

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 1st March 2021 6.30pm**

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

In attendance: Councillor Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Councillor
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
6 members of the public

Chairman: Councillor Thomas

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Thomas, Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and was acting Chairman for the meeting as Cllr Lightfoot had given his apologies due to work.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Lightfoot.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 1ST FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2021 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR PARKER AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in the item in the closed session regarding Devoran Pre-School due to her employment as Manager of Devoran Pre-School.

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

There were 6 members of the public present.

Mr McGaw said he had come to listen to the Planning item.

Sam Wells attended to tell the Parish Council about a planning application he had made on land at the Carnon Valley for a new dwelling and work unit for his fencing company. The Councillors thanked Mr Wells for coming along and said they would comment on the application when it was received in line with the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Ann Cunningham and Graeme Taylor were attending about a complaint received from the Green Lanes Society about an historic right of way across Devoran Village Hall car park. The complaint demanded that the right of way be unblocked and the signs restricting parking to users of the hall be removed.

Cllr P Allen felt there was no need to reinstate the route as there was an alternative route and there were at least 25 similar anomalies like this in our parish alone. Cornwall Council did not have the capacity to deal with all these historic anomalies.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk had circulated her report to all present.

7. PRESENTATION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL ON LANGARTH DEVELOPMENT

A representative of the Cornwall Council Planning Team gave an overview via Powerpoint on the new scheme at Langarth. It was agreed for a further separate meeting to be held with the Parish Council to address their concerns about the impact of the development of traffic in the parish, specifically on Carnon Downs.

8. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS & OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Brickell has found information about ownership of verge land at Old Carnon Hill in relation to the highways work and this has now been sent on to Cornwall Council as it shows their land ownership.

Cllr Brickell has spoken to the owner of the Homestead who is aware that the verge outside is part of the highway and that this may form part of the pavement

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that a presentation on HAIRE had been made to Cornwall Council and this had been very well received.

The Clerk reported that St Pirans Greetings had been received from the Mayor of Truro.

9. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported one of the Tree Officers was leaving Cornwall Council and enforcement of tree issues was going back to Planning Officers. Cllr Alvey had written to Louise Wood, Head of Planning to raise concerns about trees not being well enough protected in planning applications.

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk reported as follows:

January 2021 – 10 crimes

Carnon Downs x 4

3 x ASB (Carnon Crescent, Quenchwell Road & Knights Meadow)

1 x Violent & Sexual offence (The Forge)

Devoran x 3

2 x Violent & Sexual offences (Church Terrace)

1 x other theft (Chapel Terrace)

Feock x 3

3 x ASB (Elm Grove, Green Close and Loe Beach)

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock ward

Cllr Robson was attending the Monumental Improvement seminar and confirmed that works were going to be carried out at Roundwood to help with flooding issues. The surface of the lane at

Roundwood would also be improved and she was going to speak to the NT Warden about the possibility of additional waste bins in the area, especially for dog fouling.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there had been an oil spill from a vehicle turning around in the entrance to Porthgwithden due to insufficient signage of the road closure for works to the wall. The Clerk had tried to get the signage improved by speaking directly to the traffic management company but without success. A resident had also suffered verbal abuse from people who were annoyed to find the road was closed. The Clerk would report to Highways the issue with the traffic management company so that lessons could be learnt from this.

Cllr Freeman said there were plans for the road to Loe Beach to be closed again on Easter Sunday for works to BT equipment, she felt this would cause chaos. The Clerk would send on correspondence about this to Cllr Alvey for him to take up.

Devoran

There was nothing to report from Devoran.

Carnon Downs

The Highways works on Old Carnon Hill were planned to start mid April. There was nothing else to report.

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting. 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 PARKER PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

The HAIRE update report from Bex Rawbone, Project Co-ordinator had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that our MP, Cheryl Mackrory had kindly agreed to write to all residents to tell them about the project and we were working on the wording of the letter with her office. Our MP would also be chairing a workshop during the Summer at which it was hoped there would be ministerial attendance (timed to be after the G8 Summit). The theme of workshop was to be determined and would be around community building. The relevant people would be invited to the workshop.

CREATE workshops will be held after the MP workshop with members of the community. The results of the guided conversations are now being analysed by the University of Exeter.

13. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT

Cllr P Allen said we would be commenting on the climate emergency development plan and Councillors should let him know if they have any comments to make so that these could be compiled and submitted.

14. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The next Access & Amenities Meeting was being held on 11th March, the footpath project will be discussed and the footpath working group have been busy working on the work that we would like to see funded by the Enhanced LMP.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HAD DELEGATED POWERS TO SIGN OFF THE SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Carnon Valley Woodland

Cllr P Allen said that around 70 trees had been planted, the Chairman of Kea PC has equipment to help with this and this had worked very well. The working group would like to move forward with lease of land which would be in our name as Feock PC have the General Power of Competence.

We now have a good contact at the Environment Agency and it was planned to speak to them more about our ideas for maintenance and recreational use of the Carnon Valley.

Littering on Old Carnon Hill

Cllr Brickell said he had picked up a black bags full of wine bottles, almost daily, which seem to be being dumped at the same spot at the same time every day. The Clerk had reported this to Cornwall Council recycling team but had not yet heard back.

Cllr Alvey said that Cornwall Council had a few cameras for catching people fly tipping but felt that they would not be able to spare them for this low level littering as they were likely being used for larger offences.

The idea of putting up wildlife cameras to try to catch who was carrying out this littering was discussed but it was felt that unfortunately there were rules around the use of this type of surveillance camera/CCTV that would stop us doing this.

It was agreed to highlight issue of littering in the next newsletter.

Refurbishment of fingerposts

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the fingerpost which points to Cowlands needs some work as it was looking rather sad, a report was written a number of years ago about fingerposts and the milestones and this had been submitted to the Parish Council and he would like to resurrect this. The Clerk had been in touch with a local volunteer from the Milestone Society who said that he may be able to find some funding to help with this work. Cllr Hambly-Staite asked that the Council give support to having some fingerposts refurbished and to keep our heritage alive. Cllr Blake said that some work had been done on these before and felt it was a very worthwhile project.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEITH HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO BUDGET, TO REFURBISH THE FINGERPOSTS IN THE PARISH, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

Tree issues

Cllr P Allen said that there had been a planning application submitted to trim some trees at Chycoose which are right on the edge of the road, we had raised concerns previously about the condition of trees alongside the Highways and they had said they were stable and safe at that time. The Parish Council had concerns that that if they feel they might take part of the road with them.

The Clerk would contact Highways to request they inspect the trees again to ensure they were not any risk to the road. The road was also being undercut.

Cllr P Allen said he would suggest we do a survey of the trees along the Tram Road and identify to Highways any trees that we feel are at risk. It was agreed to put this item on the Access & Amenities agenda.

15. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Freeman, Chair of the Planning Committee ran through the current position with the planning applications currently 'live'.

There were two applications which were being 'called in' to Cornwall Council Planning Committee, these were Taran Edhen and Creebank.

An appeal had been received on the refusal of the MMO for the barge at Dugdales Quay at Point, if anyone wished to make any comments in addition to those we had already submitted they should let Cllr Freeman know.

The application at The Stitch had proved very controversial and there were lots of public comments, both for and against this application online.

Penpol Boatyard had two current planning applications both ongoing.

The decision to refuse the application for a new dwelling at 'Pentui' had been overturned by the Planning Inspector which was disappointing and this dwelling now had planning permission. There were concerns about comments made in the Inspectors report about the status of the AONB.

The Parish Council remained disappointed at the lack of weight given to the AONB and also trees in the area by Planning Officers.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WRITE TO OUR MP AND THE PLANNING INSPECTOR REGARDING THE CRITERIA BEING USED IN DECISIONS IN THE AONB AS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CORNWALL COUNCIL POLICIES SEEMED TO BE BEING IGNORED, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cornwall Councillor Alvey had written to Louise Wood, the Head of Cornwall Council Planning to express our concerns about damage being caused to the AONB by planning decisions.

Cllr Freeman expressed her thanks to the Assistant Clerk for all her work in managing the planning applications as it was extremely busy.

16. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Highways Working Group had not met since the last meeting but items were being progressed.

Cllr Andrew declared an interest in this item and took no part in the vote.

Parking issues in Feock

Cllr Blake said the issues seen last year with parking were specifically in the area near to the top of Loe Hill. The Clerk advised that Highways had confirmed that the Parish Council could use cones to help control parking and keep the road clear in this area again this year as long as they were considering and working towards the implementation of a TRO to resolve this issue. The Trevilla issue of the bus getting stuck due to inconsiderately parked cars had been resolved by the bus route being changed to avoid this area. A TRO near to Loe Beach may be able to be funded from the Community Network Panel Highways budget if this was available again this year but a decision was yet to be made as it was

an election year and new Council would be elected in May. Consultation would need to be carried out with residents about potential parking restrictions and the use of cones this year could form part of this.

It was noted that if there were parking restrictions put in place near to Loe Beach this would just push the problem along to Porthgwidden and the bus stop which happened last year and this impact needed to be considered as well. Cllr Hambly-Staite agreed and said this was a serious issue that needed addressing.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE PROCESS TO INVESTIGATE PUTTING IN A TRO PARKING RESTRICTION IN THE AREA NEAR TO LOE BEACH & PORTHWIDDEN BE STARTED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH 2 ABSTENSIONS.

The Clerk advised that as the 3 hour limit for the meeting had been reached the Parish Council needed to pass a resolution to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting or adjourn it.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ENABLE THE MEETING TO CONTINUE, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Carnon Hill Scheme

Cllr Brickell said there were currently two narrow areas on the plan but these could be widened by using the verge outside of The Homestead. The Clerk advised that she had passed on the information to Highways that Cllr Brickell had found which had confirmed that these verges were highways verges and this had triggered them to revise the plan to take in part of the verge. It was hoped that this would additional work could be done within the contingency allowed in the budget but depending on what is found when they start work on the ground this may push the project up in cost slightly.

The Clerk had circulated details of the safety assessment report that had flagged up the need for an additional streetlight in one of the virtual footway sections.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE NEW STREET LIGHT IS AUTHORISED AS THIS WAS A SAFETY ISSUE, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

It was noted that the Feasibility Study that was being funded by the Community Network Panel Highways budget to look at a cycle route from Feock out to Playing Place and Playing Place to Truro had still not been started.

17. PROMOTING SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Clerk would circulate the link explaining more about this item.

S100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (as amended) - Members of the press and public may be excluded from any discussion on the following items on the basis of the likely enclosure of exempt information

The Council moved into closed session.

Cllr Kemp left the meeting as she had declared an interest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47pm.