



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chair)

Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Oakes, Robinson, White.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chairman), annual leave, Cllr Alex Smith, bereavement, and County Cllr. Jesse Foot (report provided to the Parish Clerk).

Also in attendance: Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Members of the public: 10

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 22nd January 2020

420/2020 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Edwards (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.

The Clerk pointed out that Agenda Item 420 was recorded as 420/2019 in error and is amended above.

421 Public participation

a) Mrs A Williams addressed Councillors regarding the recently approved Planning Application PA19/01685 Orchard Meadow, and in particular the layout and access and egress to the development. Local residents had expressed disappointment with the decision made by the Cornwall Council Planning Committee.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman), who attended the Planning Application hearings, advised that a Highways consultant had been retained by the applicant to complete a site access appraisal.



Mrs Williams explained that the access road had not been correctly identified, and that neither a site notice or a letter to residents had been provided. Cllr Edwards (Chairman) agreed to address these points with Jesse Foot County Councillor.

In the meantime, Mrs Williams would continue with the residents campaign against approval of Planning Application PA19/01685, and was considering contacting the Cornish Times over this matter.

Cllr Ellis confirmed that, overall, the Parish Council were sympathetic to the issues now being raised and confirmed that Councillors did not support the development. Cllr Ellis thanked Mrs Williams for her continued efforts on behalf of the residents in the area affected by the development.

b) Mr T Darke enquired as to why some areas in Hatt seemed to have preferential treatment with regards to grass cutting whilst other areas were ignored. Cllr Fletcher advised the resident of the frequency of the grass cutting service and how the service needed to fit in with the declared climate emergency and the recommended 'cut and collect' provision which was being considered by Cormac.

Mr Darke stated that the matter had been referred to the local MP, Sheryl Murray for comment. He said that a group of residents were prepared to cut the grass themselves. Cllr Fletcher advised that anyone wishing to undertake such work would require a licence from Cornwall Council.

Mr Darke requested whether specific residents could acquire a Licence to cut the grass themselves, and Cllr Edwards (Chairman) advised that Cornwall Council would advise over this issue. In respect to both of the issues mentioned the Parish Council would be interested to learn of the responses given to Mr Darke.

c) Mrs D Darke asked Councillors why the Planning Application PA19/01247 (Cardinals), see Item 429, had been refused. Cllr Edwards (Chairman) replied that Cornwall Council Planning had refused the Planning Application principally on the grounds that the proposed building was in an Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) comments. The reason to refuse had also been supported by the County Councillor Jesse Foot. Only the Planning Committee (with sufficient support from the Committee Councillors) could reconsider the matter.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) also confirmed that the Architect for the applicant had contacted the Parish Council requesting a 'call-in' on the decision, and were advised by the Parish Council that it would be up to themselves to convince the Planning Committee to reconsider the decision.

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

422 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

County Councillor Jesse Foot (report submitted to the Chairman).

423 Declarations of Interest

None declared.



Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for Dispensations.

All noted and agreed.

424 Minutes of the Public Meeting 11th December 2019

The Minutes were a true record of the Meeting. Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Robinson.

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

425 Matters arising from the Minutes for report purposes only.

Apologies to be noted from County Councillor Jesse Foot (11th December 2019)

426 Correspondence

Councillors noted the correspondence from Cornwall Council Standards Committee which confirmed that the alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by two Botus Fleming Parish Councillors had not been upheld. The Complainant had been advised of the decision.

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

427 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Jesse Foot

The Parish Clerk delivered a report from County Cllr Jesse Foot.

At the recent Full Council meeting the proposal from the Chairman of the Licensing Act committee that street traders phase out the use of single use or non-recyclable plastics was passed unanimously.

Cornwall Council and all the emergency services had a successful day of action around road safety on the A38. It was identified that changing driver behaviour would have the most impact in the short term. Statistics revealed that around 90% of accidents involved local residents and 25% involved drivers not wearing a seatbelt.

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

428 Finance

A Accounts for Payment

Cllr Ellis proposed, Cllr Oakes 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 £0.00. Total receipts 2019/2020 £17,769.92



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

C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as £17,008.48 and the Earmarked Funds as £6,145.72.

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

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Councillors **Resolved** to note the report.

429 Planning

New Planning Applications – One received

Reference: PA19/10728
Address: Land South of Roodscroft Hatt Cornwall PL12 6PJ
Proposal: Change of use of building from root crop store to storage and distribution (underB8)
Applicant: Mr D Venables
Grid ref: 240964 / 61631

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Planning Application intended as for information purposes only for Botus Fleming Parish Council. All agreed

Planning Application Decisions – One Approved

Reference: PA19/09910
Address: Pheasants Cry Botus Fleming Saltash Cornwall PL12 6NQ
Proposal: Extension of boot room to rear of property
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Vincent
Grid ref: 240964 / 61631

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

Planning Application Decisions – One refusal

Reference: PA19/01247
Address: The Cardinals Hatt Saltash Cornwall
Proposal: Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the construction of a hotel comprising of 56 hotel rooms and leisure facilities, including associated parking with appearance and landscaping reserved.
Applicant: Mr Venables
Grid ref: 239812 / 61622

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

Planning Application for Information – None applicable



Councillors **Resolved** to note.

Planning Applications received after the Agenda published – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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

Report deferred until 26th February 2020.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

431 Parish Plan

Report deferred until 26th February 2020.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

432 Recreation Field

Cllr Edwards (Chair) advised Councillors that following the letter from Kivells providing a valuation of the Recreation Field and the option open for the Parish Council to purchase the land in question, the Council would obtain two valuations from Chartered Surveyors. Mr Eric Distin had offered to provide a valuation for a competitive fee which was accepted by the Council.

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

Action Cllr Edwards (Chairman) to request that Mr Distin carry out a valuation and to find one further Chartered Surveyor to carry out a second valuation of the Recreation Field.

433 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) Hatt Roundabout proposal

Cllr Fletcher advised Councillors that he had sent a letter and Plan to Mr Paul Allen (Highways Manager) concerning the Parish Council's desire to manage Hatt roundabout and the approach verges to the South East and South West.

The Plan had been discussed and formulated by Cllrs Fletcher, Willey & Edwards. It proposed a 'cut and collect' programme for grassed verges during early Spring and



Autumn. Grass clippings would be collected in order to encourage wild flower growth. The National Charity *Plantlife* encouraged the use of such a scheme.

Cllr Fletcher produced a map of the area indicating proposed wild flower beds.

(ii) Tree planting proposal

Cllr Fletcher provided Councillors with a Tree planting proposal Plan for Mr Paul Allen (Highways Manager), and also two Tree planting proposal maps identifying the areas North East of Hatt roundabout and the area South East of Hatt Roundabout. Both maps were marked to indicate suggested tree planting areas.

The Tree planting Plan addressed the suggested species of tree to be planted, the spacing and planting method, and also a three year maintenance schedule.

Minute Item 413 (B) (11th December 2019) had previously advised that a working party involving the Community Action Team (CAT) would be formed in the New Year to progress the planting programme.

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

C Cllr Dave Edwards (Chair) – Big Event
<https://www.veday75.org>

Cllr Edwards (Chair) passed the update to Mrs S Edwards Chair of the Big Event. Mrs Edwards advised that the Committee were still in the process of arranging for period vehicles to be on display at the event. The Committee viewed the Big Event as an opportunity to incorporate the theme of the Climate emergency by promoting educational material.

Mrs Edwards confirmed that the Christmas Fair had realised receipts of £740, the sum for Earmarked funds. Cllr Ellis offered a vote of thanks to all involved with the organisation of the Fair and the stallholders making the Fair even more successful than the previous year.

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

D Cllr Malcolm Fletcher – Climate Emergency (BOTHER)

Cllr Fletcher advised Councillors that at the recent meeting of the last **BOTHER** (**B**otusfleming and **H**att **E**nvironmental **R**esponse) Group, it was agreed that the Big Event should be used as an avenue to promote further the Climate emergency and suggested that a Poster competition entitled ‘ Save the Planet ‘ could be used as an educational tool.

Cllr Fletcher reported that three residents had signed up to the ‘ Bulb energy ‘ programme and that this had generated £150 in donations. This receipt would be used to bolster the **BOTHER** earmarked budget.

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



E Cllr John Robinson – Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS)

Councillor Robinson advised Councillors that the following topics were discussed at the (SARS) meeting viz :-

- a) Gilston Road Saltash road widening survey to review the access road to Callington Road.
- b) Introduce a one-way system in the car park at Lidl's Saltash.
- c) Broadmoor Farm initial construction planned for March / April 2020.
- d) Tamar Bridge repairs overrunning and that the shuttle bus service would continue throughout 2020.
- e) A car park barrier scheme is to be introduced by Cornwall Council on a number of selected car parks, but none in the local area.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) added that with the forthcoming speed restriction sign in Vollards Lane expected to be installed around April 2020, the Parish Council had not yet received details from Cormac concerning the design of the scheme.

Cllr Fletcher informed the meeting that he had reported a blocked drain at Botus Fleming crossroads to Cormac. The said drain had been a problem for several years. Cormac advised that the problem would be attended to as part of their planned maintenance programme

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

Action Cllr Edwards (Chairman) to write to Mr Paul Allen (Highways Manager) Cormac.

434 Cllr Dave Willey (Vice Chair) – Vexatious Complainant case

The Parish Clerk informed Councillors that a letter dated 23rd December 2019 confirming that the Complainant was now deemed Vexatious & Persistent had been delivered.

The case would be reviewed again in 12 months time, and a further decision made 23rd December 2020.

A redacted version of the letter can be read under the Reports section on www.botusfleming.org.uk

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

435 Chairman's Agenda Items

Donations for St. Mary's Church PCC during 2020/21

- a) Churchyard maintenance @£250



Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Ellis.

Councillors **Resolved** to support the donation. All agreed.

b) Church Hall room hire for Public Meetings @£350

Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Ellis.

Councillors **Resolved** to support the donation. All agreed.

436 Matters for information purposes only

None.

437 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the Public Meeting on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 7:30pm in St.Mary's church hall.

438 End of meeting 21:00