

## MEETING NO. 1124

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Richards	B Shankland	C Shefford
	C Kemp		C Blake
	M Kemp		C Johnson
	I MacDonald		
	P Allen		

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Richards

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an update on the past year of the Parish Council and the current issues the Parish Council was working on.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gordon, Lightfoot, Andrew and Kerrison

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015

**RESOLUTION: CLLR MACDONALD PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR C KEMP AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Richards declared an interest in Item 9 Financial Summary & Accounts for Payments as he had a claim to make under the Chairman's allowance.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 8 members of the public present who had come to speak as follows:-

Rev Dom Jones, Devoran's new vicar had come to find out more about the issues the Parish Council was dealing with.

Mrs Stevenson & Mr Duncan regarding parking issue on Forth Coth

Mr Yule and Mr Sherington regarding the Point Road planning application

Mr & Mrs Langstaff regarding the naming of the roads within the new Taylor Wimpey development

Mr Le Patourel regarding the subject of a flag for the Parish

**Mrs Stevenson** had sent the Parish Council an email regarding the parking problem in Forth Coth with access being difficult from driveways and pavements for pedestrians. There was an increasing amount of traffic in the village, especially with the Dentists practice appearing to take on more patients. The Chairman advised that this item would be discussed later in the meeting and it was hoped a resolution to the problem could be found, however all solutions were costly and this was a cost that the Parish Council would have to bear.

**Mr Yule** commented that the site of the planning application on Point Road was just below his property, he had concerns about the entrance onto the highway which came out onto a blind bend

opposite the Tresithick turning, he felt this access was very unsafe and had frequently had near misses when trying to exit his own property. Speeding is a problem on Point Road for pedestrians and the proposed footpath in this application involved crossing the road twice. The draft Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan states that the Parish Council wished to keep grass verges and green areas, the planning application shows the building of a footpath on the grass verges. The local schools are full to capacity, where will the children who live here go to school?

Cllr Richards commented that this current application has been ongoing for a long time with various bodies, there were two options for access and Cornwall Highways opinion was that this was a safer access than a lower access, the pedestrian access may be a green pavement and also the suggested location of the pedestrian access may also need changing as the current position does not make a lot of sense and there was a better route although this involved the verges that were privately owned. For a development such as this there would be an education contribution to be paid, however this goes directly to Cornwall Council and unfortunately this contribution would not automatically go to Devoran School to provide additional facilities, this was further complicated as Devoran is a PFI school. Cllr C Kemp said she had raised the issue of school places with Sarah Newton MP.

Cllr Richards said that the application was being considered at the Planning Committee on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and residents were welcome to come along to listen to the Committee's discussions.

Mr Sherington was concerned about a possible additional 28 cars using Point Road (2 per new dwelling), this road was also used as a rat run. Cllr Richards said that this would be considered by Cornwall Highways as a consultee on the application. Mr Sherington said he also objected on the basis that it was altering the character of the village.

Mr Langstaff had attended to listen to the discussion of Item 19 where the Council would be discussing a name change to Trevince Road in the new Taylor Wimpey development in Carnon Downs. Taylor Wimpey have now said that they will not agree to changing the name of the road which Mr Langstaff had requested be changed as he felt it was too similar to his own property address and that of his neighbours. Cllr Richards said the Parish Council were aware that Taylor Wimpey had said they could not change the road name at this stage and were not sure what more could be done, the item would be discussed later in the meeting. It was commented that the postcode for Trevince Road and Trevince would be different and it was hoped this would avoid any confusion with deliveries. Mr Langstaff said that he and his neighbours would ultimately have to put up a sign if the road name remained the same.

Mr Le Patourel had moved to the village recently and been intrigued by the history of the village and local area which is encapsulated by the shield the Parish Council uses. He wondered if anyone had suggested that the Parish Council's emblem might be used as a flag for the Parish as lots of villages and towns were now adopting their own flag. He was happy to volunteer to do any research into this if the Parish Council were interested, as he was a member of the Flag Institute and would be willing to help.

It was agreed for Mr Le Patourel to attend the next Access & Amenities Committee meeting to give a presentation on this when he had done some more research.

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

The Clerk gave her update which is attached at Appendix 1.

It was agreed to bring Item 16 forward on the agenda.

## **16. PARKING ISSUES ON FORTH COTH**

Cllr Richards read out emails from residents regarding issues that poor parking is causing and photos that had been taken by members of the public showing vehicles blocking the pavement were shown to the meeting. The general view was that parking was very inconsiderate, cars are blocking the pavements and people with buggies and wheelchairs are having to walk in the road, it is very dangerous for pedestrians, especially those with disabilities a number of whom lived on Forth Coth.

Cllr M Kemp said we had talked about this before and it appeared that since the Dentist had changed hands the parking problems had increased and it was felt the issue needed resolving. It was thought that 90% of people using the Dentist drove there rather than walking, yellow lines would not work as people ignore them as there was no enforcement, the only solution would be to put something physical to stop parking on the pavement, however it should be remembered that if parking on the pavement was restricted then people would park in the road and this could also cause problems.

Cllr M Kemp suggested a pedestrian crossing with zig zag lines as this would stop people parking on the road as well and give a safer crossing point.

Mrs Stevenson said she understood that there had been a zebra crossing before but the noise was quite intrusive to residents. Cllr M Kemp said that perhaps a crossing could be installed without the audible warning noise.

Cllr Allen said he would not support the suggestion that people could park elsewhere in the village as this would just move the problem to other areas and as people were already inconsiderate in their parking on Forth Coth it was likely that they would also park inconsiderately in other areas.

Cllr Allen felt that the issue of blocking the pavement should be addressed as soon as possible, such as the use of bollards and planters, planters would be a quick and simple mechanism to resolve the blocking of the pedestrian access.

Cllr Richards said that the Methodist Chapel had offered to accommodate the Dentist staff in their car park to free up the dentist car park. Cllr Richards had given both parties the others contact details but unfortunately it appeared that an arrangement had not been made. It was hoped that the Dentist would be willing to help resolve the issue.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED WE LOOK INTO THE PLANNING PERMISSION CONDITIONS OF THE DENTIST REGARDING PARKING PROVISION, URGENTLY INVESTIGATE THE PURCHASE OF 4 PLANTERS/BOLLARDS TO DEFINE THE PATHWAY ALONG THE PAVEMENT, SPEAK TO THE PRACTICE MANAGER OF THE DENTIST AND PUT OUR CONES BACK AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO ENSURE A WALKWAY WAS KEPT CLEAR, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR C KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

Cllr Shankland asked that the issue of the pedestrian crossing could be discussed with Cormac at the meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

It was agreed to bring Item 18 forward on the agenda.

## **18. PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN CARNON DOWNS**

### **Point Road**

Cllr Richards said that the Point Road site has been being considered for development for many years and outlined the history of the site. The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan specified that a maximum number of dwellings per site would be a maximum of 15 and this application was for 15

dwelling. The Parish Council have advised the landowners that they would like to see the footpath on the site preserved as this was a historic path. It was agreed that any development on the site should have good pedestrian access to the main part of the village. The suggested access included in the current plan meant pedestrians crossing the road to the side that the postbox was on and then crossing the road again at the Tregye crossroads.

This application would be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January and the full parish council have been invited to attend as it was a large development. The site would comprise of 50% affordable housing. Cllr Allen said that our NDP planning policies did allow for this type of development on exception sites.

#### **Quenchwell Road/Forth Coth**

This planning application for circa 60 dwellings had been validated today by Cornwall Council. This application has been subject to preliminary discussions with the Parish Council, the Parish Council had advised that they would like to see a similar size development to that on Point Road and the initial plan provided was for 30 houses and 6 commercial units, however the submitted application was double the size of that initially discussed and was for 60 houses and 1 commercial unit.

This application would be discussed at the February Planning meeting.

Cllr Richards said that the Parish Council were less than happy with the proposal and could not support this additional number of dwellings, a public meeting would be arranged in Carnon Downs with the developers and the public to gather views and opinions.

**PROPOSAL: CLLR RICHARDS TO WRITE BACK TO DEVELOPERS TO EXPLAIN THAT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT BEAR ANY RESEMBLANCE TO THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS AND WE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE CURRENT SUBMITTED APPLICATION, WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH OUR DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR M KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

It was agreed for Item 19 to be brought forward on the agenda.

#### **19. AGREE PLACEMENT NAME FOR "TREVINCE ROAD" IN PENGELLY MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT IN CARNON DOWNS**

Cllr Richards explained that the Parish Council were asked to suggest names for the roads in the development back in July 2015, the names suggested were "Trevince Road" and "Pengelly Close" and these were supplied to Cornwall Council for their consideration as to their appropriateness and for them to carry out the statutory consultation. There had been no issues raised by Cornwall Council, however recently Mr Langstaff contacted the Parish Council to advise that he felt that the name of "Trevince Road" could cause problems with deliveries to his property due to the name being similar. Mr Langstaff had previously requested the Parish Council reconsider this name which they had agreed to do, however Taylor Wimpey have now said that they would not agree to changing the name even if the Parish Council were willing to do so.

The whole development is being developed under the name of Pengelly Meadows and Cornwall Council have said they do not normally agree to duplicated names such as Pengelly Meadows with the existing Pengelly Close. The Parish Council need to decide tonight if they wish to ask Taylor Wimpey to reconsider their decision not to change the name and if so which name they would like to be considered.

Cllr Richards said that the Parish Council had only suggested names to the developer for submission to Cornwall Council and it was for Cornwall Council to consider if the suggested names were appropriate. Cllr Shefford said that Elm Meadow and Elm Grove addresses in Feock did cause confusion with postal deliveries.

Cllr Richards said he felt that the issue of the confusion with Mr Langstaff's deliveries could be helped by putting a road name sign on the bridleway.

**PROPOSAL: CLLR RICHARDS SUGGESTED THAT THE CLERK WRITE TO TAYLOR WIMPEY REGARDING THE REQUEST TO RE-NAME THE ROAD AND ASK THAT DUE TO LOCAL CONCERN THEY RE-CONSIDER THEIR DECISION NOT TO RENAME THE ROAD AND AGREE A NEW ROAD NAME, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR C KEMP AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

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

Cllr Allen is going to meet with Perranarworthal and Kea PC on the Bissoe Valley shortly regarding acquiring land at the Carnon Valley from the Environment Agency.

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

##### **Cornwall Council**

Cornwall Councillor Chamberlain had given his apologies for the meeting.

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

The Clerk read out the Police report which was attached at Appendix 2.

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

The Clerk gave the financial update as shown below. Cllr Richards declared an interest in this item as there was a reimbursement on the accounts for payment from the Chairmans allowance to pay for the Volunteer Drivers Christmas lunch. The accounts for payment were passed to the Chairman for signature and countersignature by Cllr M Kemp, the accounts list will be circulated to all members following the meeting for information.

Total outgoings/accounts to be paid since the last meeting      £6,695.62 (inc VAT)

Total income for December 2015      £1,711.70

Comprising of the rent from the Pre-School and office.

Gas, electricity and water reimbursement from Pre-School      £662.87

Current account bank balance and reconciliation - £194,881.30 as at 12/01/16 (includes £150K bond and £5K interest from this bond). £189,965.63 is the true balance taking into account uncashed cheques (£4915.67 – Our Place funding repayment)

Cambridge Easy Access Saver (Reserve a/c) - £72,451.32 (includes £50K bond)

##### **Profit & Loss report to date**

Shows to date for the year 2015/16 for general/working account:-

Income      £119,542

Expenditure      £110,139

Balance      +£9,403

Cory Environmental cheque for £10K for funding for works to Devoran Park should be received by next meeting.

## **10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock – Cllr Blake**

There were a lot of concerns about Pill Creek and the amount of development in the area and breaches of planning permission. Highways have visited to check the works near to the road and will check the work carried out to ensure it does not affect the structure of the road. A working group was being set up to look at the issues at Pill Creek, and this would be lead by Cllr Blake and Shefford. A site visit had been arranged shortly to Pill Creek with the AONB Officer and other various Council Officers.

### **Devoran – Cllr Shankland**

Some residents were not entirely happy with the colour of the paths in Devoran Park and this item was on the Access & Amenities Committee agenda for further discussion.

### **Carnon Downs – Cllr Richards**

The Spar is shortly undergoing a refurbishment to incorporate the Post Office into the Spar.

## **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Richards advised that the final public consultation would start at the beginning of February. A lot of work being done with the help of members of the community and Cllr Richards wished to thank everyone who has helped in the process. The consultation would run from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to 11<sup>th</sup> March, then the plan would be submitted to Cornwall Council for a further 6 week period of consultation to start towards the end of April to mid June. Following this would be the independent examination and then hopefully to referendum by the beginning of September 2016.

## **12. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The latest planning meeting minutes would soon be published on the website. The next planning meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## **13. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Cllr M Kemp has circulated the complaint the Parish Council had made to Cornwall Council Planning regarding the processing of the application for the Reading Room. The partial repayment of the Public Works Loan had previously been discussed and a repayment has not yet been made due to ongoing discussions about the Reading Room and the future of the property. This item would be put on the February Parish Council meeting agenda for further discussion.

Cllr M Kemp advised that the PCs in the office needed upgrading due to their age and he would like to agree a budget for their replacement.

**PROPOSAL: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED A BUDGET OF UP TO £2000 BE ALLOATED TO REPLACE THE TWO OFFICE PCS AND PROVIDE A PC FOR THE MICRO LIBRARY, SECONDED BY CLLR RICHARDS AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

The Clerk would be sending a letter regarding the issues the Parish Council were experiencing with the General Power of Competence, to Sarah Newton MP and NALC.

## **14. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

The next meeting was being held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and most items had been covered in the Clerks report.

**15. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Cllr Gordon advised no meeting had been held since the previous Parish Council meeting.

**17. COUNCILLORS ATTENANCE AT MEETINGS**

The Clerk advised that Andy Hawken had lost his seat as a representative for Feock ward due to non attendance as he had not attended a Parish Council meeting for 6 months. The vacancy would be advised shortly.

**20. REVIVAL OF TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Cllr Richards had email from the former Vicar of Devoran who was involved with the Twinning Association who had been contacted by representatives in L'hospital Camfrouth who would like to revive the Association, this does not have to be a parish council led initiative and should be led by the community. It was agreed to put this item on the next Access and Amenities meeting agenda for further discussion. Cllr Allen would find out the status of the bank account.

**21. NALC STAR COUNCIL RECEPTION INVITATION**

The Clerk advised that herself and a representative of the Parish Council had been invited to attend a Parliamentary Reception for Star Council winners on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed for Cllr Shefford to attend with Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

**Clerks report/update since previous meeting**

**Devoran Park**

The access works have now been completed, I have submitted the paperwork to Cory to claim payment of the £10K grant.

**Heritage Lottery application for footpath/history walk leaflets and history boards**

The application was submitted on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Decisions take approximately 8 weeks.

**Letter to DCLG regarding General Power of Competence and restrictions**

I have drafted a letter for comment.

**Feock drainage cover in private property**

I have reminded Cormac about the work they have promised to do (this is to give access to a highways drain which runs through a private property), they have confirmed they will undertake the work, and hope to do this before the end of the financial year.

**Defibrillator application to BHF (for 3 heated cabinets and 1 defibrillator for Carnon Downs)**

I have today contacted the BHF to find out the status of our application, as the South West Ambulance Trust have still not authorised it (they do this electronically), I completed the application in early November. BHF are currently no longer accepting applications as they have been overwhelmed with them.

Unfortunately because the Ambulance Trust had not authorised our applications they have not been submitted and therefore will not be considered. However, in April the BHF are starting another funding scheme, the same as previously where defibs cost us £400 each so it may be that the Council would like to consider applying for Carnon Downs and Feock Church under that scheme. I have asked if they are also providing heated cabinets and cost of these.

Other costs obtained previously were from the Lions, £260 for a cabinet and £925 for a defibrillator. We do need to purchase a cabinet very soon for the Feock defibrillator which will be going on the outside wall of Ferris Garage. The Carnon Downs Film Club have said they will donate £100 towards a defibrillator for Carnon Downs.

**Letter of thanks to Dr Maling at Carnon Downs Surgery**

I have written a letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Greenbank Road highways project**

I have been in touch with the Legal department at Cornwall Council to establish the legal costs of drawing up an agreement between the Parish Council and the landowner. They have advised that Cormac also need to be consulted as the verge may technically be classed as highway, this will be discussed at our regular Highways meeting this Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**Environment Agency Land at the Carnon Valley**

No response has been received as yet to our letter sent in December.

**Funding from Cornwall Council**

Paperless Planning – the TV and new laptop have been purchased and installed.

Micro Library - the shelving for the micro library has been purchased and is ready for installation, the seating has been ordered (EDD 15.02.16), the kinderbox has been ordered and a PC is being priced

and we need volunteers to sand/undercoat the existing shelving for painting and also to paint the entranceway.

### **Lengthsman Scheme**

I have advertised on our website, Facebook page and in the next Parish magazines for contractors to quote for the work on the new lengthsman work list.

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

### **Appendix 2**

There was just one crime recorded in December of last year and that was a suspected theft by a member of staff. There has been just the one crime report so far this year and that was the theft of a bicycle without pedals from an insecure garden at Carnon Downs.

There have been 19 calls to date from the public within the parish since December 1st and at least 11 of these relate to road related issues. There is nothing to highlight at this time but if someone finds a bike without pedals then I know the owner!

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