

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 7th February 2019 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	S Parker	
	R Brickell	B Thomas	
		C Johnson	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
5 members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies received from Cllr Blake and Hambly-Staite.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2018 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 5 members of the public present.

A resident wished to talk about transport in the village of Devoran and she displayed a slide showing the various methods of transport and how we could change the way we get about. Sally suggested the Parish have a 'Car Free Day' which could include car sharing, create a parking area on the outskirts of the village, try to improve public transport links in the village, need more buses more regularly. The school run brings a lot of cars into the village, could the school be spoken to ask them to ask the parents to reduce the number of cars they bring, perhaps car share. Encourage more people and children to walk. There are dangers caused by people parking double yellow lines around junctions and this makes it difficult and dangerous for children to cross. Could the Parish Council consider producing a questionnaire with regards to reducing car use for the village which she would be more than happy to deliver.

A second resident attended as she was concerned about the removal of the hedge line on the Old Tram Road on the opposite side of the road to land known as the Stitch and felt this was now very dangerous for lots of road users, especially horseriders and pedestrians. Also on the Bissoe Trail cycle path between the bottom of Carnon Downs and Devoran there were a lot of pinch points where the undergrowth had grown out and again this pushes horseriders towards the river bank.

The Chairman said that we were very keen to take on the land at the Carnon Valley and had got some way through negotiations with the Environment Agency, the Coal Authority were now involved and discussions were on going, if the Parish Council were able to take on the land they would be responsible for the maintenance of the land.

The Chairman said that the pinch points would be raised at the Mineral Tramways Meeting on Tuesday.

Another resident attended to raise the issue of the gap that had been left in the new double yellow lines on Quenchwell Road as he felt that this had now created a parking space and causing congestion.

Another resident attended the meeting and said that the lines being shorter on one side of the corner of Bissoe Road than the other now created the issue where people were parking on the side where the lines were shorter, it would make more sense for the lines on the opposite side to be the same length. He also said that there were issues with people still parking on the grass verges outside of the Dentist. The Chairman said that we would discuss this second issue at another meeting but the gap in the yellow lines issue at this meeting.

Items 7 Highways, 12 Common Land at Carnon Mine, 16 Car Free Day, was brought forward for discussion as members of the public were present regarding these items to enable them to listen to the discussion.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk reported as follows.

Share with Care Signs

New signs have now been put up at Point.

Grit Bins

New grit bins have now been installed and filled around the parish.

16. CAR FREE DAY IN THE PARISH

The Chair said that he felt that we should look at if we could promote a Car Share Club. Cllr Johnson said that there may be the possibility of a Walking Bus in conjunction with the school. The Chairman said that we would undertake to contact the school with regards to a Walking Bus and would investigate further how car share schemes set up. Cllr Johnson suggested perhaps to start with a car free day on the Tram Road with access only and no through traffic. This could possibly be done under an event road closure which would need to be applied to Cornwall Council for. It was agreed to take this to the Full Council for further consideration.

The Clerk would try to establish which buses went past Devoran and did not stop and also the reasons why there was no electronic live bus time signs in Devoran.

The Chairman felt we should have a greater emphasis on putting footways on verges (where there was no room on the road) to improve pedestrian access in the rural parts of the villages and have footpaths in as many places as possible. He felt this came under the Wellbeing agenda.

Cllr Johnson said that with regards to the issue of climate change this was on the next Parish Council agenda for discussion and for the Parish Council to decide if they wished to declare a climate emergency.

It was commented that if people were parking on yellow lines and causing difficulties for pedestrians trying to cross the road this should be reported to Cornwall Council parking enforcement which could be done by residents.

12. COMMON LAND AT CARNON MINE

The Chairman's report had been circulated to the Committee. There were issues where undergrowth has been cut down on the Common Land opposite The Stitch, the verge next to the road had been cleared and trees planted. The Chairman had spoken to the owner of the land opposite who had carried out this work and made clear to him the position with regards to the common land and asked him to not carry out any further work on the common land. There were also issues with trees being cut down at Carnon Mine and dumping of boats and cut down vegetation. The Chairman would also like to see improvements with the footpath stepping stones to make it more accessible.

The Chairman said he did not wish to see the type of cutting back happen anywhere else on the Tram Road that had happened at Chycoose Beach and the common land opposite the Stitch. The issue of the cutting back and exposed verge edge on the common land had been raised with Cormac about the dangers caused and we would be raising this with Cornwall Council to request that fencing is erected. The wrecked boats at Carnon Mine needed to be removed and the land tidied up. The Chairman said that we needed to put up signs marking which land is owned and managed by the Parish Council.

It was agreed to put up temporary fencing to ensure the road was safe and contact Cornwall Council to request they fence the edge, as they have done at Chycoose Beach.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN AS OUTLINED IN HIS REPORT: COMMON LAND AREA AT CARNON MINE BE CLEARED OF ALL WASTE AND GARDEN WASTE THAT HAS BEEN DUMPED THERE, ABANDONED BOATS BE IDENTIFIED AND REMOVED, MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE BE PUT IN PLACE, ERECT SIGNAGE TO ADVISE NO PRIVATE CUTTING OR DUMPING OF WASTE, IMPROVE SEATING AND IMPROVE FOOTPATH STEPPING STONES IF POSSIBLE, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. HIGHWAYS

Carnon Downs – yellow lines on Quenchwell Road

The Clerk explained that the issue with regards to the gap in the yellow lines had come about because as part of the Cormac consultation an objection was raised and the Clerk had advised the Parish Councillors by email of this request and as no objections were raised by Councillors, herself and Cllr Allen had advised Cormac to go ahead with the new layout for the lines, therefore by default a gap had been left in the lines.

The Chairman said that if the Council wished to close up the gap in the yellow lines we would need to find out if this would need to be done under a second TRO and the Clerk would make enquiries and then bring this to full Council.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to check the original plans for the Bissoe Road lines to see how far down the road the lines were planned to go.

Update on Bissoe Road pavement plans from S106 funding

The Clerk presented the revised plans for the Bissoe Road pavement, there had been objections from residents about both previous schemes based on claims of ownership of the highways verges and that it would narrow the road so that parking would no longer be available to residents as it currently was and that this would cause inconvenience.

Overgrown hedges and verges

This had been raised by Cllr Hambly-Staite who had given his apologies.

Flashing speed warning signs and CNP highways funding update

Cornwall Council were costing up how much it would cost for the portable flashing speed signs to be moved on a regular basis and were investigating if this amount could also be covered by the CNP funding.

Use of road from Carnon Gate to bottom of Old Carnon Hill and Old Carnon Hill pedestrian safety following site meeting

Cllr Brickell said he was very concerned about the volume of traffic using this road, the recent clearing of the passing places had eased congestion slightly but ideally he would like to see the road widened which it was felt should have been done when the bypass originally opened.

The Chairman said that when the bypass was put in it was understood that more forceful signage making it very clear that Old Carnon Hill was for access only would be put in and the road between Carnon Gate and the crossroads would be of the standard to take a high volume of traffic. The clearing out of the passing places had helped but the road was still not of the standard for the volume and size of traffic it needed to take. It was felt that we needed to raise this with County Highways to make this road fit for purpose and direct traffic along and out to the A39. Carnon Downs was used as a rat run and we needed to direct traffic out onto the bypass. It was suggested that the priority of the junction be changed at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill.

A petition from residents had been received and was presented to those at the meeting about the volume of traffic that uses Old Carnon Hill as a rat run to avoid the bypass and how dangerous it was for pedestrians using Old Carnon Hill without a footway.

It was agreed that a feasibility study would be needed to establish exactly what could be done to help alleviate the problems on both Old Carnon Hill and the road between Carnon Gate and the crossroads. The Chairman said that all these Carnon Downs issues should be included in the FAST project and Cllr Brickell would lead on this.

Other highways issues for consideration in 2019/20

Concerns remained about Trevilla Hill and the condition of the tarmac. It was agreed to ask the Councillors from Feock to work with the Clerk on taking this up with Cornwall Council. Cllr Brickell would raise the issue of flooding at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill at the next Highways meeting.

8. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Killaganoon footpath route

The Chairman said the footpath that was not on the definitive map but that had been used for years by residents remained open as a permissive path but with signs saying that it is not a public footpath. He felt that we should start the process of getting witness statements from people who have used the

path over the years and the Chairman would start doing this. There was currently a backlog of footpath amendments of about 10 years. There was a deadline of 2026 to submit footpath amendments and new registrations. The Chairman asked Councillors to ask people to fill out the use forms.

Carnon Downs new footpath dedication update

Cllr Allen had written to the landowner as this new pathway may not now be necessary.

Tank Hill surface and lighting

Cllr Johnson had looked at the path and some vegetation had been cut back, an additional light was needed. As it was not on the definitive footpath map we needed to establish who owned the path to get permission to improve the condition of the surface. Councillors would establish who owns the land and advise the Clerk.

Footpaths Working Group Update

A meeting had been arranged with Penny Hodgson and Danny Konik for Tuesday 12th February.

9. CARNON DOWNS NEW RECREATION AREA UPDATE

The Clerk advised that she would chase the contractor who was going to dig the trial pits as we needed to get this done asap.

10. RETALLACK PLAYING FIELD COVENANT

The Chairman advised that although the Parish Council had agreed not to spend any further money on legal advice on the covenant issue at Retallack, we did still need to establish who the successor is of the covenant, this could be done by probate and the Clerk would look into this. We would need this advice as whatever the Parish Council wished to do in the future would require planning permission, for example a pathway around the field.

11. PLASTIC FREE & LITTER PROJECT

Cllr Brickell said that there was still no method for recycling materials from litter picks. He felt that we should get the school or young people (Scouts, Guides etc.) involved in designing a sticker about litter and recycling. Cllr Johnson felt that we should consider signing up to the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Community project and she would look into this and this would be on the next Parish Council meeting agenda. The litter/recycling stickers could be part of this project. Cllr Brickell felt there should be book tokens as prizes.

12. PARISH SIGNAGE PROJECT

The roundals had been added to the park signs. It was agreed to change the colour of the background to the same green as the Share with Care Signs with white writing. The cost would be £100 for 8 signs (2 for each area). The Clerk would check if the roundals were copyright free.

It was agreed we needed to ensure the correct information was included with regards to who provided the different areas and any background information for Retallack and Devoran Recreation Ground.

13. SEED FUND APPLICATION

The Seed fund had agreed for us to move the area to be planted to the small area the school own, school would seek to get permission for this be planted from Cornwall Council and had agreed that they would be keen to see this area planted with trees and annual wildflowers. Children could collect seed and grow new flowers as part of a potential gardening club.

14. DEVORAN RECREATION AREA

A resident has requested that a baby swing be installed. The Clerk explained that as she read it the British Standards did not allow for a baby swing and flat swing to be installed in the same bay and if a baby swing was to be added to Devoran park it would need to be a new separate frame which it would be difficult to fit in. The Clerk would circulate the British Standards to the Committee.

15. DOG FOULING IN DEVORAN

A resident had complained about the amount of dog fouling in Devoran. The Clerk would put up Cornwall Council posters around the village and contact the dog warden to find out if they could give us any advice on the issue.

16. UPDATE ON CARNON VALLEY LAND

The Chairman advised that part of the draft business plan area for the Carnon Valley is the old waste dump on the way to Bissoe, this is in Kea Parish and is currently owned by Cornwall Council. The Chairman said this could be planted as a wood and would create a very nice amenity. The Committee agreed they would be happy for the Chairman to investigate this further.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.