

**MEETING NO.**

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	S Cooper	
	K Gason	A Allen	
		B Thomas	

In attendance: Cllrs Fitt and J Allen.  
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor K Gason

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been received.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

The Clerk to contact Phil Pearce regarding working group for fingerposts and set this up for the New Year to look to at refurbishing the finger posts.

A price was needed for a re-print of the Feock Trails maps, suggested a reprint of 2000. There were around 250 sets of the maps left. Cllr P Allen suggested we use up the maps we have and then budget for this printing in 2022/23. Cllr Gason suggested that we seek sponsorship to help pay for this. Cllr P Allen said he would also like to include 2 new walks including the 10 tumuli trail so we had 10 walks in total when we did the reprint.

Cllr Cooper proposed that to try to promote the walks perhaps Cllr P Allen could read the walks on a short (5 minute) video to be shared on social media. Cllr P Allen would consider this for the New Year.

Grow Nature Seed funding – the Clerk advised that she had checked with the Grow Nature funding team and it was likely the funding would still be available in the New Year and we would be able to apply again as long as our project met the criteria. We would looking at around £1000 for bulbs and 10 trees to be planted, there would then be annual maintenance to be paid for as well at around £300 a year.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETNIG HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**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 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The actions from the previous meeting had been covered under item 3.

7. **HIGHWAYS & FAST PROJECT UPDATES**

**Stones/obstructions on verges update**

Cllr P Allen said he was gathering witness statements about the use of verges as footpaths and would supply these to Highways as they had requested.

**Cutting of hedges on our land on the Old Tram Road**

Cllr P Allen said we had cut out the passing places back in the Summer but had not cut the hedges since although this had been requested. The owners on the Tram Road had cut the hedges in their ownership. Cllr P Allen said did we want to chase the contractor or leave it for this year as the hedges were not looking too bad as they had been cut the last couple of years.

Cllr A Allen said that 'passing places' signs had been put up to stop parking in the passing places and asked that the Clerk arrange FPC logos/wording to be put on the signs to make them more formal rather than them looking anonymous.

Cllr A Allen said that the hedges on Point Road and Harris Hill needed to be cut back and could the Clerk write to the owners to request they do this. The Chair would contact the Wildlife Trust for advise on bird nesting and the best time to cut the hedges.

Cllr Cooper suggested we only cut hedges in February as this would have the least impact on the birds and their food, although she appreciated that this was also a highways issue.

It was agreed for the Clerk to chase the Contractor to request he cut our hedges on the Tram Road in February 2022.

8. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES**

**Penpol Farmhouse DMMO**

The Chairman circulated a report and suggested we go with option 3 which is to wait for the DMMO to be confirmed and then the Parish Council could submit an extinguishment under the Highways Act. The issue of maintenance of the new byway had been raised with Cornwall Council by the Ramblers Association and Cornwall Council would advise on this before making the Order.

**Enhanced LMP Footpath project update**

The Clerk confirmed that she had ordered the posts from Cormac (42 in total comprising of a mix of fingerposts and waymarker posts). The 3 kissing gates could also be ordered and we would need to pay for these and then claim reimbursement from Cornwall Council.

**Staggy Lane – issue with traffic using as a cut through**

There had been complaints from residents about vehicles using Staggy Lane as a cut through and Cllr P Allen suggested we investigate making it a 'no through road'. It was felt that possibly sat navs were taking vehicles along there. We may be able to apply for funding from the Community Network Panel (CNP) as a TRO would be needed to make this change and would be costly. Cllr A Allen said that the CNP had said they only really wanted applications to help cyclists and pedestrians and didn't want to fund any more yellow lines. Cllr P Allen said the narrowing of the road on Bissoe Road as part of the traffic calming had made it slightly more

difficult to pull out of Bissoe Road and there had been some comments about this. A mirror on the post opposite may help with visibility. It was suggested that perhaps the 'rat running' had been worse recently due to the road works on Smithy Lane and people trying to avoid those and perhaps the problem would now decrease again now that the roadworks were finished. The Chair would speak to residents she knew there to find out the extent of the problem.

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

The Chair suggested that the footpath back from Carnon Yard could be widened as it was quite narrow, it was agreed to visit the site in the New Year to consider this.

The Clerk had submitted all the paperwork for Tank Hill to register it as a footpath earlier in the year. Cllr Thomas asked if the surface of Tank Hill could be tarmacked next year as this had been proposed for several years and quotes had been obtained. The Clerk would check if there was sufficient funds in the budget.

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

#### **Trees in Devoran Park**

The Clerk confirmed that Nick Cooper, Tree Officer at Cornwall Council would inspect the trees to advise if they could be pollarding the next time he was passing. This work would require permission to be sought as they were in the Conservation Area.

#### **Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area works update**

The Chair said the field was looking good but she was concerned about the gap in the fencing which led onto Bissoe Road and felt there should be some hawthorn planted to discourage toddlers from climbing on the bank.

#### **Retallack Playing Field Works update**

The Chair said the works were progressing well and the fencing to divide the car park and play area was up but there hadn't been any work for the last few days.

#### **Horse Chestnut tree on Point Green**

There had been a complaint that the lower branches of the tree were rubbing on the garage and the resident was concerned that this may be causing damage. The tree was in a TPO area so permission would be needed for any works to it and it was on land owned by the Parish Council. The Council would investigate further and seek advice from the Cornwall Council Tree Officer.

#### **Landmark/heritage signs**

Cllr P Allen had been tasked with pulling together history information for our various pieces of land but had not progressed this as far as he would like to have as we would like to put in a bylaw regarding dumping of boats but this would need us to register the foreshore as Village Green which he was working on.

### **10. CARNON VALLEY**

#### **Community Woodland update**

Cllr P Allen said we had been allocated 420 trees from the Woodland Trust which would be delivered in Spring 2022 and it would be good to have a planting day and invite all Councillors from the involved parishes.

### **South West Water Works Update**

Cllr Thomas said that an initial meeting had been held via Teams this week with SWW regarding the building of a new sewage pumping station on the Carnon Valley so that the Council could raise their concerns about their proposals and this location. Alternatives had been suggested by the Parish Council but SWW were concerned about these being more expensive. A new pumping station on the trail would be a complete blot on the recreation area and the smell would also be very unpleasant for people using the cycle way. The Parish Council had explained their concerns to SWW.

Cllr P Allen said he had been invited to a meeting with the Environment Agency with regards to how they could use the Carnon Valley land that they own in a better way and improve the biodiversity gain, it was hoped they may be able to open the access to the land more as well.

The Chair said it would be good if eventually the EA would agree to meet with the Parish Council.

### **11. IMPROVEMENTS TO CYCLE ROUTES INCLUDING FROM FEOCK TO PLAYING PLACE AND CORMAC FEASIBILITY STUDY**

There was a discussion about how dangerous it was for cyclists to use the slip road route coming up in to Carnon Downs. Cllr P Allen said that the feasibility study that Cormac had put together was totally unaffordable and it was disappointing that we had not been involved in the drafting of the study as we had our own ideas to input which hadn't been able to be taken into account. Cllr P Allen had drafted an alternative to this which he felt would cost in the region of £150K compared to £1.5M for the Cormac scheme and this may be able to be funded from CIL or S106 money and it would need an agreed project for this money to be allocated from any future developments. Cllr P Allen would continue to push this project to improve cycle routes in the parish. Cllr Cooper had concerns about the speed of vehicles on the A39 between Devoran and Perranarworthal and the danger these caused to cyclists on this stretch in particular.

### **12. SPONSORED BENCHES IN THE PARISH**

Cllr A Allen said people had come forward who were interested in sponsoring benches and she wondered if a design had been chosen yet, how the sponsorship would work and if they would get their own plaques or if we would arrange this etc... as it would be a shame to lose these people who had been keen. It may be that people would be willing to share a bench depending on cost. The Chair said she had spoken to someone would make a bespoke bench but he needed to know a budget to come up with a design. The Chair would ask the artist for examples of what he could provide for different budgets and supply these with details of the garden centre type benches and the costs and then go back to the residents who had expressed an interest to ask them for their preferred design. The locations were Carnon Yard, Restronguet Point and Carnon Mine. Other future areas to be considered for a bench were possibly the garden on Market Street, the school garden in Devoran and Langdons plot on the footpath between Devoran and Carnon Downs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

It was agreed to meet again in February 2022.