

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

<b>WARDS</b>	<b>CARNON DOWNS</b>	<b>DEVORAN</b>	<b>FEOCK</b>
	J Allen	A Allen	R Brickell
	P Allen	S Cooper	L Fitt

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor A Allen

**1. INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. As both Cllr Gason (Chair) and Cllr Hambly-Staite (Vice Chair) had given their apologies, Cllr A Allen (Chair of the Parish Council) would chair the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gason, Hambly-Staite and Woolcock.

**2. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED CLLR FITT BE ELECTED TO THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. TO CONSIDER THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR a ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES WERE AGREED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present or questions submitted.

**6. CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated her report to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.

**7. HIGHWAYS & FAST PROJECT UPDATES**

**Devon County Council visibility splay cutting**

Cllr Hambly-Staite's statement was read out in his absence. The Chair said if the verges were cut back then this gave the hedges chance to grow behind them but still gave a refuge for pedestrians. It was felt that it was difficult to have a blanket policy on this as it varied from place to place across the Parish as to what the best solution was. Cllr J Allen felt that all the verges in the parish should be cut as if they were cut then pedestrians would use them as they would be accessible. Cllr P Allen suggested that specific verges could be identified that required cutting for pedestrian safety. Cllr Cooper was interested to know if there was any legal/liability for encouraging use of verges as it may encourage people to walk in the road

where there was no verge/pavement as the verge had run out, but agreed that specific verges should be identified for cutting.

**PROPOSAL: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT ALL WARD COUNCILLORS LOOK AT THEIR LOCAL AREAS AND IDENTIFY ON MAPS THE VERGES THEY PROPOSED SHOULD BE CUT, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **8. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES**

### **Enhanced LMP Footpath Project Updates**

A report was expected from our footpath contractor on progress with the project. Another element of the project was to improve signposting and waymarking and the waymarker element needed to be progressed and a meeting would be arranged to discuss progress with the Enhanced LMP project in November.

### **Cutting out of footpath behind Chycoose Parc**

This was yet to be cut out and the Clerk would chase up the contractor and ensure that the start of the path was not cut out wide so as not to encourage vehicles.

### **Overgrown Footpaths**

It was noted that there was some side growth on the footpath near to Silent Waters which the landowner was responsible for cutting back.

### **Any other urgent footpath issues**

The Clerk would ask the Countryside Access Team to check the stile at Harcourt as some alterations had been made to it to ensure it was safe for users.

## **9. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE**

### **Carnon Valley Woodland Update**

There is a site meeting planned for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at the woodland to look at the next steps with the area. Some of the surface area was quite uneven and this made it difficult to plant and would need levelling before planting. Cllr Cooper said that we should investigate the Carbon Code funding. Cllr Brickell would survey the land and advise how this could be levelled and what would be involved. Cllr Fitt would look into Carbon Code funding and report back.

### **Additional fencing for Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area**

The Clerk had sought example price for matching fencing along this gap. The Committee agreed to leave this area unfenced to allow access for larger maintenance vehicles.

### **Additional Memorial Benches**

A request had been received for a memorial bench at either Carnon Yard or Carnon Mine. It was agreed that there was room for another bench to be installed at Carnon Mine. The Clerk would advise the family of this and make the arrangements.

### **Works required to Horse Chestnut tree on Point Green**

The Clerk had got prices from 3 tree specialists to survey and potentially put in a TPO application in relation to the Horse Chestnut tree on Point Green Common Land due to a large branch overhanging a neighbouring properties access. The Committee asked the Clerk to go ahead with their preferred quotation and arrange the survey and TPO application if required.

### **Devoran Park Oak Tree**

A resident who lives behind Devoran Park was having problems with the large amount of leaves and acorns that fall from the large Oak tree on the park hedge into her garden. Cllr Cooper would go and collect the leaves and arrange for them to be composted. The resident had also raised concerns about a branch overhanging the lane, Councillors would visit the tree to look at the issue and report back.

### **Tree Planting of verge beside the bus lane in Carnon Downs**

Cllr P Allen said that the Parish Council had agreed to plant cherry trees on the green triangle by the bus lane entrance at Carnon Downs roundabout.

It was suggested that we could ask people if they wished to sponsor a tree. If we wished to keep the verge there cut similar to the Caravan Site we would need permission from Highways to do this and add this to our grass cutting contract.

Cllr P Allen pointed out that this links in with the improvements to village gateways policy that was included in our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.44pm.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm.