

MEETING NO. 1098

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Shankland	C Johnson
	B Richards	Vanessa Gordon	R Andrew
			C Blake

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
1 member of the public present for site visit part of the meeting

CHAIRMAN: Councillor C Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received for the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY AND 19TH MARCH 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY AND 19TH MARCH 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew made the following declaration of interest statement.

"I (Cllr Andrew) declare an interest in planning matters related either directly or in proximity to my land and property in Feock. For the public record, I am an employee of Cornwall Council working on the Localism Agenda. I have been advised by the Monitoring Officer that as a Parish Councillor I have no personal interest in the Neighbourhood Planning Agenda and related issues. However, if during the course of discussions issues are discussed of which I have a personal involvement it may be appropriate to leave the meeting and take no further part in the debate and for it to be recorded in the minutes"

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present from Greenbank Road. At the start of the meeting the Committee and the member of the public visited Greenbank Road to look at the possibilities for a pedestrian safety scheme.

6. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting to all members giving details of the usage of the scheme to date, the most users came from Carnon Downs and the main use of the scheme was to go to the Doctors Surgeries. The Clerk advised that when comparing the donations received compared to the mileage paid to the volunteers, the scheme was at present covering its costs. It was clarified that donations should be per journey, regardless of the number of passengers in the car, and that when the Clerk spoke to users of the service about the cost, this should be a 'donation' and not a charge or fare.

Cllr Johnson said that herself, the Clerk and Cllr Allen had met with the volunteer drivers to see how they felt the scheme was going and they were all quite happy, the feedback from users had been very good and the volunteers were open to the possibility of weekend journeys and journeys further afield, such as supermarkets if this would benefit someone from the Parish.

7. DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Cllr Johnson clarified that the funding was £10K from the Parish Council on the condition that additional funding would be sought, the potential of £10K from the Awards for All Lottery bid, plus £1000 from the Community Cashback Police/West Briton Scheme (£500 from the Cashback and £500 match funded by the Parish Council).

It was felt that if the bid/s for additional funding were unsuccessful then the Committee would request that the Parish Council fund the additional £10K, there was the possibility of money from the development of the Reading Room and the Section 106 Agreement from Trevince.

Cllr Allen asked the Clerk if confirmation in writing had been received from Taylor Wimpey regarding the suggested amendment to the Section 106 to make the open space contribution non-site specific. The Clerk advised that the Cllr M Kemp had spoken to Taylor Wimpey and they had verbally said that they no objection in principle to this amendment, but the Clerk would check with the Cllr M Kemp the current position with the S106. Cllr Allen was concerned that we needed to get any amendments to the S106 agreed before planning permission was granted and didn't want the Council to miss the chance to have this amended.

ACTION: CLERK TO CHECK STATUS OF THE S106 AGREEMENT

The Clerk advised that she had to submit a new quote for the access work for the Cory funding bid, unfortunately she had been unable to get any quotes for the work despite contacting around a dozen companies, the original company who had quoted for the work had confirmed they were unable to complete the work due to a change in their personnel.

It was felt that the work (from the access scheme) around the slide was important to complete as the bank was being eroded. The Clerk advised that Cllr Hawken had today sent her details of community projects funding available from Aviva. 200 x £1000 grants were available via a public vote for the most popular projects submitted. It was agreed for the Clerk to submit a project to Aviva based on the work to the bank around the slide that had formed part of the original Cory bid.

ACTION: CLERK TO SUBMIT BID TO AVIVA

There was some concern that the park play equipment project could slip and the Committee were mindful that we did not want this to happen, and members were keen to get the equipment installed as soon as possible as the play equipment was well past its best. It was agreed to use the time that the Lottery funding bid would take (4 months) as the cut off (approx end of September) as the deadline for securing funding and then at the October Parish Council meeting the issue of additional funding from the Parish Council could be raised if the applications for funding had not been successful.

ACTION: CLERK TO SEEK FUNDING SOURCES

There was a discussion regarding removing the mention of the springer/seesaw on two of the four play equipment options in the consultation, it was agreed to leave as is, but include "springer/seesaw to be added at a later date" on the two options that did not initially include this equipment.

The Clerk advised that the consultation on the equipment would start the next day and run until Monday 4th May so that the results could be reported back to the Parish Council in May.

It was agreed to invite the residents of St John's Terrace into the office to meet with the Clerk, Cllr Gordon and Shankland to discuss any concerns and view the four options.

8. PARKING PROBLEMS ON FORTH COTH, CARNON DOWNS

The Clerk advised she had ordered the cones and would be making the signs to go on them shortly.

9. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON GREENBANK ROAD, DEVORAN

Following the site visit, Cllr Johnson said that everyone was mindful about pedestrian safety issues on Greenbank Road. A local resident was arranging to carry out a speed survey through the Police

Cllr Allen would like to see a dual use pedestrian and cycleway on the side where the houses are, he felt it we put the virtual pavement on the creek side this could cause conflict with the business and business traffic. Cllr Allen felt we should be joining up the two cycle routes from that come into the village and ensure that the route is safe for cyclists as well as pedestrians. This would also link with the suggested virtual cycleway/pavement going up towards school on the old A39.

Cllr Johnson commented that perhaps there could be signs warning of children/pedestrians in road.

Cllr Shankland felt that a raised pavement where the vegetation had been cleared on the corner (on the creek side) as well as a virtual pavement on the houses side of the road would be ideal. Cllr Richards was concerned about the amount of money this scheme could cost as there were other areas in the parish that would benefit from highways schemes.

PROPOSAL: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK CIRCULATE PREVIOUS SPEED SURVEYS TO ALL, FIND OUT LOCATION OF VIRTUAL FOOTPATH IN SIMILAR SITUATION LOCALLY AND CLLR SHANKLAND TO CONTINUE HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH CORMAC REGARDING COSTS, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR GORDON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CARNON GATE ROUNDABOUT REFURBISHMENT

Two designs have been drawn up and these were circulated to those present. A final price for the initial work and annual maintenance cost would be needed for the agreed design to enable this to be raised with Full Council and for sponsors for the maintenance costs to be sought.

It was agreed to advertise that we were looking for sponsors for the roundabout and to ask those businesses we already knew were interested (and any others who came forward) in for a meeting to discuss how the sponsorship would work, costs etc.

ACTION: CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SPONSORS (ONCE DESIGN AGREED), CIRCULATE DESIGN TO ALL COUNCILLORS FOR COMMENTS.

Cllr Richards left the meeting at 8.20pm.

11. SIGNS FOR PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Cllr Johnson said this issue has been raised due to actions arising from the risk assessments and also the number of separate signs that were on our parks and the need for these to be consolidated so that it looked more attractive. Cllr Allen said that in the safety inspections from the parks there were recommendations from our Health & Safety Consultant regarding signage. Two styles of signs were circulated.

The general consensus was that we did not want imposing or officious signs, however the need to have the contact details of the Parish Council on land which they owned or managed was understood. Also the No Dogs logo and something around the age groups of children or responsible play.

It was agreed in principle that 3 new signs were needed for the parks to consolidate those that were already there.

There were history signs at Carnon Mine and Carnon Yard which were very faded and hard to read. Some members of the Committee were concerned regarding insurance obligations and any signs that were needed to ensure we would be covered by our insurers in the event of an accident.

ACTION: THE CLERK TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY REGARDING SIGNAGE

12. ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk had transferred all the recommended actions from the Risk Assessments on to a spreadsheet to make it easier to keep track of progress. This list had been circulated to everyone, if anyone felt that

there were actions suggested that did not need doing they should let the Clerk know, or similarly if the action had been completed the Clerk also needed to be advised so that the list could be updated.

The following were the main issues raised.

Carnon Mine – there were outhauls immediately on the beach, these could be a trip hazard. The Harbourmaster had been consulted and felt it was reasonable to ask people to reposition their outhauls so that they are not a trip hazard. All agreed this was a sensible solution.

Restronguet Point – the fencing by the bramble hedge needed replacing.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THIS BE MADE A PRIORITY, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

Market Street – the Clerk would be applying for planning permission to remove the 2 Christmas trees (this had been approved by full Council).

Carnon Yard – there had been little response to the request to register boats, there were 3 boats that were wrecks and needed removal. 2 were wooden and could be burnt, one was plastic. Cllr Allen was happy to remove this one. No action would be taken until notices had been displayed on the boats to enable the owners to remove them or contact the Parish Council.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED NOTICES BE PLACED ON THESE 3 BOATS REQUESTING REMOVAL, IF THEY WERE NOT REMOVED WITHIN A PERIOD OF TIME THEN THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD REMOVE THEM, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chycoose Beach – the wooden steps need replacing. The Clerk has a quote for the work, and was seeking another quote.

The Clerk would check the Terms of Reference for the Access & Amenities Committee as she did not feel they had delegated authority to agree to spend money on projects/work, with the exception of the Devoran Park project.

ACTION: CLERK TO CHECK TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Point Quay – Cllr Gordon advised that the PQA had agreed to periodically jetwash the slipway, this would be done more frequently than last year.

If any members noticed a new safety issue that needed recording on the risk assessment list they should advise the Clerk.

13. FOOTPATH 29 OLIVE VILLAS, DEVORAN

Cllr Allen's report on this footpath had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Allen said that this was an ongoing issue, the previous council had worked hard on this issue but it fell down on the fact that they were trying to get a new route which diverts around No.5 Olive Villas and the owner at that time would not agree to the new route. It was suggested that the owners be approached again to see if they would now be willing to agree to this change. The original footpath no.29 now had buildings on it so it was highly unlikely it would be able to be reinstated.

There are two routes, the Parish Council had registered Tank Hill and this would be added to the definitive footpath list, but because of diversion of the diversion, the established footpaths that are undisputed had not been registered (down to Carclew Terrace and Quay Road). Cllr Allen felt that we should not continue with the suggestion of the diversion but should register the two established undisputed paths with Cornwall Council.

PROPOSAL: CLLR BLAKE PROPOSED THAT THESE TWO FOOTPATHS BE REGISTERED AND ADDED TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP, THIS WAS SUBJECT TO ESTABLISHING IF THERE WAS A COST TO THIS, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Allen said that the Clerk would be drawing up list of footpath issues as they were reported to monitor progress with the issues. This would be available on the website.

ACTION: CLERK TO DRAW UP LIST OF REPORTED ISSUES

14. DEVORAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Devoran Church requesting assistance with work to the Devoran War Memorial it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2015, 7PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE