

## MEETING NO.

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 6.30pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present:	<b>WARDS</b>	<b>CARNON DOWNS</b>	<b>DEVORAN</b>	<b>FEOCK</b>
		R Brickell	M Steel	C Blake
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Allen	S Parker	R Andrew
		K Gason	A Allen	H freeman

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey  
1 member of the public in attendance  
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Thomas

#### 1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Thomas was Chairing the meeting in Cllr Lightfoot's absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr P Lightfoot.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Cllr A Allen said that she was listed twice in the attendance list on the last meeting minutes.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, WITH THE AMENDMENT TO CLLR A ALLEN'S ATTENDANCE LISTING, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew gave the following statement:- "For the public record, I Cllr Andrew am an employee of Cornwall Council and am employed as Head of Environment Assets, if during the course of discussions issues arise in 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. This may cover topics such as Public Rights of Way, Public Open Spaces, waste, litter or maritime, AONB and Forrest for Cornwall. I am currently seconded part-time to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government."

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident, Caroline Johnson attended the meeting to give an update on the Meet & Eat lunches which started in November 2017. The lunches have stopped temporarily but it was hoped they would start up again in a slightly different format but a new co-ordinator was needed to arrange these. Numbers were very good initially but unfortunately the numbers attending have recently dropped off as have the numbers of volunteers. It was also felt that the people who were really isolated that the lunches were really aimed at were not being attracted, it was felt this might be because of the format being a little formal and this scared some people off.

There was currently £564 in the Meet & Eat account. Caroline suggested perhaps this money be put into the Your Choice funding to increase the money available for local groups or ring fenced for a future Meet & Eat. Devoran Village Hall were also disappointed that the lunches were stopping and after speaking to the Vice Chair of the Hall it had been suggested to start up a fortnightly Chatty Café run by existing groups, which would just be coffee and cake and the Village Hall were going to investigate this further. Caroline suggested that the Parish Council put out a plea for a co-ordinator to run the lunches and explain the current position.

The Chairman and Parish Councillors thanked Caroline and all the volunteers for all their hard work to get the lunches going as it was a lot of work and hoped that a new format could prove more successful.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that with the HAIRE project we would have a full time Project Officer who would be able to investigate further provision of this type of event and he felt that the money should be ring fenced for the event to start up again in the future.

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

The Clerk gave the following update.

The two new bike racks have arrived and were waiting installation.

A new dual purpose bin for Penpol had been arranged with Biffa and was waiting installation.

The Carnon Downs Highways consultation closes on Friday 17th January.

The roads in Feock village have been swept and the blocked drains reported to Cormac.

The Clerk would arrange a date for a Finance & General Purposes Committee to look at budget allocation for the projects suggested from the Business Plan meeting.

The Clerk had emailed all Councillors regarding the resolution made on the Your Choice funding at the last meeting.

#### **7. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr P Allen had met with the owners of Penpol Farmhouse with regards to an issue with a bridleway diversion application that had been submitted a number of years ago (2003) to Cornwall Council and was still to be resolved. Cllr P Allen would be following this up.

#### **8. CURRENT REPORTS**

##### **Cornwall Council**

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

The new waste and recycling contract had been awarded to Biffa who were the existing provider. Every household will get general waste and recycling collection on a fortnightly basis, each household will get a 180 litre wheelie bin, if they do not have space to store a bin they will get a seagull proof sack and all will be issued with more robust recycling bags. No 'side' waste will be taken that does not fit in the wheelie bin or the seagull proof sack. All households would get a 25 litre food caddy (fox and badger proof which could be kept outside) and kitchen caddy to keep inside. The contract would start in October 2020 but due to the time needed to purchase new vehicles and equipment, the changes to the collections would not start until Summer 2021. The Cornwall Council recycling bins in Council car parks would be removed, it was noted that this did not include supermarket car parks recycling bins.

On Thursday the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee will debate a revised dogs on beaches ban and make a recommendation to Cabinet. The proposed recommendation is that blue flagged beaches would have dogs banned 10am to 5pm from 15 May to the end of September, those

non-blue flagged beaches would have dogs banned from 10am to 5pm but during July and August only.

Cornwall Council have been involved in a Land Registry claim with regards to the ownership of the riverbed/channel in Restronguet Creek at Dugdales Quay at Point, this claim went to Court before Christmas and the outcome was awaited.

Cllr Alvey had also met with the Maritime Manager regarding the letter from the King Harry Ferry regarding potential charges in the new Harbours Order. The decision to make a charge would have to be approved by the Full Council of Cornwall Council. Cllr P Allen would write, as agreed, at the last meeting to the King Harry Ferry to confirm the Parish Council's view that this proposed charge was not supported by them.

It was noted that due to his declaration of interest, Cllr Andrew took no part in this discussion.

Cllr Alvey had provided the Planning Enforcement update and this had been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Freeman asked if Cllr Alvey knew any more about the current issue with Flybe. Cllr Alvey had no further information but said that there was a public service obligation of 4 flights a day but these could be to any London airport and not necessarily Heathrow.

Cllr Brickell asked if there was any more information about the proposed changes regarding Council tax payments on second homes which the Government were considering.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Alvey for his support.

#### **Devon & Cornwall Police Report**

The Clerk reported as follows.

November 2019

Total of x 6 crimes reported

Carnon Downs x 3

1 x anti social behaviour in Manse Road

1 x violent and sexual offences in The Forge

1 x violent and sexual offences near to Tregye College

Feock x 3

1 x violent and sexual offences near to Dicky Lane

1 x public order offence in Elm Grove

1 x other theft at Loe Beach car park

Devoran - no crimes reported

The Clerk would speak to the Police to find out if scam emails, fraudulent phone calls etc. come under their reported figures or are these recorded by another organisation.

It was agreed for the Council to write to Police & Crime Commissioner to point that there are crimes that we are all experiencing on a regular basis (such as scam phone calls) and there appears to be no way of reporting them adequately.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE CLERK WRITE TO THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock Ward**

Cllr Blake said that Biffa had done an excellent good job of clearing the roads of leaves. They advised that Cormac are responsible for cleaning out the drains. The drains are full of grit and this would be raised at the next Highways Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Cllr A Allen said that on Trolver Hill a tree came down before Christmas, this was cut up by highways and put it in the layby, it was recognised that this was the landowners responsibility to remove. The Clerk would contact Cornwall Council and ask them to contact the landowner to remove the remains of the tree.

Cllr P Allen said there were issues over the weekend with traffic lights at Fourturnings which were stuck on red and this caused traffic chaos. There was no notice displayed who to contact in the event there was a problem. There were also another set of traffic lights by the Punchbowl and again there was no obvious notice about who was responsible, it was also frustrating that the lights were put up on the Friday with no obvious work being carried out on the Friday or the weekend. Cllr P Allen said he would like an explanation of how this was able to happen.

Cllr Alvey said that the Streetworks Team at Cornwall Council give permission for roadworks and he would contact Streetworks on our behalf for an explanation regarding the traffic lights by the Punchbowl .

Cllr Brickell said there appeared to be no improvement in communication between Highways and the Parishes despite assurances that this would happen.

Cllr Andrew said there was also a large 'pond' by the old offices at Fourturnings and this needed to be resolved as it was dangerous.

### **Devoran Ward**

Cllr Parker said that some vegetation had been cut down on the Old Tram Road and this appeared to have been dumped on the opposite side of the road. Cllr P Allen would investigate.

Cllr Steel said that a couple of residents had raised the speed of vehicles on the A39 approaching the Carnon Gate roundabout. Cllr P Allen said this had been raised with Highways on several occasions, Cormac have advised that they have checked the road standards and layout and no changes were necessary, despite the Carnon Downs roundabout being a 30 mph limit and the Carnon Gate roundabout a 50 mph limit which was confusing. It was felt this should be raised again but we needed evidence of the poor behaviour shown to take this forward.

The volume of cars parking down towards Yummy Scrummy and the EA car park had been raised as the bus stop was being impeded, parking was particularly bad especially on days when the weather was good.

Cllr Steel commented that the school were encouraging parents to park in the Devoran Village Hall car park and asked if the Village Hall were aware of this suggestion. Cllr Thomas would make investigations.

Cllr Kemp reported that the carol service with Devoran School had gone very well. There had been some confusion with regards to who provided and arranged the Christmas tree for the park, Christmas trees for the parks would be discussed later in the meeting.

### **Carnon Downs Ward**

The highways consultation for Carnon Downs highways changes on Old Carnon Hill and Bissoe road closes on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr P Allen had to replant one of the fan palms in the planter outside the Dentist as this had been vandalised.

Some large granite boulders have appeared on the verge on a property on Tregye Road which made it difficult for people to walk on the verge where there was no pavement. Cllr P Allen would like to see a footway on Tregye Road to tie up with the new pavement on Point Road which was being put in as part of the new development.

Cllr Gason commented that a tree was down on the bridleway at Quenchwell, the Clerk would report this.

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

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting. These totalled £11,873.97. This included £3,000 for the highways feasibility study in Carnon Downs.

A bank reconciliation had been carried out and all was in order, the bank balances matched the balances on the electronic banking system.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT**

##### **HAIRE EU Project**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there was a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January in London to brief partners in the project, how to make efficient claims and how the project will work. There is also a further meeting in Lille in February which Cllr Hambly-Staite would attend. The project is now in the initiation phase, in the next 3 months we would be looking at identifying volunteers that were needed for the project, putting together the Steering Group and looking at job descriptions for the staff with a plan to interview in April to start in June. The Clerk would be involved with clerking the meetings of the Steering Group.

#### **12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE**

Cllr P Allen said he was happy to lead this project unless anyone else wished too. A meeting of the whole group was being held tomorrow at 7pm in the Parish Council office. A large article would be included in the next edition of the Connect magazine. It was hoped that there would be improvements to the cycle path to Truro, trees would be planted on the Carnon Valley site and also the children at Devoran School were planting and growing saplings. It was suggested that we arrange a Cycle to Truro day to promote the cycle route, this would be on National Cycle Route 3.

Cllr P Allen had spoken to the Project Manager at Cornwall Council who advised that the installation of electric car charging points was not as straight forward as it seemed due to the conditions imposed by the providers of these points. The rapid recharge points which charged a car in about 20 minutes and cost around £50K to £100K per point. Cllr P Allen suggested we move towards putting more weight behind car sharing and encourage the Shell Garage at Playing Place to put in a rapid charging point. Central Government were considering planning policy around installation of charging points in new housing developments.

Cllr Parker left the meeting at 8.15pm.

### **Christmas Trees for Parks**

The Clerk suggested that a Christmas tree be planted in all the Council's parks in time for next Christmas, this would be more environmentally friendly than cut trees and would also provide a Christmas tree for each village.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT WE INVESTIGATE WHERE POTTED CHRISTMAS TREES (SLOW GROWING) COULD BE OBTAINED FROM (2 METRES IN HEIGHT) WITH A VIEW TO PLANTING THESE IN EACH OF OUR PARKS BY NEXT CHRISTMAS, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE**

An application has been made to the Woodland Trust for the trees to be planted on the old Bissoe waste tip. We were waiting to hear from Cornwall Council regarding a lease.

The hedges on our land on The Old Tram Road has now been cut back by a contractor. There are two areas (not Parish Council land) that are still quite overgrown and need cutting back and Cllr P Allen would take this up with the landowners.

Cllr P Allen would like to put up in the bookswap phoneboxes that we own a framed copy of the Feock Trails walks leaflets. The Clerk would speak to our contractor about this.

The Clerk had circulated one quotation received for environmentally friendly weed control and pavement clearing in the Parish. She had contacted other companies with a view to obtaining further quotations but had not received any. The contractor who had replied had previously carried out this work in some areas of the parish and this would be an extension to that contract.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE QUOTATION PROVIDED BE ACCEPTED, THIS WAS FOR AN INITIAL CLEAN UP OF THE WHOLE PARISH, PLUS 3 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE VISITS A YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, SECONDED BY CLLR KEITH HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**PA19/11087 – Land East of Quenchwell Road, Carnon Downs - Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 14 dwellings (use class C3) following outline approval PA16/10402**

The Clerk advised that as this was for a multi-unit development this has to be discussed by Full Parish Council. There were two elements to this site, 3 commercial units (which have outline permission) and 14 dwellings which already have detailed permission. The Commercial application has been submitted to Cornwall Council but not yet received by the Parish Council so this application would need to be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting. The Council were pleased to see that two accessible dwellings had been included and Cllr Hambly-Staite asked that the Planning Committee look at provision of accessible dwellings when considering planning applications.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR FREEMAN PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL'S COMMENT ON PA19/11087 BE THAT "THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION AS SET OUT", SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**15. REQUEST TO USE PARK AN GWARRY PLAY PARK FOR COMMUNITY EVENT**

The Clerk said that Carnon Downs Community Association had requested permission to use Carnon Downs Park an Gwarry park for community events as follows, they have their own insurance and would ensure the park was tidied up after the event.

Saturday 11th April – Easter egg hunt

Date yet to be finalised but will be a Saturday afternoon, either 27th June or a Saturday in July for the Summer Party in the Park

Sunday 6th September – Community Event to celebrate Tour of Britain

**RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED PERMISSION BE GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ON THE DATES REQUESTED, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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