Mingo advised Councillors that the new carpet was due to be fitted the following week in the Church Hall and thanked again the Parish Council for the contribution made towards the replacement costs.

347 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

There were no Apologies.

348 Declarations of Interest

None declared. Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for Dispensations. All noted and agreed.

349 Minutes of the Public Meeting 28th August 2019



The Minutes were a true record of the Meeting. Proposed Cllr Willey seconded Cllr Ellis (Chairman) .

Councillors **Resolved** to note. 6 agreed, 2 abstentions.

350 Matters arising from the Minutes for report purposes only.

No matters arising.

351 Correspondence

Councillor Ellis (Chairman) stated that information had been received from a resident making reference to the draft 2018 Parish Plan and that this would be discussed under Item 356.

All Councillors agreed and **Resolved** to note.

352 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Jesse Foot

Cornwall Cllr. Foot advised Councillors that the Orchard Meadow Application would be heard at Bodmin on 14th October 2019.

Cllr. Foot was currently being lobbied on the issues of Passive Housing (design standards that should exclude draughts in properties) and the Space Port (impact upon carbon emissions).

Under the Cornwall Council Climate Emergency plan the issue of tree planting was being addressed generally as was the condition of 10,000 'old' properties throughout Cornwall and that the new developments should reflect the environmental standards now required.

Cllr. Foot reiterated the reduction in the number of County Councillors effective from May 2021 and the suggestion that remote access or Skype be a future means of communication at Public Meetings. A full dialogue relating to these reasons and the Parish Council's initial response were included under Item 336 of the Minutes dated 28th August 2019.

Cllr. Ellis (Chairman) confirmed that Councillors would consider further the possibilities of installing a Wi-Fi hotspot.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report and the action. All agreed.

353 Finance

A Accounts for Payment

Cllr Ellis (Chair) proposed, Cllr White seconded approval of the Accounts for payment.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed.



B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information

Bank Receipts were reported as £500.00. Total receipts 2019/2020 £10,188.15

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as £13,693.95 and the Earmarked Funds as £4,545.72.

Following discussions regarding the General account budget Cllr Edwards (Vice Chair) proposed that the sum of £1,400 be transferred across to the Earmarked Accounts budget to reflect an amount for the Big Event 'assets' budget. This transaction would be included in the Minutes as an internal transfer of funds.

Proposed Cllr Edwards (Vice Chair), seconded Cllr White.

Action : The Clerk to vire the sum of £1,400.

Councillors **Resolved** to note. All agreed

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

354 Planning

New Planning Applications – None received

Planning Application Decisions – None Approved.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

355 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

Cllr Edwards (Vice Chair) advised that there was no report and that a full review of the NDP would take place during 2020.

The Parish Clerk confirmed that as a standalone document, the Parish Plan would in future be included on the Agenda as a separate item.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

356 Parish Plan

Cllr Ellis (Chairman) advised Councillors that he had personally received information from a resident regarding the 2018 draft Parish Plan concerning the matter of the draft acceptance and Governance.



Cllr Fletcher stated that the vote under Item 339 Minutes 28th August 2019 be null and void under Governance, and further that the Minutes in 25th April 2018 Item 356 (b) referring to the Parish Plan merely suggested the creation of a Plan as recorded by the Clerk in 2018.

Cllrs Ellis (Chairman) & Willey proposed that the existing Parish Plan was not a finalised Plan and that any Parish Council Policy or document should be open for adaptation after a six month period.

Cllr Edwards (Vice Chair) explained that the current draft Parish Plan was silent on a number of issues, not least, the Climate Change announcement.

Due to a number of Councillors not having all the information to hand concerning the Agenda Item it was suggested by Cllrs Edwards (Vice Chair) & Smith that the Parish Plan be discussed further at the Public Meeting 23rd October 2019.

The Clerk did confirm that under Governance, a 'de minimus' amendment had been made to earlier Minutes, correcting the word from **arsing** to **arising**.

Cllr Ellis (Chair) proposed to distribute correspondence on this matter.

Proposed Cllr Ellis (Chairman), seconded Cllr Fletcher.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed

357 Recreation Field

Cllr Edwards (Vice Chair) advised that the landowner Mr D Shovell was still engaged in dealing with family affairs and other domestic matters following a bereavement,

As there still remained the intention that the Parish Council would be able to renew the Lease on the Recreation Field, even for a one year extension, if necessary, Cllr White suggested that the extension should be formalised in early 2020.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

358 Councillors Reports

A Cllr Sally White - Maintenance

Monthly maintenance audit noted (report previously published)

Councillors **Resolved** to note the monthly Audit report. All agreed.

B Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Bio diversity

(i) Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the Parish Council application to the Woodland Trust had been successful. A selection of suitable trees would arrive in the next few



months, with planting likely to take place during March 2020. Please see the Biodiversity report on the Council website for full details.

(ii) The proposal to send a tree planting letter to all residents and landowners in the Parish requesting land for the purposes mentioned under Item 358 (D) (ii) (b).

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

C Cllr Dave Edwards (V/Chair) – Big Event

Cllr Edwards (V/Chair) advised Councillors that the next Event planning meeting would be held in early October. A Band had been booked and entertainment arrangements were being made. Cllrs Edwards (Vice Chair) & Willey confirmed that they were making arrangements for a display of around 20 1940's motor vehicles.

It was confirmed that the Event had been registered with Bruno Peek at <https://www.veday75.org>

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report. All agreed.

D Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate Emergency Action Group (CEAG)

(i) The Parish Council received the CEAG meeting minutes, the CEAG now being referred to as **BOTHER** (**B**otusfleming and **H**att **E**nvironmental **R**esponse) group. Cllr Fletcher presented a request from the group that Botus Fleming Parish Council (BFPC) consider reserving a sum in the budget under Earmarked Funding (EMF) for BOTHER, and further, that (BFPC) consider allowing BOTHER to deposit with (BFPC) under a separate heading any monies that they may obtain independently.

The Clerk pointed out that, if BFPC consented to allocating (EMF) to BOTHER they would need to present a 'Statement of Intent' to (BFPC) which would outline the kind of activities which such funds might be used for.

Cllr Fletcher made mention of the Parish Plastic free endeavour and suggested that the Parish Council purchase two recycling bins, to be positioned one in Botus Fleming and the other near to the Recreation Field Hatt.

Action : Cllr Fletcher to progress with the Statement of Intent.

Action : Cllr Fletcher to make enquiries with Cornwall Council concerning the purchase and emptying of two recycling bins.

Councillors **Resolved** to note these Actions and report. All agreed.

(ii) To consider two Motions dated 18th September 2019 :-

(a) '*(BFPC) declares a Climate Emergency, and pledges to give all possible support to Groups and individuals within the Parish and the wider Community that seek to address the issue*'

Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed.



(b) ' Having declared a Climate Emergency, (BFPC) accepts that tree planting, establishing wild flower meadows and promoting organic, community allotments are some of the alternative uses of land that can help to slow down global heating. Given that (BFPC) does not, as yet, own any land, it is proposed that (BFPC) call on local landowners to ascertain their willingness to devote some of their holdings to this purpose'

Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed

Councillors **Resolved** to note the decision of both Motions.

359 Matters for information purposes only

Clerk's item – Code of Conduct training arranged as Induction for 3 Parish Councillors.

Cllr Ellis (Chairman) advised Councillors that he had attended the Flood Forum meeting concerning the Broadmoor Saltash development and that Minutes of the meeting 2nd September 2019 were available.

360 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the Public Meeting on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 7:30pm in St.Mary's church hall.

361 End of meeting 21:15