

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm at the Parish Council Offices, Market Street, Devoran**

Present: WARDS:

**CARNON DOWNS**

C Kemp  
J Allen  
P Allen  
P Lightfoot

**DEVORAN**

A Allen  
M Woolcock

**FEOCK**

R Brickell  
K Hambly-Staite  
L Fitt

In attendance: Lea Thomas, Community & Partnership Officer (West) Cormac  
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Chairman: Cllr A Allen

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Sue Cooper and Martyn Alvey.

**3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE & ACCURATE RECORD OF MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE, SECONDED BY CLLR J ALLEN AND CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENSION (AS CLLR LIGHTFOOT WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING).**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in Item 9 Financial Summary and Accounts for Payment due to her role as Manager of Devoran Pre-School as the utility contract discussion would also cover the Pre-School utilities supply.

Cllr Woolcock declared an interest in Item 9 Financial Summary and Accounts for Payment as a family member was on the list as a payee.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SUBMITTED BEFOREHAND**

Lea Thomas, Community & Partnership Officer from Cormac attended to explain her role which was to support volunteers who carry out activities on Cornwall Council land. There is a Cormac volunteer agreement which covers safeguarding, lone working, PPE requirements, health and safety etc. and how Cormac and volunteer groups such as Parish Councils and volunteers can work together.

Lea can arrange to get permission to carry out works on Cornwall Council land, provide public liability insurance, act as go to person between various departments at CC (highways, environment etc.) There is also a tool trailer that volunteers can borrow that contains PPE, tools, wheelbarrows, dumpy bags etc to get a group up and running and can be borrowed for a day. They also provide composting workshops, scything training, pruning etc. to help people learn new skills. Lea can help with providing

funding for bulbs and wildflower seeds, paint to paint benches etc. If there is an area of land that needs tidying up, Lea can get the tool trailer on site and organise refreshments. Highways can provide risk assessments if working by the highway. Lea said by going through their volunteering scheme this meant any litter or green waste would be removed afterwards which was sometimes a problem for volunteer group.

The Clerk would circulate Lea's contact details to all Councillors and it was planned to meet again to show Lea the areas we were working on locally.

The Chairman thanked Lea very much for attending and said it had been really useful and we would be in touch again about working together in the future.

## **6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Clerk reported as follows.

### **Planning**

Meeting with Affordable Housing Team re ecologically friendly modern methods of construction has been arranged for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **CIL Money**

This was discussed by Access & Amenities Committee in November and it was agreed that this should be spent on improvements to cycle routes (as previously agreed by FPC) and improvement to footpaths/ways.

### **Community Network Panel Review**

Clerk has confirmed to Cornwall Council that we support the Chacewater joint consultation response.

## **7. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr P Allen had attended the Friends of Restronguet Point AGM and they were keen to be involved with any review of the Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately it seemed that there were currently no committee members on the group following the AGM so they were not currently an active group.

Cllr P Allen had also attended the Point Quay Association AGM and them and the Regatta Committee were working closely together. He would like to add the area of hedge by The Saltbox and also the hedge of Point Orchard to the Parish Council's hedge cutting contract when a new contract was appointed for the Tram Road parish land hedge cutting.

Cllr P Allen had met with the Mining Trails Forum and Cornish Lithium, Cornish Lithium would like to be involved with improved signage along the mining trails. Cllr Fitt asked who would make the decision as to who would sponsor any signage, Cllr P Allen said it would be the Mining Trails Forum which was made up a number of representatives from all the Parish Council who had the trail running through their parish.

Cllr Brickell attended the showing of a film "Food for Thought" showing the impact of farming on the environment and climate which was held in Cornwall Council's Council Chamber. Cllr Brickell had contacted Cllr Alvey about the contents as he felt some elements were not factual. Cllrs P and J Allen also attended but felt it was interesting although some areas were not explained in depth. Cllr J Allen felt there should be more local labelling of farmed products to show where it came from to encourage buying locally.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said himself, the Clerk and Cllr Brickell had attended a meeting with Cormac which had led to two further meetings with Cormac staff, Lea Thomas and Andy James and resulted in action.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he had attended the Integrated Care Area Advisory Group where there were two presentations, one on Personalised Care and one on Humans Cornwall.

Cllr Hambly-Staite added that there was a real value in attending the meetings of appropriate outside bodies for networking and information and instanced the meeting between Parish Councils and CORMC which had already led to positive outcomes.

Cllr Lightfoot had attended the briefing regarding the Devolution Deal & Mayoral Referendum which would be discussed later in the meeting.

## **8. CURRENT REPORTS**

Cllr Alvey had given his apologies.

The Clerk had circulated the latest crime figures which were available online.

September 2022

1 x other theft – Chycoose Parc, Point

1 x vehicle crime – Tregye Road, Carnon Downs

1 x violent & sexual offence – Quenchwell Road, Carnon Downs

## **9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITÉ PROPOSED THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT LIST, SECONDED BY CLLR FITT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Utility contracts**

The Clerk had circulated the best prices that we had received for both 12 month and 24 month contracts and circulated these to the Council prior to the meeting. The contract for gas was a 'brown' contract but the electricity contract was 'green' and renewable. The 'green' gas contract quote was over double the 'brown' quote. Cllr Fitt said that she felt as we had declared a climate emergency and that we should be having fully renewable energy and leading by example.

Cllr Brickell said if the green gas contract was closer in cost to the brown quote he would be supporting it but unfortunately it was a lot more. He felt that in the current economic climate we should be going with the cheapest quote and review this again in 12 months and hopefully green prices may have come down by then. The Council were very mindful of their climate emergency declaration but felt they had to consider the additional cost of a renewable gas contract.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE CONTRACT DETAILS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK TO TAKE OUT GAS AND ELECTRICITY 12 MONTH CONTRACTS WITH SSE BE ACCEPTED AND THE CLERK MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH ONE VOTE AGAINST, CLLR FITT.**

### **Financial Investments**

The Chairman said that the Council had reviewed their financial and would like to look at opening another bank account for our reserves.

Cllr Fitt asked that when considering new banks that the environmental credentials of the banks are looked at.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED THAT THE MONEIES IN OUR RESERVE ACCOUNT WITH CORNWALL COUNCIL ARE MOVED INTO THE LLOYDS ACCOUNT AND OPTIONS FOR NEW BANK ACCOUNTS BROUGHT TO THE JANUARY 2023 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR A DECISION, SECONDED BY CLLR KEITH HAMBLY-STAI TE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock ward**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there were a lot of leaves fallen on the roads and he felt it was best to leave it until most of the leaves had fallen. The Council agreed that was sensible and when the roads needed sweeping to let the Clerk know who would request this was done by Biffa.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that someone had put down slabs on the footpath in the cow field by the phonebox at Feock. This would be discussed on Friday at the Footpaths meeting.

Cllr Lightfoot raised that there were squatters in Feock Chapel.

The Clerk had passed a message received from a Feock resident about the amount a litter in the verges from Penelewey to Playing Place, on to Kea Parish Council as this was in Kea parish.

### **Devoran ward**

Cllr A Allen said that someone had put a fence up at the back of Devoran Park to help protect the bank and stop people climbing up and down the bank.

Cllr A Allen said that a resident had been in touch about the volume of parked cars and lorries on Greenbank Road which were associated with local businesses there. There was nothing the Parish Council could do about this as there were no parking restrictions along the road.

### **Carnon Downs ward**

Cllr P Allen said it was very disappointing that SWW had already started clearing work on the Carnon Valley including some substantial mature trees in preparation for the planning application they would be submitting for a new Pumping Station. SWW had been advised at meetings that their proposal was against our NDP policies on protected green open spaces and had explained this at previous meetings with SWW. SWW had postponed meetings several meetings with the Parish Council about the planning application which was yet to be submitted.

Cllr Hambly-Staite proposed that we submit a TPO to Cornwall Council to protect the rest of the trees on the Carnon Valley. The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council would request details of the trees to be protected, Cllr P Allen would survey the trees between Devoran Road A39 to Carnon Bridge for the TPO application as this was the area at risk.

## **11. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chairman said there was a discussion at the Access & Amenities Committee about CIL funding and it was agreed that this should be spent on improvements to cycle way and footpaths. The Council had been previously decided to spend it on cycle ways only.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED THE COUNCIL AGREE TO THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO EXPAND THE USE OF CIL FUNDING TO ALSO INCLUDE**

**FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL AS CYCLE ROUTES, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Cllr Kemp said that the Valley Lane development in Carnon Downs had now been approved. She said it was disappointing that they had already started ground work and damaged the environment of the field and that it looked as though they may not be the eco friendly homes that we would hope to see.

**12. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Cllr P Allen had attended a meeting regarding Forest for Cornwall. He had registered our interest in the woodland at Bissoe with the Forest for Cornwall and would send on the details to them. The lease had now been received by the Clerk.

**13. HAIRE & WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATES**

Cllr Hambly-Staite's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The first repair café at Carnon Downs Methodist Café had been a great success and attended by 23 people, this monthly repair café was being held at one of the weekly warm hubs. It was hoped that a Warm Hub would be starting in Devoran Church in January.

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

Cllr Fitt's report and Cllr Cooper's subsequent update had been circulated to all prior to the meeting.

The Clerk had put Feock Nature Recovery Strategy on the January Parish Council agenda. Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested we ask Cllr Alvey to be involved with this.

**15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Cllr Brickell said it was a shame that the cycle path from the Carnon Downs Campsite to Killaganoon was not better maintained as the grass verges were encroaching badly over the tarmac and narrowing the pathway.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked Councillors to consider the safety of the King Harry Ferry road in light of the planning application that Trelissick would soon be submitting regarding remodelling of the site.

**16. CORNWALL COUNCIL DEVOLUTION DEAL & MAYOR REFERENDUM**

Cllr Lightfoot had attended the online briefing regarding the Mayor Referendum. Cornwall Council Cabinet would prefer the decision just to be made by the Cabinet rather than a public referendum.

The deal was worth £360M over 30 years, and it is not going to cost the Council anymore.

Cllr Lightfoot said he felt the Parish Council should look at the consultation information when it comes out and the Council should respond to the consultation. The Clerk would put this item on the January agenda.

**PROPOSAL: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WRITE FORMALLY TO CORNWALL COUNCIL REQUESTING A REFERENDUM AND ALSO RESPOND TO THE CONSULATION WHEN IT IS OPEN IN JANUARY, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Clerk advised that Cllr Martyn Alvey was happy to answer any questions at the January meeting about the devolution deal.

**17. CO-OPTION TO FILL TWO FEOCK WARD VACANCIES**

The Chairman advised that unfortunately there had been no applications for the vacancies.

The meeting moved into closed session.

**18. AMENITY LAND UPDATE**

The Clerk had circulated the latest information about the conservation covenant which was that currently the administration system for organisations to apply to be a Responsible Body was not yet in place but it was hoped this would be early in the new year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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