

## MEETING NO.

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	S Parker	K Hambly-Staite
	R Brickell	B Thomas	
	K Gason		

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor P Allen

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies received from Cllrs Blake and A Allen.

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 BE AGREED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR PARKER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

#### 6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

##### **School poster speed/traffic campaign**

The Clerk has ordered A3 signs of each winning design with fixings.

##### **Flashing speed sign locations**

New poles were needed to mount the signs in some locations and it was hoped the cost of this could be met by the Community Network highways budget, Cllr Martyn Alvey had raised this with the panel on our behalf.

##### **Park signs**

The Clerk had put up a temporary one up at Pengelly Meadows and would provide the age limits and postcodes to Cllr Parker for these to be drafted and then produced.

The Chairman said he would like to follow the same style of sign for our historic sites and suggested a brown heritage colour background instead of the green. These would be for Carnon Mine, Chycoose Beach, Restronguet Point and Carnon Yard. A small sign for Point Green regarding maintenance and insurance was displayed in the noticeboard. Cllr Brickell suggested that blue signs should be put up where there were historic events of interest.

##### **Bench for Forth Coth**

The bench has arrived and will be put in place shortly.

**Hedge cutting**

A contractor has been found and will be carrying out cutting of our hedges on the Tram Road soon.

**Point Road footpath**

The Clerk has sent the specification for the surface we wish to install to the landowner and this has been agreed.

**Point Quay Water Point**

It was agreed to make an additional donation of £175 towards this under delegated authority from the Miscellaneous Expenses Parish Maintenance budget.

**Park an Gwarry playing area gap in hedge**

Our contractor would close up the gap in the wall as this was no longer needed and gave an escape route for little children.

**Additional waste bin**

The Clerk has spoken to Cory and there is a spare free standing bin we can have for the parish. This would need to go on public land and the Clerk would speak to Cllr A Allen when she returns to agree a suitable place in Penpol. All public bins/dog waste bins are currently being mapped onto the Cornwall Council mapping system for public use.

**Car parks**

It was suggested that if the Council wished to put in any car parks in the future at recreation areas consideration would be needed to be given to height barriers to avoid the issues recently experienced at Devoran in the cycle path car park with travelle4rs. It was suggested to write to the EA to request they install height barriers at Devoran car park and Grenna Lane car park, however it was noted that this may cause issues with roof mounted bike racks and horse boxes so this was something that needed to be considered as well.

Cllr Parker would check if there was already a height barrier/gate at Devoran and feedback and the Clerk would ask the EA what they were going to do re discouraging unauthorised encampments.

**7. HIGHWAYS & FAST PROJECT**

The feasibility study for Old Carnon Hill had been received and the Parish Council had agreed to go out to public consultation on this, there would be a monetary saving if we did this at the same time as the Bissoe Road consultation and it was agreed to combine these consultations.

It was noted that Councillors should keep a note of when traffic issues/congestion occurred as Highways only had records of accidents where injuries were suffered, this would help to build up a picture of highways issues.

**Community Network Panel expressions of interest**

Our Expression of Interest had been included in the list circulated at this week's Community Network Panel meeting. This was a request for around £5K for a feasibility study to improve cycleways between Devoran, Feock and Truro. It was hoped the funding for this would be authorised at the next meeting.

**The Old Tram Road access**

A resident had raised the issue with the Parish Council regarding conflict between vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders on the Old Tram Road and had asked if there was any chance this could be made 'access only' to reduce the amount of traffic using this route, there were

suitable alternative routes that could be used by residents who did not live directly on the Tram Road. It had previously been suggested to set up a small working party to look at hedge cutting, the environment, traffic concerns and access to public views on the Tram Road. Cllrs A and P Allen, Cllr Gason, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Keith-Hambly Staite would like to be involved in this working group. We had arranged for a contractor to cut our highway side hedges back to the original hedge line and we had written to residents to ask them to do the same. We had also agreed that we would keep the passing places cut out as these had been left to grow in. It was agreed to raise the 'access only' question with the Cormac Highways Manager at the next meeting to get his view on if this was possible.

#### **8. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Cllr Allen has spoken to the contractors at the new Point Road development as they had made the footpath almost impassable due to driving heavy machinery over it. It has been agreed with them that the electric when installed will be put over the overgrown side and the developer will do this, this will help to open up the footpath. The builders may assist us with laying the footpath as they are on site.

##### **Footpaths Working Group Update & Safe Surface footpaths**

No meeting had been held recently. It was suggested a programme of works was created for 2020 to be worked through. If anyone else would like to join the working group they were more than welcome, the next meeting would be arranged for the third week of January.

##### **Footpath at Chycoose**

There had been complaints raised regarding the use by horses of this footpath, however it was noted that the path had been used by horses for a very long time. The issue appeared to be more that the path, which had previously been a track, had now become narrow and needed cutting out and this could be something the Parish Council could arrange if landowners agreed to it to make access easier for everyone. It was noted that the British Horse Society had now submitted a modification order with regards to the status of the path. The Clerk would investigate and see if she could find who owned the path.

The Clerk advised that a 2% increase would be received in the next financial year for the Local Maintenance Partnership and this would be increased each year in the future by the same amount. This was Cornwall Council's contribution towards cutting the footpaths.

#### **9. COMMUNITY CONNECT WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the latest 6 month report had been drafted and once finalised it would be circulated to all Councillors. There have been delays to the decision on the HAIRE funding and we have not had any further information on this project application. The Parish Council had allocated budget for the HAIRE project and this funding could be diverted to continue the Community Connect project from May 2020 if HAIRE was not successful. The Clerk would put this item on the next Parish Council agenda for discussion if a decision on HAIRE had not been received by the December meeting to enable this to be built into next years budget.

#### **10. PENGELLY MEADOWS NEW RECREATION AREA**

Cllr P Allen is meeting our contractor onsite shortly to discuss hedge cutting in our parks.

#### **11. WEED CONTROL TRIAL**

The contractor who had carried out the weed control trial had visited Feock village and carried out a survey with Cllr Hambly-Staite and the Clerk of areas that require leaf sweeping and moss on pavement, he would provide a price to ensure this work was included in annual maintenance and also an initial clean up. There were several areas, including in front of the bus stops that

needed urgent work to make the bus shelters accessible. The Clerk confirmed that the Access & Amenities Committee had delegated authority to agree urgent works such as this.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THE CONTRACTOR BE INSTRUCTED TO SWEEP THE IDENTIFIED URGENT AREAS IN FEOCK VILLAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND**

When the minutes from the previous meeting had been received these would be circulated and a further working party meeting would be arranged for January.

**13. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE**

Cllr P Allen's report on the Parish Council's action had been circulated to all Councillors for information. The office energy contracts are now with carbon neutral energy suppliers and a smart meter would be installed. The Clerk would arrange for a door closure to be added to the front door of the office to reduce heat loss from the library area.

**14. BROWN TOURISM SIGNS**

Cllr P Allen raised the issue of brown tourism signs again. The criteria for businesses and attractions to have a brown sign had been circulated to all, Highways had advised that the previous signs had been removed back in 2012 as part of the decluttering exercise. They informed the Council that once businesses had purchased the signs, they then belonged to Cornwall Council who could then remove them if they wished, this was included in the terms and conditions that the business would have agreed too. Following our further recent enquiries Cornwall Highways informed us that previous signs removed had been thrown away, businesses wishing to install new signs can apply again to Cornwall Council.

**15. TREE WARDEN SCHEME & SW TREE FORUM**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he attended a meeting recently with the Tree Council. There was a strong recommendation that Parish Council's should have a tree strategy and this would be looked at by the Planning Committee who would set up a Strategy Team.

There are already a number of Tree Wardens in Parish Council's in Cornwall. It had been suggested in the Planning Meeting that it would be useful if we could contribute towards Tree Officer time. A Tree Warden may not have the power to have statutory access to land but would still be very useful to monitor replanting of trees and where protected trees may be being taken down.

16. Cllr P Allen suggested that the idea of contributing towards a Tree Officer's time should be taken to the Community Network Panel to find out if other Parishes were also interested in the idea and would join with us on this suggestion.

**17. PLANTING PLAN FOR LANGDON'S PLOT ON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR**

Two apple trees had been planted this week in the garden club area near to the school funded from the Seed fund. The Chairman had drafted a planting plan for a piece of land adjacent to the elevated path that runs down the side of the A39 (known as Langdon's plot). It was agreed to plant a Cornish Oak centrally and variegated hollies and the remaining area with wildflowers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.