

**MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7PM  
IN FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES, DEVORAN**

Councillors present:

CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
C Kemp	A Allen	L Fitt
N Gates	M Woodcock	R Brickell
	M Steel	K Hambly-Staite
	S Cooper	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council Divisional Member, Feock & Kea  
11 members of the public

CHAIR: Cllr A Allen

**1. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J and P Allen.

**3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DCISIONS MADE FOR A SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING WITH THE AMENDMENT BELOW FROM CLLR COOPER, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR GATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

Amendment: Cllr Cooper felt that with climate change the need for many things that are the responsibility of Parish Councils, such as grit bins was going to become more urgent and felt that it is essential that the Council is briefed on the newly published Cornwall Climate Risk Assessment which describes the various risks which may involve the Parish Councils in additional expenditure.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Woolcock declared an interest in Item 11 – Planning application at Trevilla Grange due to knowing the applicants.

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

Ollie Lobb and Abe Simpson from Kingsley Developments attended the meeting to talk about a site that they had recently acquired in Carnon Downs. They had recently completed an over 55's development on Bissoe Road in the village which with the exception of one property had all gone to local people, they hoped these sales would release family homes in the village for other local families to move into. They felt the new site they had acquired was a very sustainable site which was connected to the village by a footpath and was enclosed on all corners, they felt this was a suitable site to bring forward another over 55's development which they proposed would be low density, high quality and an environmentally friendly site. They had not yet submitted a planning application and

wished to seek the views of the Parish Council on the proposal. They advised that the demand for the over 55s site near to the Doctors Surgery was high and they had all sold quickly and they felt there was further demand and a market for these types of homes.

Cllr Kemp asked where the land was located in Carnon Downs.

Abe Simpson advised that the land was on Point Road next to the Cats Protection Centre. If the land was built on they proposed that the access would come off Point Road rather than Tresithick lane. They would also like to make improvements to the pedestrian access to the village as part of the development and any S106 agreement.

The Chair asked the residents and Councillors present if they had any comments or questions.

A resident who lived at the Cottage nearby asked how many properties they were proposing. Abe advised that currently they did not know as it depended on the layout and shape of the site but at Bissoe Road they had built 10 dwellings.

The resident asked how the size of the area at Tresithick compared to the Bissoe Road development, Abe advised he was unsure but said that shape would affect the layout.

A resident who had a field near to the site felt this would be over development. There had already been the Drivers Way development and Point Road struggled with the additional traffic due to the narrowness at the top.

A resident who lived opposite the site said she would be very concerned about having a housing estate built opposite them as this would completely change the feel of the area and impact on their privacy.

A resident asked why more over 55s homes were being built rather than affordable homes which there was more need for.

The Chair thanked the developers for coming along and said the Parish Council would provide a comment when any planning application was received.

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

The Clerk had circulated her to report to the Councillors with the agenda.

It was agreed to add the Oak in the corner of Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area to any TPO request.

#### **7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chairman said that herself, the Clerk and Cllr Hambly-Staite had met with the Cornwall Council Transport team and the National Trust about better promotion of the bus to get to Trelissick. Trelissick are proposing to reduce the size of the new proposed car park in their planning application and looking more closely at better/increased access by public transport to Trelissick. The Chairman had asked Cornwall Council if they would consider, when the next bus timetable was issued in September, adding a loop on the 493 bus route so that it went down to Point/Penpol as they had no service at all in this area. This had been mentioned to residents and there had been very positive feedback on this idea and it was hoped that Cornwall Council would trial this.

## **8. CURRENT REPORTS**

### **Cornwall Council**

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

The Cornwall Council parking charges consultation is now live and finishes on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. At the moment there are around 120 different tariffs across the Council car parks in the county. The proposal is to move to 3 bands of car parks with Summer and Winter tariffs where appropriate. The charges would go up slightly for most car parks but pre-booked tickets through the parking app would give almost half price parking and would support those residents who have to pay to park for work. A separate piece of work is being carried out in relation to overnight parking for camper vans. Cllr Cooper felt that pre-booked tickets should also be available via a different method that did not involve the mobile phone app for those people that didn't have a smart phone. Cllr Alvey said that these comments should be made via the consultation so they could be collated with the responses.

There has been a site visit by Cornwall Council Planning to The Dene planning application site in Feock to look at any impact on the neighbours.

Cllr Alvey had attended a virtual meeting on the Shared Prosperity Fund and how this would be accessible to the Community Network Panels. Projects such as active travel would be eligible for this funding.

Cllr Alvey said that a resident of Penelewey is fundraising to provide a defibrillator at the Punchbowl. It was hoped that Feock could help by monitoring this by way of weekly checks and registering this on the Circuit website.

The Police front desk in Truro Station had now been re-opened and was open 6 days a week.

The Chairman asked about an article that she had read about changes to street lighting in Cornwall where street lights could be turned off or dimmed overnight and asked if Cllr Alvey have any more details about this and when would Feock parish see new lighting. Cllr Alvey advised that all Cornwall Council street lighting would eventually be replaced with LED lights but they also had the function that they could be dimmed or turned on and off at different times. There would be local consultation about changes to hours of street lighting.

Cllr Cooper said that some types of LED lighting had adverse affect on insects. Cllr Alvey said that the LED lighting being put in was 'insect friendly'. Cllr Cooper would like to see talks held locally about the impact of dark skies when the consultation was going to be carried out to explain the benefits of the proposed new lighting. Cllr Alvey would find out when Feock parish was likely to have their lights upgraded.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council did own and pay for some lights in Devoran, mainly on St John's Terrace. The Clerk would find out the details of our lights and if these could be changed for more energy efficient LED lighting and be controllable.

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

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

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

The Clerk had circulated details of a potential new bank account with Unity Trust Bank for keeping the reserves in as at present due to moving money from the Cornwall Council Call Fund the amount in the Lloyds account was above the FSCS guarantee limit.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR FITT PROPOSED THE CLERK ARRANGE TO OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITY TRUST BANK AND TRANSFER RESERVES INTO THIS ACCOUNT, SECONDED BY CLLR WOOLCOCK AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock ward**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there was a notification of intent to close Trevilla Road in Feock for resurfacing, it was hoped this would be resurfaced soon as this work had been planned and delayed for a number of years.

The drainage outside the Old Telephone Exchange was blocked and the road was almost totally flooded today. The Clerk would request that the drain was cleared out.

### **Devoran Ward**

Cllr Kemp is going to a meeting tomorrow with the Devoran Community Groups to discuss ideas for celebrations for the Coronation Weekend in Devoran.

The Chairman said that Point & Penpol were potentially looking at a lunch on the Sunday and Carnon Downs had planned a Party in the Park for the Sunday afternoon.

The Chairman said the 20mph sign by the postbox next to Carnon Mine needed the bamboo cut back so it is more visible. The Clerk would ask our contractor to do this.

Cllr Cooper was concerned about the number of tree works TPO and Conservation Area trees planning applications we were getting currently but didn't know what could be done about this.

There was graffiti on the bus shelter off Greenbank Road and also on the BT boxes in Devoran. There was also graffiti under the bridge at the start of the Bissoe Trail. The Clerk would report this to Cornwall Council and request it was cleaned. Cllr Steel felt maybe the Parish Council should start to look at facilities for older children/young people. Cllr Kemp said maybe we should look at forming a Youth Council. The Clerk would look into this and circulate details and put it on the next agenda for further discussion.

Cllr Alvey said Cornwall Council run an Annual Conversation and ask for a number of young people from across the County to come to a meeting event where the break into small groups with Councillors to discuss the things that are important to those individuals and projects they would like to be involved with.

### **Carnon Downs Ward**

Cllr Brickell said that the footpath sign outside of the Village Hall had been knocked over and the Clerk confirmed she had asked our contractor to repair it. There had also been a lot of broken glass and cans in the bus shelter the same night which a resident had cleared up.

## 11. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Woolcock declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

### **PA23/00265 The proposed demolition of garden sheds, the erection of a dwelling house and the provision of a boundary hedge (Resubmission of withdrawn application PA22/03695) Trevilla Grange, Trevilla Road, Feock, TR3 6QG**

The Chairman read out the letter from the applicants which had also been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Following discussion, the Parish Council passed the following resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMENT AS DETAILED BELOW, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Trevilla is outside of the defined settlement boundary of Feock as shown in the Feock NDP and the Parish Council do not believe that the proposal conserves and enhances the settlement's special historic, architectural and landscape character as required by Feock NDP policy H1.*

*Trevilla has four Grade II designated properties, one of which shares a boundary with the proposal site, plus a further five dwellings and the EIR letterbox which are all on the Undesignated Local Heritage List. Trevilla lies within the AONB where great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing the landscape. The special historic and landscape nature of this hamlet therefore requires that in the planning balance great weight should be given to the conservation of this area.*

*The proposal seeks an additional contemporary dwelling of two storeys which due to the topography of the land will be in an elevated position potentially creating an overbearing impact on Trevilla Grange, and harming the setting of the neighbouring Grade II listed Trevilla Cottage.*

*We also question the applications accordance with Climate Emergency DPD policy G1, and question if the application is centred around green infrastructure and sustainable drainage and does the garden allow sufficient space for nature. In accordance with policy G2 the proposal should also be demonstrating Biodiversity net gain. A new dwelling must also demonstrate the requirement for 15% of the site to be retaining or planting new canopy cover to satisfy policy G3. For all new development schemes it is essential that any planting is done with nature in mind (species that prioritise pollinators and also will be resilient to climate change and accommodate nature). Furthermore policy T2 states cars should be accommodated but should not dominate layouts (the aim is for new builds to encourage behaviour change so having a layout dominated by provision for high number of cars per household should be discouraged in favour of lower provision which encourages car sharing and alternative transport). We also question what water saving measures there are in the design in accordance with policy SEC1. Policy CC3 states development should reduce not add to flood risk and we note that there is a fair amount of hard surfacing proposed which is adding to runoff.*

*In summary we do not believe that the proposal meets with NDP policies H1, HE1, D1, BIO1, BIO2 and LS2 and must therefore object to this application.*

## 12. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the last Access & Amenities Committee meeting to all Councillors.

The Chair asked if any Councillors had any questions for Cllr Hambly-Staite in relation to the minutes of the Committee.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that Councillors had done some work on the 30 minute walks and these would be discussed again at the next meeting and potential funding opportunities discussed for the benches, planting etc identified as part of this project.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the Access & Amenities Committee had discussed the request from local families for goal posts in Devoran. The Committee recommended one goal be installed at the end of the park nearest Devoran Pre-School.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR STEEL PROPOSED THE COUNCIL PURCHASE A NEW GOAL POST FOR DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. HAIRE & WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE**

The HAIRE report had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended the final Project Management Group Meeting in Ghent in Belgium where all the project partners met together to go over the results from the project. Our HAIRE Project Co-ordinators contract would be coming to an end at the end of March.

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

The Clerk had circulated the Feock Eco Group report to all Councillors.

**15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

There were no highways issues raised.

Cllr Alvey left the meeting at 9pm and the meeting moved into closed session.

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