

Botus Fleming Parish Council

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Dr Trevor Aughey
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19th September 2020

Dear Dr Aughey

The Parish Council note the observations contained in your letter 15th September, 2020.

The Parish Council has robust Policies and procedures in place to meet Governance standards, and we consider that Councillors act at all times with integrity and probity in carrying out their duties. The Parish Council has had advice from CALC and the Standards Committee on similar issues that you have raised with us in the past, and have been assured that our procedures have been appropriate. In some cases there may have been “de minimus” errors, but nothing more.

The Contract you refer to was a short term arrangement which engaged with Community needs and addressed the fact that Cormac were unable to operate during the Covid-19 lockdown. The £600 expenditure is budgeted for to meet grass cutting at Sunnybanks and on the A388 roundabout. Cornwall Council Legal Services and Highways Services were involved during the whole process.

The Parish Council has a number of projects currently in progress to benefit the residents of the parish for many years to come. They are time consuming, and Councillors would like to be able to dedicate as much of their freely given time to them as possible. At present (for different reasons) the Parish Council is short of two Councillors. Conducting business remotely is not easy during the ongoing pandemic, but the work goes on.

Your complaint and the Council’s reply will be added to the website in due course.

I will continue as your point of contact (SPOC).

Yours sincerely

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