

MEETING NO.

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 5th October 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		K Gason	M Steel	C Blake
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Allen	A Allen	H Freeman
		R Brickell	S Parker	R Andrew

In attendance: Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council
Jonathan Orton, Origin 3
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Thomas

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Robson and Lightfoot.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2020 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew gave the following statement:- "For the public record, I Cllr Andrew am an employee of Cornwall Council and am employed as Head of Environment Assets, if during the course of discussions issues arise in which I have a personal involvement it may be appropriate to leave the meeting and take no further part in the debate and for it to be recorded in the minutes. This may cover topics such as Public Rights of Way, Public Open Spaces, waste, litter or maritime, AONB and Forrest for Cornwall. I am currently seconded part-time to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government."

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jonathan Orton from Origin 3 attended regarding amended plans for the new development on Quenchwell Road. He advised the Parish Council that they had strong interest in Block A of the commercial units from a local nursery operator and would be amended the layout of this block to accommodate them, this would mean the loss of the third block of commercial leaving a small piece of land which they had submitted an application to Cornwall Council for 2 additional affordable homes. They were currently marketing Block B and hoped to secure a tenant soon. All the houses on the site were now sold and the affordables would be managed by Live West.

6. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk gave an update on actions from the previous meeting.

The latest email newsletter had been set out today and the next paper newsletter was due out at the end of October/beginning of November.

The schools gardening club area had been tidied up.

Sheila Sleeman who arranged the Carnon Downs Scarecrow Competition had been written too to thank her for all her hard work arranging the competition.

Point Road pavement – the S278 highways agreement which would contain the details of the pavement was yet to be signed off, Cornwall Council would chase this.

A meeting would be held shortly with the contractor regarding cutting back the hedges on the common land on the Tram Road.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Freeman had attended the Cornwall Council Planning Conference which was held online and would be attending a further conference on 21st October.

Cllrs Freeman and Blake would form the response to the consultation on the new Planning Reforms.

Cllrs P Allen and Brickell had attended the Community Network Panel meeting where they raised the issue of the obstructions on the verges, the Clerk would circulate the minutes when they had been received. There had been no specific response from highways about how they would ensure verges unimpeded for use as footways. There was a suggestion that they would be sending out correspondence to Parish Councils where they could specify which verges they would like to see cut and also for Parish Councils to identify potential verges for conversion into paved footways. Cllr P Allen would raise this again with the Countryside Access Forum.

There was a good discussion held at the Truro Transport Meeting about rat running through Carnon Downs and the suggestion that an alternative route out to Threemilestone should be promoted.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Devon & Cornwall Police

The crime figures page on the Police website was still on hold due to Covid.

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey advised that a site meeting had been held recently for a planning application for a proposed swimming pool which the Parish Council had raised concerns about. The design had been amended significantly to make the windows more appropriate to the use of the building.

Cllr Alvey had met recently with the school regarding additional classrooms and also access over their land to properties.

Parking issues – the National Trust have refused to change their parking arrangements as this was a national directive. They did say they would try and be a bit more flexible if people turned up without booking and there was space in their car park and appreciated their rules may be causing parking issues in Feock which was in turn causing delays to the buses. Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt the impact on this decision of the local community was significant and he felt we should write to the National Trust Director General to express our concerns about this type of decision and the impact of any changes to admission arrangements for NT properties may have on communities.

Road to Roundwood - some temporary repairs have been carried out but these have now washed out and more permanent repairs were needed, approval has now been received from English Heritage and Cormac are now scheduling in these works but there was no date available as yet.

Any Cornwall Council public meeting that members of the public could previously have attended in person can now be viewed in Microsoft Teams, the link can be accessed via website where the papers for the meeting are available.

Covid 19 Update – although the numbers for Cornwall looked particularly high the vast majority of these related to the outbreak at the factory in Pool, 80% of those who tested positive were asymptomatic, the reason for the large number of positives was because they tested the whole workforce rather than just those showing symptoms and anyone who tested negative were retested just to be doubly sure. The last report received was that there was nobody in Treliske with Covid. Despite this, everyone still needs to ensure they follow the rules and remain vigilant.

Cllr Brickell asked re the site meeting held recently with the Planning Officer, are Planning Officers now doing site visits again. Cllr Alvey said that this was up to the individual Officer, if they felt comfortable attending onsite meetings they could attend these.

Cllr Hambly-Staite thanked Cllr Alvey for his assistance in getting the Roundwood Quay road resurfaced.

MMO application for Barge at Point – this had been refused on the basis of policies relating to seascape and landscape. Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr Alvey for all the work that he had done regarding this application.

Cllr P Allen said the Cornwall Council Officer who was responsible for tracking down the source of the Covid outbreak in Pool should be congratulated as he felt this was dealt with very efficiently. It was noted that the employer was also very co-operative with Cornwall Council which had also helped contain the outbreak.

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Freeman has tidied up the cones at the top of Loe Beach hill as the parking issues had reduced.

Cllr Blake said everyone should be aware that a property in Feock was being marketed as a holiday let but this was a scam and the inside photos of the property were from another property for sale online. We have been trying to contact the owner to advise them so they can alert the Police and get the advert taken down.

Cllr Keith Hambly-Staite said the road was badly flooded recently between Ferris Garage and Trolver Hill during the recent bad weather, this has been raised before but the issue has not been resolved.

Devoran

Cllr Kemp reported that Pre-School had spent some of the Covid grant on an anti-bacterial 'fogger', which they were happy to lend to the Parish Council so that the library and the office can be disinfected regularly. The Parish Council would purchase their own anti-bacterial liquid for this.

Carnon Downs

There was nothing to report from Carnon Downs.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting.

A bank reconciliation had been carried out and all was in order, the bank balances matched the balances on the electronic banking system.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAI TE PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk ran through the financial report and advised there were no issues the Council needed to be aware of. The Finance & General Purposes Committee would be meeting later this month to look at the precept for 2021/22 and the budget with a view to making a recommendation to full Council at the November meeting, this would give time to make any amendments before the December meeting and before the deadline for submission to Cornwall Council of the end of December.

11. WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Hambly-Staite advised that the first Advisory Group meeting had been held and had gone very well. A project update from Bex Rawbone, the Project Co-ordinator had been circulated to everyone prior to the meeting tonight. Cllr Hambly-Staite asked for the Councillors help in identifying people who would be happy to be interviewed, we currently had 31 but needed 75 in total. Training of the volunteers who would carry out the training would start this Thursday via Zoom. He felt the project was going very well. We hoped to have a celebration and invite all volunteers and interviewees to a lunch next year as long as this was safe to go ahead and it was likely this could be held at Trelissick.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

Cllr P Allen had a meeting last week arranged with a member of the Climate Change group with a local energy consultancy and work she is doing with Helston Town Council. This will be discussed further at the next Climate Emergency meeting.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cllr P Allen said a meeting had been held on 24th September and the minutes would be issued shortly. Regarding the trees in Devoran Park, he believed that the original plan was to pollard the four Lime trees and this pollarding would create a tree umbrella and shade over the seating areas. It was agreed at the meeting that we would seek professional advice over the practicality and long term sustainability of this type of tree management and bring this back to the Access & Amenities Committee to make a decision.

Cllr P Allen said a meeting had been held recently with Kea Parish Council regarding the Carnon Valley Woodland and had now agreed to have a site meeting (Saturday 31st October) and invite our neighbouring Parishes to join us in this project, then a working group will be constituted to enable a lease to be agreed with Cornwall Council and for insurance to be put in place.

The Chairman said that a quotation had been received for tarmacking Tank Hill which was a footway in Devoran as this had a number of trip hazards due to tree roots, further quotations were being sought. Cllr P Allen said that this was not currently on the definitive PROW map but we had submitted an application for it to be added.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Planning Report prepared by the Assistant Clerk had been circulated to everyone. Cllr Freeman said that there continued to be a lot of tree applications which we often objected too. The MMO license to moor a large residential barge near to Point Quay had been refused. There had been an application under a dead and dangerous tree application to remove a tree at the end of Restronguet Point which had been refused.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there was a Climate Emergency SPD consultation carried out earlier this year and asked if we could have an update on this consultation. Cllr Alvey said that this had a similar timescale to a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr A Allen asked if the Council had commented on tree works at Penpol which were needed to allow access for a crane. Cllr Freeman did not recall us being consulted on an application which matched this.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he wished to thank the Assistant Clerk and the Planning Committee for all their efforts on planning and said that residents did appreciate their hard work.

15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

A meeting had been with Cormac, attended by Cllr Thomas and the Clerk about the unfortunate cutting of Carnon Downs roundabout. Cormac were very apologetic and said they wished to put things right and had produced a plan to replant a 6m diameter circle with three Monkey Puzzle trees and other related plants to the Lobb Brothers, the area would be heavily bark mulched and then the only regular maintenance required would be to cut the grass circle. These works would be done at the beginning of November when the Carnon Gate roundabout was being resurfaced.

Cllr Kemp asked when the pavement would be completed on Bissoe Road. The Clerk said that Cormac had hoped to complete this work by the end of the year, together with Old Carnon Hill but she would ask for an update from Cormac for a more specific date.

The Clerk had written to several residents to request they cut back their overgrown hedges which were impeding pavements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.