



## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)**

**Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Robinson, Smith, Venables, White & Willey (Vice Chairman)**

**Also in attendance:**

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – Cornwall Councillor

Members of the public: **17**

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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**1505/2025 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.

One member of the public intended recording the meeting.

**1506 Public participation**

The Parish Council's Liability Indemnity insurance would be used to cover the forthcoming Easter Egg hunt in Hatt.

The applicant representative read a short statement in support of Planning Application PA25/00303.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

**1507 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

No apologies.

**1508 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.

#### **1509 Minutes of the Public Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**

Draft Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Smith.  
7 agreed, 1 abstention.

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

#### **1510 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.**

None.

#### **1511 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

Cllr Worth took his reported

- The Secretary of State has not yet taken a decision regarding the amount of increase to the Tamar bridge tolls and tag crossing fee.
- The annual budget for 2025/2026 has been approved by Cornwall Council.
- Safer Cornwall Project has a new Police Inspector, Insp. Ned Bowie, appointed for the Liskeard/Looe/Callington area and he will attend (CAPs) meeting in future.
- Peninsula Transport are carrying out a complete transport plan with a consultation ending 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- The Saltash Tunnel Lane improvement works are progressing.

Cllr Smith enquired as to whether lorries could be rerouted through St Germans in order to avoid the A38 railway bridge at Trerulefoot. This matter is under consideration.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

#### **1512 Finance**

##### **A Accounts for Payment February 2025**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) 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**

Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00** Total receipts Account1 2024/2025 **£23,681**  
Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00**. Total receipts Account2 2024/2025 **£650**  
Total Receipts all Accounts 2024/2025 **£24,331**

##### **C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)**

The General Account balance was reported as **£13,048** and the Earmarked Funds as **£7,871**. Total Funds **£20,919**

##### **D Monthly budget monitoring balances report**

Refer to Finance report at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)



Councillors **Resolved** to note items 1512 (B) (C) & (D).

## **E Public Works Loan Board Statement February 2025**

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Loan amount outstanding **£51,251.29**

### **1513 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>**

#### **New Planning Applications – One received**

<b>Application</b>	<b>PA25 / 00303</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Application for proposal in principle for the construction of up to 2 dwellings (minimum of 2, maximum of 2)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Sunnyside Botus Fleming Saltash Cornwall</b>
<b>Grid Ref</b>	<b>240601 / 61284</b>

Cllr Fletcher referred to the number of comments that had been made on the Planning Portal viz- 10 in support of the Planning Application and 9 against the development.

It was noted that of the 10 supporting statements, only one was made from a resident in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development. A further supporting letter was from a resident of Botus Fleming not in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development. The remaining letters of support were from people who did not live in Botus Fleming. Eight of the comments were very similar in content.

In contrast, 5 of the 9 comments against the development were from residents in close vicinity to the site, three more were residents of Botus Fleming. The remaining objector lived outside the village but had grown up there.

Overall, the Application did not mention specific details regarding dimensions of the properties. The applicant had previously gained permission to build a large barn on the site, claiming it was essential for the storage of fodder for the sheep kept there. However, the new application would necessitate the demolition of the barn, begging the question whether it was ever really needed. The application did not meet the criteria for “infill.”

National Landscapes responded that the proposed development would have a detrimental effect on the current setting and current natural beauty setting. Councillors noted all the above points.

Cllr Fletcher proposed, Cllr Venables seconded NOT to support PA25 / 00303.  
All agreed.

The Parish Council **Resolved** not to SUPPORT Planning Application PA25 / 00303

#### **Planning Application Decisions – None received**

#### **Planning Application for Information – None received**

#### **Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received**

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

### **1514 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan** [www.botusflemingandhattndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhattndp.com)



Item deferred until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

### **1515 Recreation Field**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) has been requested to attend a Community Capacity Fund meeting in Truro. The precise reason for the meeting is not known.

Cllr Fletcher noted that the cherry tree saplings growing at the Recreation field mentioned during recent meetings would be relocated to more suitable positions.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) thanked Richard Taylor for the preparatory work carried out with the VE Day celebrations in mind. Maintenance costs amounted to £126.52 with expenditure being met from the maintenance budget (see Item 1490 - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **1516 Asset maintenance audit**

Cllr White advised that due to the recent inclement weather, the entrance to the Recreation Field was slippery. Councillors noted this fact but decided against placing notices at the field regarding this issue.

The strut to one of the picnic benches is damaged. Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) offered to carry out the repair.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**Item 1516 can be viewed under 'Reports' at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)**

### **1517 Climate Ecological Emergency & cycle/walkway**

No report.

### **1518 Correspondence**

- (i) Councillor Fletcher addressed Councillors and the meeting advising that he would not be seeking to stand as a Parish Councillor at the next Local Elections due 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025, largely because of several health issues. Councillor stated that he had served the Parish since 2017, particularly mentioning his involvement in Climate & Ecological Emergency issues and was also prepared to carry on to act as the Parish Tree Warden. Beyond this, Councillor Fletcher would carry on with a healthy interest in Parish affairs and look forward to the progress and the plan to build a Community Hall.

Everyone gave Councillor Fletcher a round of applause and thanks for the dedicated work that he had carried out in the Parish for the past 8 years.

- (ii) Following a request from a resident for the Council to add a 'passing sign' by the water meters leading up from the Botus Fleming Church Hall crossroads, the Parish Clerk would seek advice from the Highways Engineer (Cormac) Will Glassup and arrange a site inspection.
- (iii) The Parish Council noted the Motion from Redruth Town Council concerning the proposal that Cornwall Council consider a much fairer way of proportioning the proceeds from the new second home Council Tax premiums, so that all areas have equal benefit reflected in their precepts, and not just those areas with busy tourist locations. Councillor Fletcher proposed, Councillor Smith seconded

support for the Motion. All agreed. The Parish Clerk to relay the Motion decision to Redruth Town Council.  
Councillors **Resolved** to Support the Motion



**1519 Clerk's items**

(i) Ethical Standards consultation

Councillors noted the draft response prepared by Cornwall Association of Local Councils and had nothing further to add.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

**1520 Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30pm at 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 an option with safety guidelines applying.

Please refer to [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk) for further details.

**1521 End of meeting 20:17**

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**Signed**  
**(Chairman)**

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**Date**