

## MEETING NO. 1017

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 9th May 2011 at Carnon Downs Village Hall Annexe at 6.30pm.

### Members Present

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	Mrs S Felton	B L Ashdown	J D Brock
	Mrs J Woolcock	J H Challen	A J Groves
	R E Richards	Mrs E M West	Mrs A D Smeath
	J H H Langdon		C J B Taylor
	J Bell		

### In Attendance

A. Truan Clerk to the Council  
Mrs J Major Assistant Clerk  
County Councillor Currie  
42 Local Electors.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mrs S E Felton

#### 9418 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Richards proposed Councillor Mrs Felton as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Councillor Brock and carried by the meeting unanimously.

Councillor Richards subsequently retired as Chairman and congratulated Councillor Mrs Felton on her election.

Councillor Groves proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring Chairman for his major contribution to the work of the parish council. Particular reference was made to the great progress made on planning issues, the Local Development Order and Design Guide for Carnon Downs, the large volume of other achievements both big and small that had made a difference to residents quality of life, and continuing positive progress in achieving the objectives of the parish council following Local Government Review. This was seconded by Councillor Langdon and carried by the meeting unanimously.

The new Chairman offered her own personal thanks for parish council achievements during Councillor Richards term of office, including those which might reach a final conclusion over coming weeks and months.

#### 9419 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mrs Woolcock proposed Councillor Brock as Vice-Chairman of the council for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Smeath and carried by the meeting.

#### 9420 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman read out a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the Register as required following an election.

#### 9421 ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Richards presented a report, as Chairman of the Council, on the overall work and the philosophy of the council during his second year of office as set out in the Annual Report at Appendix A.

Councillor Mrs Smeath presented a report on the detailed work of the Parish Plan Planning and Housing Group during her chairmanship of this group as set out in the Annual Report at Appendix A.

Councillor Brock presented a report on the detailed work of the Parish Plan Other Village Facilities Group during his chairmanship of this group as set out in the Annual Report at Appendix A.

Councillor Mrs Felton presented a report on the detailed work of the Parish Plan Roads and Transport Group during her chairmanship of this group as set out in the Annual Report at Appendix A.

**9422 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for not attending the meeting were received from Councillor Mrs Baker and Hambly-Staite.

**9423 Councillor Mrs Smeath proposed the council adjourn the meeting to hear issues, if any, from residents on current plans under consultation. This was seconded by Councillor Ashdown and carried by the meeting.**

Mr and Mrs Coley asked the parish council to consider the likely impact on the highway of development proposals at "Cobwebs", Churchtown.

**The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Coley for their comments and explained they would be taken into account during the council debate later.**

**At this point the Chairman informed those present that the parish council would be considering plans for redevelopment of the former school site for Devoran at the next council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011, and that they were available for residents to peruse at the parish office. It was understood that the applicant would also have them available at a public exhibition in Devoran on 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Chairman explained that members of the council already stood advised that these plans would be considered in the light of their planning merits, and particularly how they relate to the Planning Brief for the site procured by the parish council and adopted by Cornwall Council as planning policy guidance in 2010.**

**9424 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members considered their representation on outside bodies. Following some discussion **Councillor Mrs Woolcock proposed, as Councillor Mrs Felton had now resigned her position as the council's representative on Carnon Downs Village Hall Committee, that Councillor Bell be appointed as her replacement. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Smeath and carried by the meeting.**

**Councillor Mrs Smeath proposed, as Councillor Mrs Felton was now Chairman of the Council, that Councillor Mrs Woolcock be elected as Chairman of the Roads and Transport Group and that a Vice-Chairman of this group be elected at their next meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Ashdown and carried by the meeting.**

**Councillor Groves proposed all other representatives be re-elected as set out in Appendix B. This was seconded by Councillor Richards and carried by the meeting.**

**9425 ANNUAL REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk explained that Standing Orders required that the council review their governance arrangements annually.

It was noted that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been completely reviewed last month and that representation on outside bodies had been reviewed at this meeting. Land and Assets are continually reviewed by council and the IT strategy was also agreed last month. The Clerk explained that the councils insurance arrangements were always reviewed annually both for price and quality.

The Clerk also confirmed that the parish councils complaints procedures, adopted Code of Conduct, arrangements for responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act and the councils policy for dealing with the press and media were all reviewed over the very recent past and were currently fit for purpose.

Given the very positive status of the governance arrangements the Clerk recommended the situation be noted as set out.

**Councillor Richards proposed the review of the council's governance arrangements be approved as set out verbally by the Clerk. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor and carried by the meeting.**

**9426 PLANNING**

**A full list of applications approved by Cornwall Council since the last meeting is set out in Appendix C.**

**Decisions on all applications considered for consultation by the Parish Council at this meeting together with notes on any issues settled under the planning protocols are set out in Appendix D.**

**9427 CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION- DRAFT CORE STRATEGY**

Members considered a document setting out the response sent to Cornwall Council under delegation in response to the proposed Planning Core Strategy for Cornwall. It was noted that the consultation response had evolved from two meetings of representatives from the Planning Working Group and had been despatched by the due date. Following some discussion **Councillor Mrs Smeath proposed that the parish council's response to the proposed Planning Core Strategy for Cornwall be approved as set out in Appendix E. This was seconded by Councillor Ashdown and carried by the meeting.**

**9428 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

Members considered extracts from the council's accounts for 2010/11 which had been previously circulated. The Clerk explained that as actual expenditure was very close to that predicted reserves and other balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March were as anticipated. Following some discussion **Councillor Richards proposed the Council adopt the Accounts for 2010/11 as set out in the Annual Statement. This was seconded by Councillor Brock and carried by the meeting.**

**9429 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk circulated the attached list at Appendix F showing accounts for payment for May 2011 amounted to £3569.51. **Councillor Brock proposed the accounts be approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly. This was seconded by Councillor Langdon and carried by the meeting.**

**9430 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011, Feock Parish Office at 7.15pm.**

**APPENDIX A**

***PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS  
2010/11***

***CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL***

It has been customary at Feock Parish Council for almost a hundred years that a chairman serves a term of "probation" as vice-chair and then takes over the reins as chairman for a period of two years before leaving office in favour of his successor. Generally speaking it is a system which is well founded, tried and tested and which has worked extremely well for past and present generations of the people of Feock Parish.

It is therefore one which I am not about to challenge or disagree with and a few may breathe a sigh of relief at this.

The parish council is a corporate body run by elected representatives with powers conferred on it by statute. It has a set of professional governance arrangements that ensures that it is well run and organised, financially stable, and able to support the community it serves.

These arrangements have been thoroughly reviewed this year.

Without good Governance the council would be completely ineffective.

Basic Governance requires that the parish council should:

- Understand its statutory duties, powers and legal obligations
- Efficiently prioritise and undertake activities arising from those powers and obligations
- Engage with residents and the community to deliver the services and facilities required
- Take informed decisions based on sound professional advice

- Develop and secure adequate resources, including finance and staff to meet the objectives set.

I am sure that under my immediate successor and beyond, the council will continue to support good practice in the way it executes its day to day business.

Before we can go anywhere we must have an idea of where we are going and how to get there, a road map for guidance.

Our road map in ensuring that we stick to our task and our duties is our Parish Plan and in preparing and focussing on our Parish Plan the council has made a commitment to the residents and local communities that it will work hard to achieve the aspirations suggested, set out and agreed by the residents.

There will be others here this evening from our Parish Plan Groups who will give you an update on the progress of their particular groups and so I don't want to dwell for long on that except to say that the Parish Plan is a guide, without which we would be lost.

Our Feock Parish Plan became a reality as long ago as 2007, which seems a long time ago now and since then it has been followed carefully and methodically but by no means slavishly or unquestioningly for to do that would be to miss out on the opportunity to make adjustments, tinker with bits which suddenly become more or even less important or which, through no fault of our own, become perhaps unrealistic or unachievable within the timeframe originally set or for financial reasons beyond our control. That is why we are constantly referring to it and updating, revitalising and amending it.

There is no point in having an out of date road map which does not show perhaps newer or better routes or a map which continues to show old routes which no longer exist or which are closed off to us for some reason.

The parish plan, its financing and staff resources will need to continue to develop if the parish council is to continue to be successful in the objectives it has set for itself.

My term of office over the past two years has been one where we have been through a period in the history of the administration of the whole County of Cornwall where major changes have been made and have needed to be bedded in.

The overall philosophy that the parish council has continued to follow through these recent changes at County level to a Unitary Authority is one of retaining autonomy and independence and being the first point of contact for many services delivered to the community regardless of who actually provides them or pays for them. It is our aim that greater influence, enhanced agency and partnership arrangements, a practical approach to the devolution of some manageable services will continue to lead to improved and more efficient local service delivery during the coming years.

The parish area and residents will continue to directly benefit from having a parish council which is a focal point for the communities it serves, and this in turn can provide opportunities to bring enhanced benefits or added value to a number of services.

Naturally the parish council will also want to continue to contribute positively to Cornwall Council in any way that helps service delivery within the parish area. The parish council will therefore contribute positively to the work of the new Community Network to ensure that there are links to Countywide Strategies as they continue to develop under the new Unitary Authority.

Some issues which we deal with affect only one or two households or a small handful of parishioners. Complaints for example about cutting of hedges, inconsiderate or unthoughtful car parking or clearance of footpaths may seldom if ever cause concern to or comment from the majority of parishioners. Issues, often very personal and even long drawn out relating to a neighbour's planning application for example do not generally affect the parish as a whole but are equally important in their own way and, I am pleased to say, are always dealt with in the same courteous, unbiased and comprehensive way as any of the other major issues which greatly affect the wider community.

I could not leave the office of Chairman without thanking some of those who have played a vital role in keeping Feock on the right road and in making my job so much easier.

My first thanks must be extended to the staff at our Parish Office.

Our Parish Clerk, Alan Truan has continued, as ever to be a stalwart in his office, always there to listen and extend a hearing ear and wise counsel to anyone, from myself as chairman through all the councillors who may from time to time seek his advice and guidance, to all parishioners, whatever their query or grievance.

It is not always easy. Sometimes issues are really only minor ripples blown up into raging storms by lack of information or misguided loyalties but when the calm of the storm has settled, the matter can always be said to have had a fair hearing and, hopefully, an outcome satisfactory to all concerned.

His able assistant, Jenny Major also deserves special mention. Always there to take the reins on any issue, one of her vital roles is servicing the seemingly endless train of planning applications which this parish receives and this deserves special mention and special thanks. Without Jenny's attention to detail and her countless hours of work in receiving and processing applications, contacting case officers, dealing with public enquiries, speaking with applicants and their agents and resolving a host of other issues we, as councillors, would simply not receive these planning applications in the orderly and efficient manner in which they are presented to us.

Your parish council has become much more influential and involved in the decisions made on planning applications throughout the parish area in the past couple of years through formal planning protocols developed and agreed with Cornwall Council.

Over 220 applications have been satisfactorily received and resolved under these new protocols since they came into being less than eighteen months ago. Those which we have not been able to resolve under the new protocols and which need to be heard by the full planning committee of Cornwall Council can easily be counted on the fingers of one hand, with a couple to spare. This in itself has saved an incredible amount of County time and resources and long may it continue to do so.

Over 220 applications is an enormous number when you consider that Feock Parish is but a small geographical part of Cornwall. Most parishes receive just one or two a month. Most towns do not receive as many as we do and the professionalism with which they are processed both before and after they are discussed by Councillors is mainly down to Jenny's attention to detail and her maintaining and understanding of the lengthy pages of data associated with some of the more complex applications. This and her other many and varied duties make her a much valued asset to the team.

The Planning Access point for residents continues to be maintained at the parish office with all current plans clearly displayed on the walls and someone always available during office hours to explain them to members of the public who have an interest in them. Feock Parish is also one of very few whose applications still appear regularly in the pages of the local press since changes in these arrangements with Cornwall Council came in some time ago, this is something which parishioners asked for and which Jenny pressed hard for when it seemed that Cornwall Council had lost interest in us.

The third and newest member of our parish staff is Peter Hodge. A Feock man through and through, Peter joined our ranks last year and, I am pleased to say, has settled in very well to his new role and is another valuable asset to the running of parish affairs. We sincerely hope that his stay with us will be a long one and I am confident that we have found in Peter someone both willing and able to carry on the vital work of the parish office well into the future.

Special thanks must also go to John Brock, Diana Smeath and Sue Felton who have done an immense amount of work chairing their respective Parish Plan working groups. Without their input my job would have been immeasurably more difficult and much less would have been achieved. I very much hope this very good work will continue.

Thanks are also due to our Cornwall Councillor Jim Currie for his encouragement and support and his regular attendance at our meetings. As Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council, Jim's diary is extremely full but there is normally a slot reserved for attendance at our monthly parish meetings or, if other commitments dictate that he is required elsewhere, then there is always a written report on matters affecting the parish area.

Thanks also to Jo Silcox of the West Briton for her regular attendance at our meetings and her factual reporting. Jo and I had a shared experience a few weeks ago at..... "another place"..... details of which I do not want to go into..... but I hope I can say without fear that meetings at Feock are far more

interesting and are carried out with far more professionalism and far less discomfort and embarrassment to those of us who know how it should be done.

I must also thank our local Police officers and PCSO's for their support and reports to our meetings. We have had a few this past couple of years, due to changes of duties, marriage, and impending motherhood but all have helped to make sure that we are kept informed of what is going on in the area and how we can help to prevent it. Particular thanks here to those involved in the new Boat Watch scheme.

It has been said to me during my term of office that having three members of staff, albeit part time, to run parish affairs seems excessive but I would wholeheartedly refute any such suggestion. The days when an effective and efficient parish council could be run from someone's front room with the odd meeting of the council deciding minor issues and referring most things "upstairs" to District or County level are well gone into the past and should stay there.

Today's Parish Council must be an effective and efficient organisation served by members with a responsible attitude and direct interest in parish affairs and by members who are willing to participate in debate and discussion on a very wide range of issues. There is no longer any room for passengers who feel that being a member of a parish council or for that matter a member of any other committee or organisation, just looks good on a CV or is some kind of personal kudos or feather in the cap.

Parish Council's need good quality councillors and I am pleased to say that in the case of Feock Parish Council, we have achieved almost 100% in that category.

But at what cost, I am also asked.

The simple answer to this is extremely cheap.

None of your parish councillors is paid a single penny for their attendance at our regular monthly meetings or for their attendance at the many and varied other meetings, training sessions, site meetings and the like which they attend on your behalf to ensure that they are fully aware of what is going on in the parish and the implications of any particular planning application or other matter for discussion and that they are fully up to date and able to be critically constructive when issues come before the council. As an example of this, a schedule of meetings throughout last year at Carrick House in Truro was voluntarily attended by many of your councillors enthusiastic and dedicated enough to give up their spare time and learn in their desire to help their parishioners and make justified and considered judgements on an array of vital issues surrounding planning applications.

Many councillors are invited to attend meetings of outside bodies and their committees in a volunteer or representative capacity and report back to the next council meeting thus helping the full council to a better understanding of parish activities and issues which are raised occasionally by others.

The running of the staff I have mentioned to act on council decisions, smooth the progress of all the business which comes our way and generally keep an extremely tidy and well ordered vehicle on the road costs less than £1 per week per household across the parish.

It has actually increased this financial year by a staggering 3.6pence or 4% per household per week!!

This is in line with current inflation rates and well below many other increases in essential services.

As an example, petrol prices went up by an average of just over 4pence per litre in March this year alone according to the AA and despite the Government's "gift" of 1p off the price in the recent budget they are now even higher.

Again quoting AA reports, the average price of a litre of unleaded this time last year was 121p, nearly 12% less than it is today.

So we are, to continue the motoring analogy, driving you further for less.

So what is the alternative to a well oiled, fully fuelled, low cost, energy efficient and carbon friendly parish council?

It is simply to fall into the ranks of the "also rans", the apparent majority of Parish Councils who are great adverts for the Government's new Localism agenda. Localism in its rawest form seeks to take away much of the direct and democratically elected authority of Parish Councils, take the air out of the tyres to continue the motoring analogy and hand it in some cases to undemocratically formed groups where undeclared and often very personal agendas may seek to undermine the democratic processes through which we have been governed locally for over a century.

Having been to meetings of other Parish Councils during my term of office as a casual visitor or observer, there is certainly an overwhelming need for change and improvement in some places, a good service by an authorised dealership, or dare I say, basic driving lessons in some cases, but we at Feock and in like minded Parishes across Cornwall and beyond must ensure that others are dragged upwards, however painfully, to a higher standard rather than allowing ourselves to be dragged downwards and

thereby throwing away the achievements of our own and previous generations of Councillors simply to satisfy some new bright spark idea from Whitehall.

I know that might sound political but again this is one thing your Parish Council most definitely is not, and that is tied to anyone's political apron strings. We do not agree or even disagree on something because it is the party line. We do so because we act as individuals in the interests of those we serve, reaching reasoned decisions following discussion and opportunity to make our individual point on any matter, again an opportunity which is taken up keenly by most members.

Finally, a mention of some other aspects of business which have come our way since our last AGM in May 2010. Our agendas have included items on buses, ferries, roads, potholes and footpaths which get us around the area. We have also discussed matters relating to local crime and have become particularly involved with the new Boat Watch initiative on marine crime, prevalent in our area as much of our parish boundary is water which is used by hundreds of Parishioners and thousands of others, not all, unfortunately of good and honest intent.

Our Carnon Downs Design Guide and Local Development Order have become reality after countless hundreds of hours of work by dedicated office staff, councillors, parishioners and officers of Cornwall Council all giving of their time and talents to make this nationally unique project a reality. My special thanks must go to all those who have helped with this and the CDDG is to be recommended, not necessarily as a "book at bedtime" but as a necessary work of reference to anyone thinking of building anything from a new front porch to a much larger development in the Carnon Downs area. It might even save you a lot of time and money, now there's a thought.

We have also been able to financially assist a variety of local organisations through our small grants scheme and have had a lot of input into the redevelopment of the old school site at Devoran.

On conservation matters we have worked on the Devoran Conservation Area Management Plan which has been updated and amended with an extension to its area of influence and looked at other local issues within the remit of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We have given our opinions to Cornwall Council on a wide variety of matters, on Localism, the County Strategic Transport Plan to 2014 and a host of others, not always agreeing with what they want to do but always giving well considered opinions.

We have lived within an extremely well considered and painstakingly prepared budget, and here again thanks must go to our Parish Clerk, and we have set ourselves another budget for this current financial year bearing in mind all the limitations and constraints being placed upon most households in the parish because of ongoing price rises and ever changing financial times well beyond our control, or for that matter it often seems beyond the control of those with the clear power to control them.

And that is as political as I am going to get as I say a very grateful thank you to you as Parishioners and Councillors for having the faith to elect me as your Chairman for the past two years. I will be returning to the back benches, sorry political again, but will continue to be active and I have no doubt whatsoever that my successor will be an extremely hardworking and loyal Chair of your council and that together we can look forward to a lot more excellent results coming from your parish council.

**Councillor R E Richards**

#### ***CHAIRMAN OF PARISH PLAN PLANNING GROUP***

It is my pleasure to give you a summary of the work of the Parish Plan Planning Working Group during the last year.

The Chairman of the council has highlighted the philosophical way in which the parish council undertakes its business and how, within a framework of good governance arrangements, it strives to relate to the local communities it serves. He has also explained how the parish council focuses its activities and revises priorities through the Parish Plan Working Groups such as mine.

I continue to give my whole hearted support to the way in which the parish council has focussed its activities in the recent past because I feel this is fundamentally the only credible and realistic way the

council can function effectively and efficiently and continue to grow. Secondly the arrangements demonstrably work.

The Parish Plan, based on responses from 50% of all households within the parish area, set clear objectives for my group which are in summary to maintain the rural nature, character, identity, and landscape value of the parish area and the settlements within it through:

- Stronger policies backed by local Character and Design Statements
- The use of Supplementary Planning Documents to protect the Creeks, the Conservation Area and the former school site in Devoran
- Clearly defined and understandable future land use and development criteria for the parish area
- Capacity building to enhance the parish councils existing statutory role in planning

These views have not changed following consultation for the review of the parish plan.

The Parish Plan planning group has been extraordinarily successful over the last two years.

- ***The Conservation Area Management Plan for Devoran, undertaken in partnership with the District Council and for which there is a clearly defined role for the parish council, was adopted in the summer of 2010 as formal planning policy by Cornwall Council.***

The Plan extends the Conservation Area and sets out clearly how the Conservation Area will be protected through specific planning measures in the future.

- ***The Planning Brief for Devoran School which the parish council procured, project managed and paid for was also adopted as formal planning policy by Cornwall Council in the summer of 2010.***

The Brief will undoubtedly protect the future development of the former school site in Devoran. Plans are currently with the parish council for formal statutory consultation. The council will respond to the development proposals in the next few weeks based entirely on how it feels the plans meet the aspirations within the Brief. The Plans are available from the parish office should residents wish to discuss them.

- ***Good and lasting working relationships have developed with Officers at Cornwall Council including Senior Managers and Case Officers to improve local planning consultation.***
- Over the last two years the parish council has adopted new planning protocol arrangements for statutory consultation. These have enabled the parish council to become much more influential in the eventual determination of planning applications. Since their inception over 50% of all applications have been approved, refused or altered in significant ways based on parish council intervention.

The capacity of the parish council is being tested by the impact of the additional work to implement these improvements, but arrangements are in place to ensure that resources are reviewed from time to time to ensure the improvement can be sustained. Arrangements are also in place to ensure that members and staff undergo all necessary training to ensure that the consultation continues to be professionally based.

- ***The parish council has been working very closely with Housing Officers, Planners and others at the new Cornwall Council to identify possible suitable sites for affordable homes within the parish area.***

Following a detailed analysis of all the potential sites discussions are still ongoing to review a particular site that will meet the objectives in the Parish Plan for a small mixed development of affordable housing and new local homes in Carnon Downs. It is also possible that from this site it may also be possible to procure some open spaces to fill the gap in play provision for older children in the village.

If discussions are successful the parish council will ensure that there is full and complete public consultation to ensure that the proposals are supported by the local community before they proceed.

- ***The Access Point for Planning at the Parish Office is now revitalised following the decision by Cornwall Council to advertise all planning applications again in the local newspaper.***

As a result of pressure from the parish council its office is once again available to local residents so they can view and discuss current planning applications and have input to the final consultation decision the parish council makes. Over 1500 residents have now visited the parish office to take

advantage of these facilities since they were introduced some years ago. The parish council will ensure as far as possible they will now continue to be sustained.

- ***The parish council has had the honour to undertake a pilot project to develop a Design Guide and a Local Development Order for Carnon Downs.***

Much work has been undertaken over the last 12 months or so, through a project group formed by the parish council and comprising parish council members, Cornwall Council and parish council staff, and a group of very committed residents to take this project forward.

I am very pleased to report that a Design Guide has now been completed and adopted as a Planning Policy Document by Cornwall Council.

Complementary to the Guide a Local Development Order has also been completed which will effectively enable some future planning applications in Carnon Downs to be approved much more quickly, and at much less cost than previously. This Order is expected to become operational on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

These are very significant achievements for the parish council and will be of great and lasting value in the future development of Carnon Downs.

Great thanks are due to the parish council staff, the staff of Cornwall Council who have helped meet the very professional needs of this project, the parish council members involved, and not least the tremendous tenacity of local residents to help us see it through so quickly.

Last but not least:

- The parish council will seek means to preserve the natural environment and beauty of the rural areas through developing plans to compliment the AONB Management Plan, and the development of a strategy for trees.

#### ***What next?***

Quite clearly the parish council has made great strides to meet the planning objectives in the Parish Plan. We will share this at the parish plan steering group on 25<sup>th</sup> May. This has been somewhat to the detriment of some of the other issues in the Parish Plan; however, I hope you will agree that the parish council has addressed the correct priorities first. Never complacent, the parish council will develop other priorities set for it as soon as possible.

Later this year, from the planning perspective I hope it will be possible to

- Help to integrate overall parish plan issues into the developing Local Development Framework, and the Cornwall Community Strategy. A lengthy response has been sent to the first Cornwall Council Consultation very recently and feedback is expected soon.
- Improve IT access to planning issues in general using the new Cornwall Council Planning system. The parish council has approved new IT hardware and software to help facilitate these improvements which are expected during the summer.
- Build on the capacity of the parish council to provide guidance to applicants, provide pre-application advice, engage with applicants earlier in the planning process through the Character and Design Codes currently underway, and improve on existing enforcement processes.
  - Review how Design Guides can be produced for the remaining areas of the parish.

All of this will continue to be a tall order for the parish council of course. However, I am convinced that the council has the will, the staff and the other resources to take the parish council forward. Our progress so far and the commitment and the dedication that the parish council has shown to its community and residents are all good signs that we can continue to represent their views and bring realistic aspirations to reality.

**Councillor Diana Smeath.**

## **CHAIRMAN OF PARISH PLAN OTHER VILLAGE FACILITIES GROUP**

It is my pleasure to give you a summary of the work of the Parish Plan Other Village Facilities Working Group during the last year.

You have heard from the Chairman and the Chair of the Planning Group how the parish council will take its business forward during the next year. This group's activity will obviously follow the agreed best route to continue to get things done so I am also pleased to endorse fully what has already been said about the way in which the parish council will continue to work.

### ***What are the overall objectives set for the Other Village Facilities Group?***

The Parish Plan set clear objectives for my group also which are in summary to bring benefits to local communities through:

- Village enhancements in Devoran and Carnon Downs
- Supporting medical facilities throughout the parish area
- Supporting, developing and enhancing recreational facilities
- Supporting local Village Halls and meeting places
- Improving local business opportunities
- Promoting general well being by various means including the maintenance and enhancement of footpaths, facilitating allotments, improving local communications, and improving local recycling arrangements.

These views have not changed following consultation for the review of the parish plan recently.

### ***What has the Other Village Facilities Group achieved so far?***

Since the parish plan was published in 2007 the parish council has made great progress;

- Aesthetic improvements have been completed near the village Hall in Devoran
- Work has been ongoing to ensure well managed and safe provision from the council's playing fields
- Village halls and meeting places have been financially assisted with grant aid, and property surveys, and encouraging the provision of facilities for younger and older children. This investment has been around £15000 during that time
- The parish council has established a website which is updated to record important messages for the community and to facilitate consultation events. This will be further improved over coming weeks.
- A partnership with Restronguet Creek Society has cleared rotting boats around local foreshores
- A battery recycling scheme has been introduced which has been extraordinarily successful and regularly keeps the parish staff travelling to St Day
- Recreational facilities have been established in the Point area
- The council has introduced a scheme to financially support local groups and societies which has proved very popular. This scheme was introduced to enable local groups and societies sustain themselves and meet objectives which might otherwise have been more difficult. More funds are available for the current year, so anyone who wishes to apply can get an application form from the parish office
- The council continues to support the maintenance of local churchyards
- The parish council also continues to maintain professional arrangements through the parish office to enhance the community hub and generally improve public access arrangements
- The Old Railway Gate at Devoran has been renewed
- Local allotments have been facilitated through liaison with a local landowner, and in partnership with Kea Parish Council
- Safety arrangements at Point Quay have been improved
- The parish council has re-established ownership of Devoran Playing Field so a professional view can be taken of its future maintenance and development. A survey has been undertaken which generally established that the village wanted to retain the open space much as it is. However, work will go on with the local community to ensure that the minor developments required are taken forward
- A community notice board has been provided in Carnon Downs. Funds are available to provide a similar board in Devoran near the School.

- More recently the War memorial at Feock has been refurbished and telephone kiosks have been purchased by the parish council and let to community groups who are making great use of them while retaining their landscape value.

### *My Group still has much to achieve*

Progress on some of the work which my Group had planned for the last year was delayed while the parish council undertook all the good work on the various planning projects which Councillor Smeath has already referred to. I was happy to fully endorse a change in priorities to enable these schemes to proceed, and have also been pleased to be a member of the working group who have established the Guide and LDO for Carnon Downs. This has been a very worthwhile project and one that will bring very great benefits to the village over coming years.

### *What next?*

Quite clearly we also need to continue to develop our work for and with the community. During the coming year my group will endeavour to secure

- Good and lasting working relationships with Officers at Cornwall Council including Senior Managers, with the view to forging links with various County Strategies. This will no doubt help the existing parish plan to evolve further over the next few years. In particular we will be looking at the potential benefits of evolving partnership arrangements on Amenity Area grass cutting, hedge trimming, and other local services which may be provided more effectively locally.
- A review of existing play facilities within the parish area with a view to setting out a programme of improvements over the next few years. (£15,000 is already in place to help take this forward)
- An improved Local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Investigate and if possible utilise the former school site in Devoran (negotiations are ongoing)
- Improved community access for local community groups and organisation to the parish council's facilities
- To explore and if possible develop relationships with local business groups to help support them wherever possible
- Local points of contact in each village as part of a Countywide co-ordinated emergency service project
- Improvements to the aesthetics of Forth Coth, Carnon Downs
- Review street lighting arrangements on parish owned street lights in Devoran
- Access to the professional staff at the parish office to assist with investment projects which local groups and societies and Village Halls may wish to take forward
- Improved communications with local communities by whatever means is seen as being constructive and useful

The next few years will be difficult in the public service and local communities will expect the parish council to continue to invest wisely. I am optimistic that progress can continue to be made.

The parish office and the relationships that the parish council and my group have developed with local communities are essential to continuing improvement in local government services generally for the parish area. I am proud that the parish council is seen locally as a focal point, able to respond to local needs, and very supportive to the community it serves. If anyone wishes to engage in any way with the parish council on any matter of local interest please do not hesitate to contact me. I will do my best to take matters forward.

**Councillor John Brock**

## **CHAIRMAN OF PARISH PLAN ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP**

I am very pleased to give you a summary of the progress we have made on Roads and Transport issues.

I am sure that you will be happy with the explanations already given on how the parish council will take its business forward. I also, fully endorse what has been said.

So, what are the overall objectives set for the Roads and Transport Group?

The Parish Plan set clear objectives and these priorities have not been changed significantly as a result of the recent Parish Plan Review.

These are, to bring benefits to local communities through:

- Reducing traffic flows and the incidence of HGV's
- Reducing speeding and improving road safety
- Enhancing facilities for walkers and cyclists
- Reducing traffic congestion and easing parking problems
- Reducing the effect of urbanisation
- Enhancing opportunities to use public transport

Roads Transport issues were a high priority in the Parish Plan from the very beginning. And early progress was made in a number of areas. I will just run through them for you, as a reminder:

Traffic calming has been introduced in Old Carnon Hill and Quenchwell Road in Carnon Downs

- A 7.5 tonnes weight restriction has been introduced in Carnon Downs
- A 20mph limit has been implemented on the Tram Road
- Additional parking has been provided in Devoran
- Speeding enforcement has been improved
- Footpaths maintenance has improved and more "Gold" paths have been established
- Problems of parking have been remedied at Point Quay
- An extensive tree planting scheme has been established at Carnon Gate
- Kerbsides have been kept clear of weeds
- Information on bus services has improved and links made with other transport providers
- New bus stops have been established or revised
- Investigative work has been on-going to establish the evidence base for further road safety improvements.

In the last year, as you have already heard, the Parish Council has, quite rightly, focused on Planning issues and very successfully too!

Also, Transportation Services have been the focus for major cuts in public expenditure and the limitations in Transportation funding are likely to continue in the next few years.

Given this situation, it will become increasingly important to draw links with County and National Strategies to have any chance of procuring funds or support for our Parish Plan priorities.

We started this process in January by making a detailed response to the draft Local Transport Plan 3 - Connecting Cornwall: 2030. Our view is we should concentrate on positive outcomes, rather than pursuing projects that may never happen.

The parish council will continue to pursue residents' concerns and the major objectives set within the parish plan and be straightforward and honest in sharing with residents what can or cannot be achieved.

If you want to find out more about our response, or about Connecting Cornwall, then come along to the Steering Group meeting on 25th May and join the Roads & Transport Group. There is still much work to be done and we need your help.

Finally, what can we expect to achieve in the next year?

The parish council will continue to

- Encourage traffic to use major roads wherever possible and not local roads
- Improve road safety, wherever possible, based on clear evidence of risk, and undertake studies to define those areas or locations where essential improvements are required
- Reduce, wherever possible, the effects of local urbanisation.
- And establish effective working relationships with Cornwall Council to help to continue focus on roads and transport issues in the parish area

As the Chairman has already said, and with particular regard to the latter issue, Cornwall Council has not found a standard way of working with parish councils. So, the impetus is on us to establish our own direct working arrangements with Officers to address matters in the most efficient and effective way.

The parish council will also be reviewing how it can create partnerships with Cornwall Council to

- improve or enhance street cleaning, improve village verges and signage
- manage and maintain an improved street naming service
- manage and maintain a highway stewardship scheme and
- take more responsibility for Rights of Way and Countryside issues.

I am certain the parish council will continue to strive to achieve its original Parish Plan objectives for the local communities it serves, and enhance some services currently provided by Cornwall Council.

**Councillor Sue Felton**

## **APPENDIX B**

### **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Unknown Donors Charity	Councillors Brock and Langdon
CALC	Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk
Carnon Downs Village Hall Committee	Councillor Bell
Devoran Quay Preservation Society	Councillor Mrs Baker and Challen
Point Quay Association	Councillor Mrs Baker and Challen
Trolver Croft Association	Councillor Mrs Smeath
Feock Playing Field Committee	All Feock Ward Members and the Clerk
Trustees of Devoran Recreation Ground	All Members of the council.
Carnon Downs Playing Field Committee	All Carnon Downs Ward Members and the Clerk
Local Neighbourhood Watch	Councillors Brock, and Richards
Friends of Restronguet Point	Councillor Brock
Crime Safety Partnership	Councillor Mrs Smeath
Trustees Feock Reading Room	Councillors Groves and Mrs Smeath
Parish Plan Steering Group	Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Parish Plan Working Groups/Sub Cttees	All Members of Council
Roads and Transport Sub-Committee	Chair Cllr Mrs Woolcock, (V/C vacant)
Planning Sub-Committee	Chair Cllr Mrs Smeath, V/Chair Cllr Ashdown
Other Village Facilities Sub-Committee	Chair Cllr Brock, V/C Councillor Hambly-Staite
Community Network	Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk

PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY CORNWALL  
COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

APPROVALS

199. MR A.J. MARTIN, PELLOWS WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES LTD.  
Installation of a portakabin titan building to be used as office accommodation and staff facilities-**The Parish Council could see no material planning considerations that should lead to a refusal in this case, subject to any negative comments from any other statutory consultees-Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011**
205. MR HENDY, STORRIE, OLD CARNON HILL, CARNON DOWNS.  
Proposed two storey extension and proposed dormer windows on existing dwelling, (new application) **The Parish Council could see no material planning or design issue that should lead to a refusal in this case-Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**
206. MRS J. HUNT, 6, STRETYN, CARNON DOWNS.  
Construction of new porch and single storey extension to rear of property and construction of new roof, including six roof lights and incorporating two additional bedrooms and bathroom. **The Parish Council could see no material planning or design issues that should lead to a refusal in this case-Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**
208. MR. P. HOWSON, TRELANERGH, 7, KILLIWITH, FEOCK.  
Fell one mature Turkey Oak subject to a Tree Preservation Order.  
**The Parish Council was happy on this occasion to defer determination of this application to the Trees Officer. The council had requested that should the application for felling be approved a replacement tree of the same species be planted-Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**
209. MRS D. WALLIS, DORNELLA, LA VAGUE, FEOCK.  
Fell one Turkey Oak and crown reduce by 25% one Mimosa tree-**The Parish Council had reviewed comments made by the Case Officer in this case and were happy to accept the recommendation to approve as set out.**

REFUSALS

200. MR P. MARSDEN, LA PAZ, ROPEWALK, PENPOL.  
Lift access increased garage area, alterations to driveway and new balcony-**The Parish Council had serious objections to these proposals on the basis of the design, appearance, and lack of subservience to the host dwelling-Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**PLANNING CONSULTATION APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY  
COUNCIL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

214. MR & MRS D. NUTE, LITTLE TREGREW, OLD KEA.  
Certificate of lawfulness to establish that a material start has been made on permission PA07/0012/08/G for a proposed agricultural store and associated works-**The Parish Council accepts the judgement made by the Case Officer in this case that a material start has been made to this development.**
215. DR M. COGAN, TREMARNIC, PENELEWEY, FEOCK.  
Proposed conservatory extension-**The Parish Council can see no material considerations that should lead to a refusal in this case.**
216. MR & MRS B. CLARKE, 25, BELMONT TERRACE, DEVORAN-Extensions and alterations to rear of property to provide additional bedroom, alterations to bathroom and improved ground floor accommodation- **The Parish Council can see no material considerations that should lead to a refusal in this case.**
217. MR P. MARSDEN, LA PAZ, ROPEWALK, PENPOL, DEVORAN.  
Lift access, increased garage area, alterations to drive and replacement balcony-**The Parish Council can see no reason to withdraw its previous objections to these proposals.**
218. DR BLAKE, COBWEBS, CHURCHTOWN, FEOCK.  
Extend garage and replace flat roof with pitched roof, new pitched roof to existing conservatory, new conservatory extension and raise the roof height of part of the existing dwelling to allow creation of first floor accommodation with Juliet balcony-**The Parish Council has no objection in principle to this development, and concur with the Case Officers views regarding the height of the proposed development and consequently its appearance in the street scene. Given the location of this development, and subject to an eventual positive development the Parish Council would wish to see strict conditions imposed so that the highway access through the local road is not affected by building works.**
219. MR & MRS R. BICKNELL, PINE COTTAGE, FOURTURNINGS, FEOCK.  
Proposed extension to provide additional living accommodation and office lobby/reception area and new pedestrian access and off road parking- **As the Parish Council raised no previous objections to these proposals there are no further comments forthcoming.**
220. MR J. CHAPMAN, 10, BELMONT TERRACE, DEVORAN.  
Proposed ground floor kitchen and conservatory extension-**The Parish Council can see no material considerations that should lead to a refusal in this case.**
221. MRS K. BELLIS, 6, ST JOHNS TERRACE, DEVORAN.  
Listed building consent to replace 1970's plain glass sashes windows with original sparrred sashes in keeping and to replicate the rest of the terraced houses- **The Parish Council can see no material considerations that should lead to a refusal in this case.**
222. MR P, WALLACE WOODSMITHS, 1, ELM GROVE, FEOCK.  
Crown reduce one Eucalyptus tree within a TPO area- **The Parish Council can see no reason why it should not support this application, but defers judgement to Cornwall Council's Tree Officer.**
223. MR M. SNOW, JONILS, TREVILLA ROAD, FEOCK.  
Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey extension.-**The Parish Council can see no material considerations that should lead to a refusal in this case.**

***FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL  
RESPONSE TO CORE STRATEGY PROPOSALS***

***1. Background and evidence base for response***

This response is made from an evidence base used to support the parish wide 2007 Parish Plan as formally reviewed by the parish council in January 2011.

The following are key relevant issues/statistics:

- The Parish Plan was supported by 1650 households, equivalent to over half of all households in the parish area.
- Over 50% of the resident population in the parish area are over 60
- 37% of residents are aged 18 to 59, 1% of these residents is unemployed
- Around 13% are children of which 5% are under 11 and 8% are 11 to 18
- 61% of this age group express the view that local recreational facilities are adequate
- Most households believe it is important to retain the existing character and setting of local villages and that improved planning policies need to be in place based on character, design and recognising sense of place.
- 76% of local residents believe that the area is in need of greater protection from development
- 50% of local residents believe that traffic affects their quality of life
- 25% of local residents wish to see affordable homes in the area for younger families
- Formal registered affordable housing need in the parish area is for 36 dwellings
- 32% of local residents would support new good quality or sheltered accommodation for the elderly
- Only 3% of local residents wish to see new executive homes within the area on greenfield sites
- Prerequisites for further housing development include traffic reduction, and improved road safety
- 21% of local residents believe that village boundaries should be extended to provide for local needs housing.
- 80% of residents are happy with their local doctors surgeries
- Over 90% of those residents using their village halls are happy with what is provided
- 76% of local residents feel that local facilities are adequate for their needs

Planning is a key issue for local people and is seen as an appropriate means of helping to maintain local quality of life. Most residents choose to live in the parish area because of the rural situation, and the special “feel” of local villages. The existing landscapes, the open spaces, the grass verges, lanes and hedgerows, trees and local wildlife all help to contribute to a clean, peaceful and safe environment.

***2. General response to Local Development Scheme and Options Papers***

The parish council has met twice to consider its response to the current Core Strategy Options paper and has the following general comments to make:

- The parish council supports the assertions made in “Understanding Cornwall” that communities are varied and therefore service deliveries need to be flexible to meet differing needs.  
These differences even occur within parish areas that serve more than one community or settlement. It will be important therefore that future “Neighbourhood Areas” are not based on Community Network areas.

- The parish council has a high number of retired people who choose to live in the parish area as a means of sustaining their quality of life. This is not seen as a negative issue, or one which should necessarily lead to further growth. Residents' rationale for wanting to live in the area and more generally why people want to live in Cornwall is an issue that has not been fully rationalised within the strategy.
- The parish council supports the assertion that Cornwall's environment is a key asset and contributes to people's quality of life. This has been borne out by responses to the parish plan. The council would wish to see existing planning policies within the current Cornwall Structure Plan, and those policies within the Saved Local Plan designed to protect the environment, retained as a means of facilitating easy understanding of the eventual Core Planning Policies throughout Cornwall.
- The council would also wish to see all existing Special Planning Policy Guidance, including Design Guidance, Conservation Area policies and a scheme to effectively manage Areas of Natural Beauty endorsed within the Core Strategy somehow to ensure continued protection of special areas and local landscape character.
- The parish council is of the opinion that the Core Strategy needs to address the needs of a growing elderly population. Special links are therefore considered necessary to Health Service and Social Service deliveries throughout Cornwall. This needs to be a further key issue set out under para 1.15 of the options papers.
- There is some concern that a policy for housing growth is being established without firm proposals for developing the economic prosperity of Cornwall. It is suggested that some local settlements and communities may not wish to develop economically in the ways proposed, or become viable centres for employment and services. Their protection as key environmental assets within the county will, in many cases, be more important.
- The parish council believes that, given the current economic climate and the severe cuts which Cornwall Council has to make, the sustainability of the Community Strategy and therefore the Core Strategy is in question. It is felt that in the current economic climate priorities need to be considered again before the Core Strategy is taken forward. When this exercise is undertaken more cognisance needs to be given to existing parish plans as a means of interpreting local needs.
- There is some concern also the strategy for growth is being developed in the absence of Area Plans for all towns within the County and without firm ideas how Neighbourhood Plans will contribute to a cohesive planning strategy. The parish council is very concerned that growth is being considered in isolation without proper reference to important policies to protect the countryside, policies to protect special areas, clear and potent economic drivers, the growing needs of the elderly population, and well funded infrastructure improvements. A focus beyond land use to general spatial planning is required at a local level. It is important that Area Plans and Neighbourhood Plans are taken forward as complementary to the Core Strategy and not potentially in opposition to them. The parish council will therefore wish to see clearer definition of how the Core Strategy will meet the needs of rural communities throughout the County.
- The overarching principles set out in the discussion papers in paragraph 2.3 do not provide enough emphasis on applying local solutions to the generally well accepted principles that good planning should shape the places where people wish to live. There is little within the strategy to explain how settlements or areas are able to articulate the local issues that contribute to sense of place, or what sustainability issues will apply to various areas. It is also not sensible, at this time, or for some time in the future, to assume that the level of investment necessary to achieve economic development can be brought forward.
- The proposals express the aspiration that "by 2030 everyone living in Cornwall will have a better quality of life equal to or better than the rest of the UK." The parish council asserts that parts of the county have already met this aspiration. at least in the view of many residents. Care needs to be also taken to recognise the contribution already made to its well being as a place where people want to visit or live.

- The parish council is concerned that the proposals set out so far only factor in where housing development should go in the future. The parish council believes it is a fundamental mistake to assess where housing needs should go without clear ideas on where the economic development can take place within the County. Infrastructure requirements need to be considered at the same time and not part of a possibly disjointed, incremental approach.
- It is also not clear from the papers or supporting papers whether future housing needs have been assessed in the context of the type of housing required, and why local demands need to increase. Great care needs to be taken to ensure that new housing needs are not just provided to enable the county housing stock for retired people to grow without fully considering those “sense of place” issues which contribute to its attractiveness as a place to live or retire. An assessment of the impact on local services also needs to be undertaken to ensure the County can sustain the impact on growth of services of this kind.
- The Local Transport Plan for Cornwall is disappointing in that it does not create a strategy for rural areas. While there are many links to issues set out in the local parish plan there is little promise within the proposals to link or financially support community led schemes or improve healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling and so on. It is also disappointing to note that the Transport Strategy for Cornwall has evolved before the housing growth strategy and also in advance of clear plans for economic development. It is therefore assumed that as the Transport Strategy is focused on the Towns within the County and therefore that it has already been decided where most of the housing will go.

### ***3. Response to questions raised from the options papers.***

The parish council cannot support any of the individual options for growth but has the following comments to make:

- The parish council is of the opinion that, given the current economic downturn and the potential inability of Cornwall Council to increase support for levels of service within the County, that housing growth should be limited throughout Cornwall until clear and cohesive policies have developed, and been adequately funded, for economic development and transport.
- The parish council is also firmly of the opinion that local housing should be mixed development, firmly related to local needs and on land agreed as suitable by the local parish council as being both sustainable and meeting the approval of local people. It is estimated that development in the Feock Parish Area should be limited to around 5% over the next ten years. This development should be reasonably shared between Devoran and Carnon Downs, but it is not reasonable that the villages should be linked in any way, including for sustainability purposes. The parish council would also wish to see any future Community Infrastructure Levy on development in the parish area passed to the parish council to enhance local services.
- Given its position in a rural area and close to Truro the parish council can see no economic sense or need for larger scale economic or housing growth within its parish area. To the contrary, the parish council will wish to see the parish area protected from further development outside of existing boundaries other than for exceptional land purposes.
- The parish council is of the opinion that further housing growth in the Community Network should be limited to Truro and its immediate surroundings to protect and support important infrastructure improvements that are necessary for its survival, and to form the focus for clear economic development for the wider area. This will also support the protection and have least impact on the character and setting of the villages within the Network.
- The parish council is of the view that throughout Cornwall all development should be within the immediate area of all existing towns, on Greenfield sites (as a last resort with care taken to leave open spaces wherever possible, and limit tree felling) and, if necessary, close to good existing transport links to encourage more certain locations for economic growth (where appropriate to meet local needs) and spread fairly over the County to avoid the type of dereliction created in recent years in some parts of the County.

This process could lead to more support for locally based health services throughout Cornwall and enable improved local employment opportunities. It will also mean less impact on the larger towns in Cornwall which are already under great stress.

Area Plans for all Towns in Cornwall is considered to be an essential precursor, as will be improvements in local bus services and transport links throughout Cornwall.

- The parish council is of course supportive of the future economic prosperity of Cornwall. It is not however in support of the economic development of a few towns at the expense of others who might otherwise not be able to provide reasonable opportunities for employment, or attract future business opportunities. The council is firmly of the opinion that if Cornwall is to retain, sustain and attract inward investment it will need an holistic approach to the development of all County Towns, (particularly those experiencing most dereliction) to focus attention to those key areas. Many of these potential investment opportunities ought to be also focused on Coastal Towns to support the Tourism industry.
- There is concern within the parish council that the Core Strategy proposals do not anticipate the impact or the opportunities that will become available or may develop as a result of improved Broadband arrangements throughout Cornwall.

#### ***4. Parish Council response***

The parish council is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the Core Strategy for Cornwall. It does not see parts of this response as negative but contributing to the well being of the community it serves.

It is regrettable that more time for consultation has not been available.

Given the public support for the parish plan and arising from issues set out in this response the parish council will be seeking ways to work with Cornwall Council over coming months on a Neighbourhood /Spatial Plan for the parish area so that issues set out can be more fully articulated and argued.

***Feock Parish Council  
April 2011.***