

**REPORT OF ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7PM
AT THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, DEVORAN**

In attendance:

WARD	CARNON DOWNS	FEOCK	DEVORAN
	P Allen	K Hambly-Staite	A Allen
	J Allen	L Fitt	S Cooper
		R Brickell	M Woolcock

CHAIRMAN: K Hambly-Staite

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chairman wished to record the Committee's thanks to our previous Chair of the Access & Amenities Committee, Cllr Kate Gason who had very sadly passed away recently and to record our thanks for all the work and her commitment whilst she was on the Committee.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED CLLR J ALLEN AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CLLR FITT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

3. TO CONSIDER THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE MINUTES DATED 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CIRCULATED BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE & ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr A Allen brought along her map of the Trolver Hill area which she had highlighted the verges that she suggested should be cut to help pedestrian access and to be forwarded by the Clerk to request Cormac cut. Other Committee members would highlight on their maps and provide to the Clerk. There was a discussion regarding verge cutting in respect of pedestrian safety. Cllr Cooper said she agreed the visibility splays needed to be cut but she did not wish to see verges cut too dramatically due to the impact on nature but she agreed it was also important to provide refuge for pedestrians.

It was agreed to discuss this further at the next Access & Amenities Committee meeting when all members had the chance to identify the verges they felt needed cutting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. CLERKS REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk advised that the football goals for Pengelly Meadows had now arrived and would be installed shortly.

There was a discussion about cherry trees on the verge by the bus lane in Carnon Downs and sponsorship of these. It was agreed the Parish Council would sponsor one and we would offer the opportunity to residents to sponsor a tree and have a plaque at the start listing all the residents who had sponsored a tree. It was agreed to put this in the next issue of Connect.

7. HIGHWAYS & FAST PROJECT UPDATES

The Chairman said that some Councillors had attended a meeting at Trelissick yesterday regarding a planning application they would be submitting for works to Trelissick. Part of this would be a proposed change to the highway, where the speed limit would remain at 30mph, then 40mph, then 30mph with an unguarded crossing (with build outs) and the start of the 30mph limit would start earlier than it currently did.

Cllr P Allen said that he was still working on an active travel prospectus which included a potential safe cycling route from Feock out to Playing Place. A section of the King Harry Ferry Road is national cycle route 3. There is a new Sustrans representative in the area who Cllr P Allen has spoken too about national cycle route 3 and the rerouting of the route which may lead to safety improvements for cyclists. Cllr Cooper did not like mixed cycling and pedestrian routes so would not be keen to see this introduced at Trelissick. It was agreed that the Council's concerns about speed limits and highways layout should be included in the Parish Council's planning consultee comment.

8. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

Cllr P Allen said that the Footpath Meeting had been arranged for the Friday 9th December at 10am in the office. There were no urgent footpath issues raised.

9. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

Carnon Valley Woodland Update

Cllr P Allen said that there had been two meetings of the Woodland Working Group with our neighbouring parishes. The second batch of trees from the Woodland Trust had been received and heeled in at the Valley. It was hoped to plant them properly in the Spring and cut out the area for this planting in the New Year. The lease has still not been agreed with Cornwall Council and until we have this we are not able to do much more work on the land. Our Solicitors had been chasing Cornwall Council for the lease completion. The Working Group had agreed not to go ahead with legal work on the license for access from the Environment Agency due to cost as it was felt this was not needed at the current time for public access and would be looked at again in the future to see if there was a non-legal way this could be achieved.

Cllr P Allen was going to a meeting at Lanhydrock regarding funding grants for woodlands.

Works required to Oak Tree in Devoran Park

Cllr Cooper had visited the resident who had raised concerns about the size of the tree. The Parish Council had had the tree inspected in February this year and it was found that the tree was very healthy and no works were needed, however it had been suggested that a couple of branches may need some attention and also there was another tree interfering with cables. The Clerk had circulated the report on the inspection we had carried out in February 2022.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL INVITE A TREE EXPERT TO INSPECT THE TREE WITH A VIEW TO APPLYING FOR PERMISSION FOR ANY NECESSARY WORKS

DUE TO IT BEING IN A CONSERVATION AREA, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Management of trees in Conservation Areas relating to Lime Trees in Devoran Park

These trees were planted for shade in the park due to the openness of the area a number of years ago. When they were planted unfortunately it was not taken into consideration the type of tree chosen and that they will need pollarding to stop them growing too tall. Cllr P Allen felt they were the wrong trees in the wrong place and we should do something about them. The Council had taken advice on them from a tree expert who did not feel they needed any works carried out.

The size of the trees meant that they would be covered by the Conservation Area and any works to them would need permission from Cornwall Council.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT NO ACTION IS TAKEN ON THESE TREES, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED WITH 5 IN FAVOUR AND 3 AGAINST.

Point Quay Steps application

The Clerk had submitted a planning application for the work to install a handrail on Point Quay but this had been returned as more information was needed on the historic side. Cllr P Allen had done some work on this to satisfy Cornwall Council and the Clerk would resubmit the planning application with this additional information.

Damage to the bank/hedge at back of Devoran Park bordering the lane

Cllr A Allen said she had been to check the issue and persons unknown had erected a fence on the top of the hedge to stop people climbing over the wall. There were no stones in the wall that could fall out.

10. 30 MINUTE WALKS

The Clerk had circulated the walk routes that Cllr P Allen had drawn up, these were safe walking routes for all abilities. Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that some elements of these may be able to be funded by CIL monies. Everyone was asked for feedback on the walks to Cllr P Allen.

11. FEOCK ECO GROUP

Cllr Fitt said the group haven't met recently but have been out litter picking with the Tregye College students. Cllr Cooper had been attending the Involve training that the Parish Council had been selected to attend and this was fully funded. The idea of the course was to have a subject relevant to the Parish Council to investigate and look at how we could get residents involved and consult. The subject chosen was 'rewilding of parish land' but the definition of rewilding was quite difficult to describe as everyone had different ideas about this meant. What this had grown into at the training was the production of a Nature Recovery Strategy for Feock which could be part of the Neighbourhood Plan review and also may inspire residents to become more involved with nature around us. Cllr Cooper asked the Committee if they felt this may be something that the Parish Council may wish to support.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that Cllr Cooper write to the new Councillor at Kea Parish Council regarding this. Cllr Cooper said there may be some requirement for a budget to support this and public consultation. The Clerk would put a Nature Recovery Strategy for Feock on the next Parish Council agenda.

Cllr Fitt asked if we had a representative on Devoran Quay Preservation Society. Cllr Fitt said that it had been raised with her by a resident that there had been a lot of nails and iron left behind from the bonfire as this was a danger to animals and plastic bags of rubbish had been put on the bonfire. Cllr A Allen would find out who the Chair of the DQPS was. Cllr Fitt suggested that perhaps Feock Eco volunteers may be able to help with clearing up after the bonfire night celebrations.

Cllr Cooper left the meeting at 9pm.

12. CIL FUNDING

Cllr Hambly-Staite said this item had been referred from Full Council, it had been suggested that may be that CIL funding could be spent on pathway improvements and potentially rewilding.

The Clerk said the Council had previously agreed in principle that they would spend CIL funding on improvements to safe cycling routes and a change to this decision should be taken back to the Full Council. The Council had 5 years to spend the CIL funding and the Clerk clarified the criteria that the funding could be spent on which was follows:

CIL Regulation 59C sets out that a local council must use CIL receipts passed to it to 'support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding:

- a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure: or
- b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT OUR CIL MONEY IS SPENT ON IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE ROUTES, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. LOCATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL LITTER BINS

The Council had bought some additional litter bins at an auction and the Clerk asked the Committee if anyone had any suggestions for new locations. A request had been received for a new bin at the Forge bus stop in Carnon Downs.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT ONE OF THE NEW BINS BE SITED BY THE FORGE BUS STOP, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was discussion about possible other locations but it was agreed as there was an annual cost attached to emptying them that more thought needed to be given to ensure they were in places that really needed them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.