



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

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

**Present: Councillor Willey (Vice Chair)**

**Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Robinson, Smith, Venables, & White.**

**Also in attendance:**

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – Cornwall Councillor

Julia Peggs – Saltash Town Council Mayor

Insp. Ned Bowie – Saltash Police Station

Philippa Davey – Neighbourhood Beat Manager

Members of the public: **35**

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> March 2025**

### **1522/2025 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) 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.

Cllr Smith recorded the meeting.

### **1523 Public participation**

A robust discussion took place between members of the public, Councillors and officers attending the meeting.

Cllr Fletcher provided residents with a statement from the Parish Council stating what measures they had taken to address the concerns of residents, and to address the number of comments made on the Hatt Chat & Botus Banter Facebook site. This included the Parish Council contacting Cornwall Council's Planning Department, Devon and Cornwall Police and seeking responses to a Freedom of Information request to the Rehousing Team. Cllr Fletcher thanked Cllr Worth for his involvement in securing responses from Cornwall Council, and Insp. Ned Bowie for his advice re anti-social behaviour.

The full statement can be viewed on the Council website under 'Other' reports at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)



Inspector Bowie, along with Philippa Davey both stated that there was a dedicated team of four Officers based in Saltash actively responding to details of incidents which they received via 999 or 101. Parishioners were urged to report anti-social matters etc directly to the Police using 999 in an emergency, 101 for non-emergency incidents. Any individuals identified in this way could be removed immediately from the Croft.

Inspector Bowie stated that residents complaining via the Facebook served no purpose and would not result in any positive action being taken, and that social media only serve to incite other residents not in full command of the facts of each individual case.

Cllr Peggs (Mayor, Saltash TC) advised that Saltash Wesley church were providing food, clothes washing and shower facilities, and a safe space for the homeless. In addition to this, Saltash Foodbank were providing food supplies and delivering food to the Croft.

Cllr Worth advised of the statistics on the number of homeless individuals throughout Cornwall and the number of rough-sleepers siting that cases were spread through the County. Cornwall Council are active in addressing the issue and that the homeless situation has now reached as far as Hatt.

Cllr Fletcher accepted the facts and was sympathetic to the situation but pointed out that Cornwall Council should have advised the Parish Council that the Community could be affected by homeless operations at the Croft.

The Parish Councillors and residents noted that the potential of inhabitants at the Croft being placed there without on-site support or supervision was possibly a dangerous situation and environment on the busy A388. More widely the meeting acknowledged that Cornwall Council had a difficult balancing act homing vulnerable people, not helped by the cuts to public funds impacting on social services, probation officers, the courts and prison services.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) using his discretion felt that all aspects had been covered during the 45-minute discussion and hoped that resident's concerns had either been answered or placated.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **1524 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

Cllr Edwards (Holiday).

#### **1525 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Venables expressed a pecuniary interest and left the meeting prior to the commencement of business at Item 1523.

Councillors **Resolved** that no other Councillors declared pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for written Dispensations or Gifts.

#### **1526 Minutes of the Public Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Draft Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Robinson.  
7 agreed, 1 abstention.



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

**1527 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.**

None.

**1528 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

Cllr Worth took his reported

- The Secretary of State has agreed an increase to Toll charges to take affect from Mid-May 2025.
- Act of Parliament required to introduce Open Road Tolling and the abolition of Tolls as a long-term solution.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**1529 Finance**

**A Accounts for Payment March 2025**

Cllr Fletcher proposed, Cllr Smith 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 **£500.00** Total receipts Account1 2024/2025 **£24,181**  
Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00**. Total receipts Account2 2024/2025 **£650**  
Total Receipts all Accounts 2024/2025 **£24,831**

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

The General Account balance was reported as **£11,688** and the Earmarked Funds as **£7,867**. Total Funds **£19,555**

**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 1529 (B) (C) & (D).

**E Public Works Loan Board Statement March 2025**

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

**1530 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>**

**New Planning Applications – None received**

**Planning Application Decisions – One received**

Application PA25 / 09741  
Proposal Erection of two detached dwellings



**Location** 7 Carlton Villas Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6PS

**Planning Application PA25 / 09741 REFUSED 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Planning Application for Information – None received**

**Planning Applications received after Agenda published – One received**

**Application** PA25 / 00303

**Proposal** Application for permission in principle for the construction of up to 2 dwellings (minimum of 2, maximum of 2)

**Location** Land South East of Lydale Botus Fleming Cornwall PL12 6NL

**Planning Application PA25 / 00303 REFUSED 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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

**1531 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan**  
[www.botusflemingandhattndp.com](http://www.botusflemingandhattndp.com)

Item deferred until 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.

**1532 Recreation Field**

Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) reported on maintenance of the padlocks to the Recreation Field. Issue resolved.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

**1533** Asset maintenance audit

Cllr White thanked Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) and resident Richard Taylor for the repair carried out to the strut of one of the benches at the Recreation Field.

Other Assets were reported in order.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**Item 1533 can be viewed under 'Reports' at [www.botusfleming.org.uk](http://www.botusfleming.org.uk)**

**1534** Climate Ecological Emergency & cycle/walkway

Cllr Fletcher observed that few daffodils were growing on the Hatt roundabout due to previous vigorous grass cutting, and that daffodil bulbs should be planted around this Autumn time given that a more sympathetic mowing regime by Cornwall Council now was in place. All Councillors agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

**1535 Correspondence**

One letter received from a resident regarding the topic as discussed at item 1523.

**1536 Date of next meeting**



The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 6:00pm at the St Mary's Church Hall (covid safe). This meeting will immediately be followed with the Public Meeting at 7:30pm**

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.

**1537 End of meeting 20:47**

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**Signed  
(Chairman)**

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**Date**