

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm Thursday 21st July 2022

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	K Gason	A Allen	R Brickell
	P Allen	S Cooper	K Hambly-Staite
	J Allen		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Joke Snell, member of the public.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor K Gason

1. INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were no apologies received.

2. TO CONSIDER THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 23RD JUNE 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Cooper asked that minutes were amended to say after the line about the contractor carrying out his usual contract "but the tools that he uses to carry out his contract may change to be more environmentally friendly"

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES WERE AGREED WITH THE ADDITION PROPOSED BY CLLR COOPER, SECONDED BY CLLR GASON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any Registered or Non-Registerable personal interests on any item on the agenda.
There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joke Snell said she volunteers with Cornwall Wildlife Trust on volunteering tasks, such as scything, tree felling and wall building. As a group they volunteer every week and are practiced and safe when using the tools as they are using them so regularly, they have become very familiar and practiced with them. As a group of volunteers a lot more can be done using hand methods, much more than an individual using mechanical methods. Joke said there were lot of benefits to this type of volunteering. The group has been going for a long time, they really enjoy it and get such a big sense of achievement from being part of it. Perhaps more volunteers could be recruited and perhaps help with Devoran Churchyard as that is also volunteer maintained and they are often asking for more help.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he felt that it would be useful to get Rangers from Cornwall Wildlife Trust involved with this work. He also felt that Expert Witnesses should be brought in and that the Feock Eco group was a great forum to discuss items like this.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

The Chair moved this item up the agenda as the member of the public was interested in this item.

Footpath 46/1

The Chair read out an email from the British Horse Society about public rights of way which explained that additional evidence of use would be needed to accompany any application to change the status of the footpath to a bridleway.

Cllr P Allen said that in the 1985 Inspectors report, stated the path had evidence of use as a footpath and this change was made. Evidence of use in the last 20 years is what would be needed to apply to change to a bridleway. Cllr Cooper commented that the beech hedge is relatively new and the holly hedge is very thick. It was agreed for the landowner to be contacted to cut back the overgrown holly hedge and also the landowner about the access problems with the stile.

Enhanced LMP Footpath project update

Work was continuing on the footpath enhancement project. It was felt that a public meeting on getting around might on be useful.

Cllr J Allen left the meeting at 7.55pm.

Cllr Brickell felt that access on paths should be for everyone, which included people with buggies or mobility scooters on a footpath.

5. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS & ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk would investigate cycle racks for Retallack Field.

6. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that was an incident recently with a large lorry outside Porthgwidden, where the highway surface had been badly damaged. Too big a vehicles were being used to transport building materials on the small roads, planning need to be aware that a condition in the Transport Management Plan should be included for smaller lorries to be used.

Cllr A Allen said that where the Trolver Hill signpost had been damaged the two posts with large concrete blocks had been left behind and were a hazard. The Clerk would report this to Cormac online.

8. LAND & PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

Cllr Brickell has carried out some more work to Retallack Field's wildflower area to prepare it for seeding. The Chair wished to record the Committee's thanks to Cllr Brickell for all the work he had done at Retallack and Pengelly Meadows.

Cllr Brickell had carried out a test of the type of soil at Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area to establish the next treatment for the surface to improve the grass. Due to the current dry spell we would need to wait for rain before carrying out any further work to the surface. If the soil was acid it would need lime spreading on it to improve the grass growth.

A temporary small skateboard ramp had been put in the field by residents. The Clerk would mention this to our play inspectors so they were aware.

Cllr Woolcock would look into a suitable size of football goal to be installed at Pengelly Meadows.

It was suggested that residents could sponsor a tree at Pengelly Meadows.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm