

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7pm at Devoran Village Hall, Devoran

Present:

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
K Gason	A Allen	R Brickell	
P Lightfoot	S Cooper	C Blake	
P Allen			

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Lightfoot (Vice Chairman)

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he was sorry that Cllr Thomas had recently resigned and he would be very much missed by everyone on the Council and that he had been an excellent Councillor and Chair.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hambly-Staite, J Allen, C Kemp, M Steel and L Fitt.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

It was noted that there had not been a meeting held in March 2022.

RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2022 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed for a notice to be fixed to the new gates at Retallack Recreation Area when they are installed - 'Please keep gates closed and Car park is for users of the park only, no overnight parking'.

It was requested that the Clerk contact the developers of the over 55s site in Carnon Downs regarding secure fencing of the boundary between the houses and the recreation area to keep dogs out.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr A Allen attended the Community Network Panel meeting and confirmed that we have been successful in our bid for funding for the yellow lines at Loe Beach. The rubbish collections will be changing in Summer 2023 where black bin bags will go in wheelie bins and collected once a fortnight but we will also be getting food waste caddies to be collected once a week. The minutes of the meeting with the full details have been circulated. The new waste collectio system will be rolled out in stages, starting with Restormel, the Carrick area will be the last on the list so this is likely to come in in our Parish towards the end of 2024. It was noted that although Feock and Playing Place have the best recycling rates in Cornwall but there is still a lot of recyclable rubbish being put in black bin bags. Cllr Brickell said it was important that the food caddies were good quality to ensure they lasted longer rather than cheaper versions and he had contacted Cornwall Council about this.

Cllr P Allen reported that the plinth at Carnon Yard has now been put in place and the Rhoda Mary group would like to have an unveiling and Saturday 7th May and all Parish Councillors would be invited. Councillors should let the Clerk know if they wished to attend.

Cllr P Allen said that the last planting of 400 trees at the Bissoe Woodland has happened and this is looking good and there were a dozen volunteers who helped to do this. It is planned to order another 400 trees for planting in the Autumn. Cllr Cooper asked where the woodland actually is as she would like to visit it. Cllr P Allen said he was more than happy to go down with Cllr Cooper or any Councillors to show them where it is. The Clerk would let all Councillors know when there were any meetings planned to be held down at the woodland site so they could attend if they wished.

Cllr P Allen said that he had been in touch at various times over the last few years with the Environment Agency about their plans for the Carnon Valley. There is now an EA Officer who is tasked with recreational improvements on EA land. It is hoped that a meeting could be arranged and Cllr P Allen would circulate the date to all Councillors when a date for this had been provided. Cornish Lithium had contacted the Mining Trails team as they would like to put in more signage along the valley.

Cllr P Allen said he had been invited to the Friends of Restronguet Point AGM and he would go along to this to represent the Council.

Cllr Lightfoot had attended the HAIRE Roundtable at the University of Exeter with Cherilyn Mackrory and there had been discussion about how this could be replicated across Cornwall. Cllr Hambly-Staite's report on HAIRE had been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Cooper said the first group of the reformed FACT meeting had been held and been well attended.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cllr Alvey said he would like it recorded of his thanks to Barrie Thomas (who had recently stepped down from the Parish Council) for all the help and support that he had given to him since he had been the Divisional Member.

Cllr Alvey advised that it was Full Cornwall Council meeting tomorrow and the main subject at the moment is the tier 3 devolution deal which brought more money and powers for Cornwall Council as a unitary authority but there is a requirement to have a directly elected "Mayor"/Elected Leader. This is not technically the same as a City Mayor but would be more of an Elected Leader role. Cllr Alvey outlined the current structure of Cornwall Council.

The Elected Leader model has a Leader who is not a Cornwall Councillor, they are voted for separately by residents at the same time as the local Council elections and they would serve a 4 year term. The Leader then selects a Cabinet of up to 9 members of Cornwall Councillors. The Leader will be the decision maker as to what is decided by the Cabinet but there will still be items such as the budget that have to be decided by Full Council. The decision on the devolution deal will be made in the Autumn when more detail about the deal and Elected Leader model is known. This decision will be made by the Full Council at Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council have asked for additional powers to control second homes through double or triple Council tax and would hope this could also include holiday lets.

With regards to Planning the appeal for Curlew Cottage for a replacement extension succeeded and planning permission has been granted. The application for a infill dwelling at the end of Valley Lane in Carnon Downs has been called in to Central Planning committee. Cllr Alvey had given a presentation regarding Climate Change and this had been filmed and would be circulated to all Parish and Town Councillors. He had a meeting regarding EV provision in Cornwall and the importance of having the infrastructure in place to support this and also the potential impact on this from the the influx of visitors to the region in the Summer who may bring with them electric vehicles.

Cllr Alvey said the bus fares had now been reduced, an all day adult ticket to go anywhere in Cornwall was £5 and town zone day tickets were available for £2.50. It was hoped that these reductions would encourage residents who lived on bus routes to catch the bus to work as it would be cheaper than driving and parking at work.

The Heritage Strategy has been re-written and is open for consultation until the 22nd April.

Cllr A Allen asked if there would be additional bus routes provided to reach those areas who were not on a bus route such as Point and Penpol.

Cllr Cooper said we needed buses that were quicker as Devoran to Newquay took 1.75 hours and also going to Falmouth all the buses went via the University which took a lot longer.

Cllr Alvey said that the more people that use the buses the more it would help the argument for more direct and quicker buses.

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Blake has had a lot of complaints about the state of the road through Feock and the edge of the road is crumbling. Highways had advised they were low priority roads and were not planned for maintenance work until 2023/24. There were a large number of construction vehicles which were damaging the road. Cllr Gason would put out the cones in the area of the Loe Beach lines until these were installed. Residents were upset about constant building noise in the village. Unfortunately if an application was approved by the Planning Inspector noise/working conditions were often not put on permission. It was easier to get these types of conditions put on applications that the Planning Committee or Planning Officer made the decision on.

Cllr P Allen said that the Parish Council's Planning Committee always include a Construction Management Plan condition on all comments but it was up to the Planning Officer to decide whether to include this. Cllr A Allen said that she would like to see a condition that if development vehicles had created excessive wear on the roads that this be put right at the cost of the developer.

Cllr Blake said he has seen several people running around the path at Retallack Field and thought it might be nice to put up a sign what the actual distance around the path is.

Devoran Ward

Cllr A Allen said that Point & Penpol are getting together to have a Jubilee Celebration on the Quay, Orchard and the Green. There would be a bar, singing and competitions. She asked if it was possible for the Council to contribute £250 funding to go towards facilities from the £500 for each ward for re-opening celebrations after Covid. The event is being held on Saturday 4th June.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT £250 BE AWARDED TO POINT & PENPOLS EVENT, SECONDED BY CLLR LIGHTFOOT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Narabo Creek, the damaged bridge still hasn't been fixed. The Clerk would find out when this would be repaired.

Carnon Downs Ward

Cllr P Allen said that a planter had been knocked over by a vehicle outside the Dentist. A local resident, Bob Richard had kindly put it back upright. Cllr P Allen would tidy it further and replace the plants and gravel. The large granite stones on the verge along Tregye were still there, four witness statements have been provided to Cornwall Council, however they felt the evidence wasn't strong enough unfortunately and more witnesses were needed to enable the removal of the stones and for the verge to be returned to a pathway as there was no pavement on that stretch of the road.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS CIRCULATED WERE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk gave a financial update.

11. WELLBEING & HAIRE PROJECT

Cllr Hambly-Staite's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

12. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Gason said that works at Retallack had now been completed, a meeting had been held with the groundworks contractors and also the play equipment company as the finish was not as good a quality as we had expected. It was felt that we should have been more specific in the specification that was written when quotes were being obtained as this did not specifically state the finish required.

13. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Blake said there were a number of retrospective planning applications which is very frustrating, lots of tree applications which are purely to improve the view for residents rather than to benefit the trees and it seems Cornwall Council are happy just to approve these applications. Cllr Blake said he was concerned about the amount of non-compliance with planning conditions that seemed to be going on at the moment.

Cllr Blake thanked Cllr Cooper for speaking at Central Planning Committee about an application in Penpol which had been started without planning permission who had then applied for retrospective permission, despite this being approved.

Cllr Blake said he wished to again record his thanks to the Planning Committee, and it was sad to see Barrie Thomas and Bee Robson who have both left the Council who had previously been involved with Planning and had done good work in this area.

14. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Cllr P Allen said there is an electric sign at the bottom of Arch Hill which often doesn't display the car park information instead it seems to display Covid information instead. Cllr Alvey said that apparently when there is no problem with parking they use the sign to display other public service information.

There were still problems with Carnon Downs bypass noise, it was suggested that a decibel reader be used to monitor the level of noise from this.

15. IMPROVEMENTS TO CYCLE ROUTE AND CIL

Cllr P Allen said his idea to improve the cycling route from Feock out to Playing Place was part of a larger scheme to improve the cycling route from the Parish into Truro. He would like the Council to agree in principle that if S106 or CIL money became available to the Parish that we allocate this to improvements to the cycle route links. If a scheme could be drawn up that was in the region of £150K then this may be achievable with CIL funding. The feasibility study produced by Cormac costed the scheme in the region of £2M upwards which was unfortunately unachievable. Cllr P Allen felt the Truro to Devoran and Truro to Feock links were very important in the active travel route network.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WHERE S106/CIL BECOMES COMES AVAILABLE THE COUNCIL WOULD IN PRINCIPLE ALLOCATE THIS TO SAFE CYCLE ROUTE BETWEEN DEVORAN AND TRURO FOR A REALISTIC SCHEME, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER, WITH ONE ABSTENSION AND 6 IN FAVOUR.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.05pm