



Following discussion, the following comment was agreed as the Council's consultee comment.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Parish Council remain opposed to this proposal which would be development outside of the settlement boundary and be development in a small field in the open countryside. The site is not a residential garden, it is not within a built-up area, it cannot be considered as infilling or rounding off and it is not a brownfield site. It is a small field lying in the buffer zone of the AONB. Development of this land would create ribbon development, have an adverse visual effect on the adjacent AONB detracting from the existing aura of open space and general ambience of the ambience set by the neighbouring listed building.

Further, given the position of the access right next to a blind hill where there is narrowing of the road to both Trelissick and the King Harry Ferry with significant chance of speeding traffic, we are very concerned over the highways implication and note that the Highways Officer provided a consultee comment for the previous refused application PA21/07720 which stated '...I do not consider sufficient visibility splays could be delivered from a proposed access point serving the site to meet the recorded road speed. Speeds of 44mph westbound and 46mph eastbound have been recorded on the B3289 adjacent to the site, equivalent to splays of 121m and 130m respectively which would need to be secured from a point 2.4m back from the highway and remain unobstructed above 900mm. This would necessitate the lowering and realignment of a significant portion of the Cornish hedge and the loss of a number mature of trees. In the event of the above not being demonstrated at this stage, we do not consider the principle of access acceptable and object to the application on highway safety grounds, considering it contrary to Policy 27 of the Cornwall Local Plan, in failing to demonstrate safe and suitable access.'

We consider the development would be contrary to the following policies of the Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan:

H1 Small scale 'infill and rounding off' of housing development

D1 Design quality

LS2 Protection and enhancing landscape

HE1 Safeguard and enhance historic environment

BIO1 Safeguard and enhance natural environment

BIO2 Tree and hedgerow protection

#### **7. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Clerk gave her report on actions from the previous meeting.

#### **8. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended a Civic University Agreement Meeting at the University of Exeter which was an agreement that would be signed with Cornwall Council and the Universities to enable them to work with the communities on issues such as social wellbeing.

The Chair said several members had attended the Devolution Deal meeting at County Hall. The Chair, Cllr Brickell and Cllr Cooper had attended a Zoom meeting on the NPPF consultation in relation to the proposed changes to the National Planning policies which would be discussed later in the meeting. The Chair and Cllr Brickell had also attended planning refresher training via CALC.

## **9. CURRENT REPORTS**

Cllr Alvey reported that the Planning Officer had been recently looking at the planning application for Trelissick. The Planning Officer was awaiting the Councils Highways Officer's feedback and also from the Forestry team on the arboriculture impact of the development. There was a clear focus on the highways aspect and the crossing element of the application. The public comments had been categorised as follows: Highways safety, Site management issues, Environment issues and Local economy issues.

Planning were also looking at other sustainable travel alternatives to get to Trelissick, ie. water/ferry, walking, cycling, bus, as well as the design choices for bollards etc. and tree planting to break up lines in the Southern reconfigured car park as well as improving the appearance on the approach to the site. It was pointed out that it was still in the very early stages of the planning application process for this application.

The Climate Emergency DPD will be going to Full Council on the 21st February. When adopted this will apply to applications currently in the system as well as those received in the future.

There had been over 5000 responses to the Devolution Deal questionnaire as well as almost all the 'representative consultation' being completed.

Cornwall Council's budget would also be debated at Full Council, with a 4.99% increase being proposed to the Precept of which 2% is ring fenced for social care

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked if there was any feedback on the presentation that the AONB Planning Officer had given to Cornwall Council recently. Cllr Alvey said he had not had any feedback as yet.

## **10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk circulated the invoice list by email and gave an overview of the Council's current financial position.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR FIIT PROPOSED THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT LIST, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **11. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock ward**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there was a road closure at Tregye Road/Come to Good for a 3 days this week. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the bus stops/shelters had now been cleared by Biffa of the leaves and mud which were making them inaccessible.

The Chair said that she had received a message from a resident about litter on the layby near to Ferris Garage. The Chair said she would keep an eye on the condition of the layby. Cllr Alvey commented that littering could be reported to Biffa who would come out and litter pick and also if anyone had evidence of littering on their dashcam or go pros if cycling this could be sent into Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council are also pushing for drive throughs to put the car registration on to drinks cups etc so that if these were discarded they could be tracked down.

The Chair has spoken to the owners of the property in Trolver Croft where there had been a small landslip recently and they were in the process of having this secured.

### **Devoran Ward**

The Chair said she had been contacted by a resident from Chycoose Parc who was having his driveway flooded when there was heavy rain and he was asking for advice on the type of drainage to see if this could be improved and if Highways could advise on this. Cllr Alvey said that Highways had looked at this issue and there was nothing more that could be done to improve the drainage at the estate. It would be a case of keeping the top of the drains clear of leaves.

Cllr Cooper said that we had reported an issue with the ruined building which was close to the footpath that runs behind the Quay and there were some loose stones. The Clerk said she had heard back from the Countryside Access team today who did not feel the stones were a safety issue for users of the footpath.

The Chair and Cllr Cooper had met with the Chair of Devoran Quay Preservation Society regarding trees and at the same time mentioned about the plastic that had been on the bonfire last year which the DQPS confirmed they do remove when they see it. It was also mentioned about the nails that had been left behind from the bonfire and these had now been removed with the magnetic roller but the Chair had offered our Eco Group volunteers to help after this year's bonfire if necessary and more helpers were needed.

### **Carnon Downs Ward**

Cllr Brickell said that there was a large tree on the hedge of Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area and asked if it could be checked if it had a TPO as he was concerned about how close the new house the other side of it was and the damage building may have done to it. If it was not already protected could a TPO be requested on it.

Cllr Brickell would arrange for the playing field football area to be fertilised in the near future now that the frosts had gone as the football area needs some feeding and was being well used.

## **12. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated the Planning Committee Report to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

## **13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated Cllr Hambly-Staite's report to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Chairman agreed to move items 17, 21, 22 and 23 up the agenda as they all fell under Access & Amenities.

## **17. ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN SOCIAL HOUSING**

Item 17 regarding Energy Efficiency in Social Housing would not be discussed as a response had been received from Councillor Alvey in answer to our query.

## **21. TREE STRATEGY FOR FEOCK PARISH**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the Trees Across Feock Parish document had been discussed by Access & Amenities and they recommend that Full Council adopt it.

**CLLR HAMBLY-STAITÉ PROPOSED THAT THE TREES ACROSS FEOCK PARISH DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED AS THE BASIS FOR A PARISH COUNCIL TREE POLICY AND THE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVE STEPS FOR**

**CONSULTING OTHER BODIES FOR THE OPINIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATION, SECONDED BY CLLR FITT, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**22. GRIT BINS**

The Clerk had circulated costs for purchasing 5 grit bins and re-using one on Trolver Hill that was hidden in the brambles to give us 6 additional grit bins in the following locations: Top of the Forge (Carnon Downs), Top of the hill at the junction between Point Road and Penpol Hill, Start of the Tram Road/S bend in Devoran, Crossroads of Tregye Road/Gig Lane (Carnon Downs), Crossroads at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill on Perranwell road and near to Loe Hill/Feock Churchtown. If agreed the Clerk would get permission to place them beside the road from Highways.

Cllr Cooper felt that with climate change the need for many things that are the responsibility of Parish Councils, such as grit bins was going to become more urgent and felt that it is essential that the Council is briefed on the newly published Cornwall Climate Risk Assessment which describes the various risks which may involve the Parish Councils in additional expenditure.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAI TE PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK PURCHASE 5 NEW GRIT BINS WITH GRIT AT A COST OF £925+VAT FOR THE LOCATIONS LISTED, SECONDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**23. CHERRY TREES ALONGSIDE BUS LANE IN CARNON DOWNS**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the two species of Cherry Trees to be planted alongside the bus lane had been granted a planting license by Highways. Highways were currently checking if there were any utilities in the area that would stop planting on the verge. Three Councillors had already committed to 'adopting a tree' at £100 a tree and it was felt that the Parish Council should purchase the 10 trees at the same time so they would all be planted at the same size rather than individually as adopters from the community were found and allocate £1K of their reserves to cover the initial outlay.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAI TE PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL ALLOCATE BUDGET OF £1K FOR 10 CHERRY TREES AND PLANTING, TO BE PART OF THE ADOPT A TREE SCHEME, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Cllr Cooper asked that those who 'adopt a tree' were responsible for watering it to ensure it became established.

**14. HAIRE & WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE**

Cllr Hambly-Staite read out positive comments from the workshop held at the HAIRE thank you event held at Trelassick recently. 60 people had attended including Cllr Alvey, the Head of Devoran School, Age UK, Volunteer Cornwall and the new Practice Manager of Carnon Downs Surgery. A legacy of HAIRE was MyFeock which is a hotline to the Parish Office to provide help, support and guidance on local services which have been developed through HAIRE. Cllr Hambly-Staite said he was very pleased that the Council had agreed to continue to fund the post to continue to provide this support.

The Chair thanked Cllr Hambly-Staite for the energy and time he had put into keeping the project going and she was very pleased that the Parish Council had implemented and agreed continued services as part of the project.

**15. FEOCK ECO CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP REPORT**

Cllr Cooper said she felt there was a big overlap between Feock Eco and the Health & Wellbeing project, especially in relation to the impact on people's wellbeing of planning decisions. Recently the group had moved some dead wood that had been felled to try to keep the wildlife that was living in it. Cllr Hambly-Staite said it would be good for the Eco group to discuss wellbeing and the impact on people's health and for the HAIRE group and Eco group to work together.

Cllr Fitt said the group had a social meeting recently which had been very useful and lots of interesting issues had been raised. Some path clearing had been done with the Tregye students again recently.

**16. FEOCK NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY**

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that perhaps Kea and Feock could work on a joint Nature Recovery Strategy. Cllr Alvey said he would mention this at the next meeting of Kea Parish. Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt that a Nature Recovery Strategy should inform any review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL FORM A NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY, SECONDED BY CLLR FIT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**18. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Cllr Brickell said that there was still a pothole on Old Carnon Hill by a drain that still needed repairing. The Clerk would chase this up.

**24. REQUEST FROM CARNON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO USE PARK AN GWARRY PLAYING FIELD FOR AN EVENT**

The Clerk advised that Carnon Downs Community Association has requested permission to use the park at Park an Gwarry on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May for a Party in the Park event as part of the Coronation Celebrations and Scarecrow Competition. The Association had their own insurance and would ensure the field was litter picked afterwards.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST TO USE PARK AN GWARRY ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**25. COMMEMORATION OF KING CHARGES III CORONATION**

The Chair said she felt it was a nice idea to have a specimen tree in each ward as had been suggested and we would need to give some thought to location and species. Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested Royal Oaks.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT IN PRINCIPLE THE COUNCIL AGREE TO PLANTING 3 TREES FOR THE CORONATION AND ALLOCATE BUDGET FROM RESERVES UNLESS FNDING SOURCES COULD BE FOUND, PROFESSIONAL ADVICE WOULD BE SOUGHT REGARDING THE LOCATION AND SPECIES, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Chair said that the Parish Council were pleased that the local community groups were arranging their own celebratory events and asked if the Feock Eco group could come up with some volunteering opportunities for the Monday which was going to be a recognised as a volunteering day.

**26. CO-OPTION TO FILL FEOCK WARD VACANCIES**

The Chair said there had been no applications for these vacancies.

**20. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF) CONSULTATION**

The Chair said that the questionnaire was very long and not all the questions were appropriate to us.

**RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL DO NOT RESPOND DUE TO THE LENGTH AND COMPLEX NATURE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED.**

**19. CORNWALL COUNCIL DEVOLUTION DEAL**

There was a discussion regarding the Devolution Deal consultation and the Parish Council's views. Cllr Alvey said that in April this year Cornwall Council would decide if the decision to change the governance would be made by a referendum or not, if the decision was made to hold a Referendum this was likely to be held in October and this would be on the question as to whether or not to change the governance model of Cornwall Council which would mean the election of a Mayor.

If the Council decided not to hold a referendum on this issue, then Full Cornwall Council would make the decision on the governance structure and the issue of the Mayor in July this year.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT COUNCILLORS COMPLETE THE CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE INDIVIDUALLY AS A PARISH COUNCIL VIEW HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE AGREED, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The members of the public at the meeting left at 9.40pm as the meeting moved into closed session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.59pm.