

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 19th April 2021 at 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

In attendance: Councillor Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Councillor
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Sue Cooper, member of the public
Abe Simpson and John Marshall, Kingsley Developments

Chairman: Councillor Lightfoot

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Andrew

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 1st MARCH 2021

CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST MARCH 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 on item 17 – Devoran Pre-School due to her employment as Pre-School Manager.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk confirmed that no members of the public had submitted questions.

Abe Simpson and John Marshall from Kingsley Developments attended to give an overview of their plans for the old peoples accommodation site next to Pengelly Meadows. They would be changing the style of the properties so they were not as contemporary as the scheme that has permission. It was noted the 3 bedroom properties were approved at detailed stage and the over 55s condition would remain. The style had been changed to a more traditional dormer style retaining the ground floor bathroom. The four bedroomed properties could be 3 bedrooms with the fourth bedroom being a home office.

The original plan to have a Manager and communal lounge on site would not be going ahead as they had received advice that this was not a popular option when it came to marketing the site. There would be a small communal building but no permanent on site manager. The flats had also been removed as they felt for marketing purposes they would not be popular as this meant there would be larger management fees payable by residents.

Cllr Freeman asked if the concerns about overlooking were being addressed in this new scheme as was conditioned on the previous reserved matters application - specifically plots 6 and 7.

The developers confirmed the roof height is the same as previous application, issues raised have been addressed in this new scheme.

The Parish Council were concerned that the support for elderly people living on this site had been diminished by the removal of the flats, communal lounge and onsite Manager.

Cllr P Allen pointed out that there was a recreation area next door to the site and hoped that the layout had been designed to take that into account.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerks report had been circulated. It had been confirmed that in future if there were issues with diversion signage that Street Works should be contacted in the first instance.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Members reports from attendance on outside bodies and other meetings

Cllr Robson had attended an online meeting about Ageing in Rural Places and circulated a report to all. Cllr P Allen had attended the Point Quay Working Party which had completed some tidying works to the Quay and Orchard. Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended a meeting with the PCN and Professor Leyshon about working more closely with the NHS.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

Central Planning Committee had been postponed until the following week due to a live streaming problem. A 5 day protocol had come in on the Penpol boatyard application. Nancassick Barns has had the reports requested as this was now being treated as a major application. Taran Edhen had not yet been decided and a compromise was being sought. An investigation into delivery of planning enforcement is planned by the new Council administration and overseen by the Standards Committee

Cllr Alvey thanked the Parish Council for their support during the last 4 years. Cllr P Allen said he wished to reciprocate the thanks to Cllr Alvey for all his support of the Parish Council, especially on planning matters. The Chairman thanked Cllr Alvey on behalf of the whole Parish Council.

Devon and Cornwall Police

The Clerk had circulated the crime figures for February 2021, these were also available online.

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Robson had spoken to the National Trust about the most appropriate places for dog waste bins, she would speak to Mylor Parish Council who put up dispensers with plastic bags for picking up after dogs to find out if this was successful in increasing the amount of waste picked up.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said the common land at the end of Restranguet Point appeared to be being encroached upon by a roped off privately owned area. There were 31 boats squashed together on the land and it was hard to get to the bench seat.

Devoran

Cllr Parker said although he was temporarily stepping down from the Council he was happy to continue to be involved with the work of the Parish Council. He was still also happy to look after the Devoran bookswap which was much appreciated.

The petrol tanks in the car park of Surfers (ex Yummy Scrummy) were being removed and it was expected this was in preparation for housing that had permission.

Cllr P Allen said the Environment Agency had suggested putting food vans in their car park which he had concerns about however if Surfers and Frankies were both not operating in the area there would not be such a conflict although this would take up car parking spaces.

Cllr Thomas said there was damage to the lower park hedge, some youngsters seem to have created a camp in there and broken through the hedge, the problem was that if it continues it would severely damage the hedge and it will eventually fall down into the lane, there were also concerns about injury to the youngsters as the hedge was quite high.

The Point & Penpol Regatta will take place on 26th June but as a scaled down event compared to previous years due to Covid but it was hoped it would be a celebration of lockdown ending.

Carnon Downs

Cllr P Allen said that the stones on verges issue continued, the large stones at Tregye Road remained and Cornwall Council were aware. Cllr Brickell was thanked for all his work since he had been on the Council and he said that he would be happy to come back on the Council again in the future.

Cllr Brickell said that Cormac had made a very good start on the footpath on Old Carnon Hill and he was sure this would be of huge benefit to the village. The Parish Council were very disappointed that on the publicity about the scheme that Cornwall Council had put out there was no mention that the Parish Council were fully funding the scheme. The Clerk would contact Cormac about this and circulate details if there was an additional cost to this.

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

The Clerk asked the Council to give permission for Debbie Searle, the Assistant Clerk to be added as a signatory to the Cambridge Building Society account to enable her to deal with the administration of the account.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE ASSISTANT CLERK BE ADDED AS A SIGNATORY TO THE CAMBRIDGE BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Parish Council thanked Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk for all her hard work on finance.

11. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

The latest HAIRE project update had been circulated. Cllr Hambly-Staite said it was likely that the project would be extended by 6 months to March 2023 due to delays caused by Covid and any additional costs would be advised. This was currently with the Joint Secretariat in Brussels for a decision. CREATE workshops to look at issues raised in the Guided Conversations would be planned for the Summer and there would be one to focus on Parish Council work as well.

The Clerk will chair the workshops as a link between the project and Parish Council.

Cllr P Allen proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Hambly-Staite for all his work on HAIRE which he felt was an excellent project.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr P Allen advised that a meeting had not been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Alvey commented that he would be very disappointed if there was not more emphasis put on trees following the consultation from on the Planning Climate Emergency DPD.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr P Allen reported as follows. We were working on getting new prices and suppliers for kissing gates but schedule of works has been agreed by the Access & Amenities Committee. The style of waymarker for the Feock Trails signing needed to be finalised.

We were waiting on a draft lease from Cornwall Council for the Carnon Valley land.

Devoran Village Hall were seeking advice on how to deal with the challenge to the old PROW that ran through their car park. The Clerk would circulate the Inspectors report on footpaths that Cllr P Allen had found as it was interesting to see the history of some of our footpaths.

Pengelly Meadows Recreation area – three quotations had now been received and one contractor had been recommended by the Access & Amenities Committee to appoint (L&RG). It was noted however the groundworks costs had increased substantially since we had received the first quotations back in 2019 and the Parish Council would need to find more budget for equipment to complete the recreation area works.

Taylor Wimpey are yet to resolve the drainage problem despite being chased by the Clerk. A contractor had been carrying out some digging for Taylor Wimpey and was waiting to hear if they would be required to carry out any further work.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE GROUNWORKS QUOTATION FROM L&RG, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Hambly- Staite had proposed that we allocate a grant of £500 to each village for re-opening celebrations to bring our clubs and societies and residents together again and remind people what is available locally to them.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED £500 BE RESERVED FOR EACH OF THE 3 VILLAGES, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Freeman said that the Assistant Clerk had circulated the monthly planning report which shows some very interesting figures especially the number of tree applications and the high number of applications in Feock. Cllr Freeman commented that planning continues to be very frustrating and we will continue to do our best to ensure applications are in accordance with our NDP. The lack of update of the old area TPOs was not helping to preserve trees in the area.

Cllr P Allen proposed that when we have a planning application in a TPO area we should automatically request immediate protection/emergency TPO placed on the site, when we become aware that they are at risk (ie. when a planning application is submitted that has trees on the site to be removed) so that they are assessed for as they are now not under the historic TPO for the area. It is unsatisfactory that these TPOs have not been updated since the 1960s.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE ASSISTANT CLERK INVESTIGATES HOW WE PUT IN PLACE EMERGENCY TPOS ON SITES THAT ARE IN A TPO AREA BUT THAT IS SIGNIFICANTLY OUT OF DATE AND FOR OTHER SITES THAT ARE NOT TPO'D BUT WHERE WE FEEL TREES ARE AT RISK, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There had been a complaint from a resident about the number of times the over hanging part of his property had been hit by high vehicles. The Clerk would speak to Highways to seek a solution.

The Clerk advised that we could put out cones near to Loe Beach again this year on the condition that we were actively investigating the implementation of a TRO. The cost of a TRO would be in the region of £7000 and it was unlikely this would be funded from the Community Network Panels highway budget as it was not known if this would continue with the new administration and could not be back dated so the Parish Council would need to fund this themselves if they wished this to be in place by Spring 2022.

RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ALLOCATED £7000 FOR A FEOCK TRO, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr P Allen said he would still like to have a meeting with Cornwall Highways about rat running through Carnon Downs village, he would also like to write to them about the surface of the bypass as it was very badly pitted and the road noise had increased. This had been raised before and it was now causing a noise nuisance to residents of both Carnon Downs and Devoran. Cllr P Allen would write to Cornwall Council about this.

16. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk advised that the government had not extended the remote meeting legislation which meant that future meetings of the Parish Council had to be held face to face. The Clerk proposed a scheme of delegation be adopted where a minimal number of face to face meetings be held to deal with items the Clerk did not have authority to deal with and in between hold remote management meetings to steer hers and the Assistant Clerks work. It was suggested to meet in May and September and then review if face to face meetings Parish Council could be increased depending on Covid restrictions at

that time and Committee meetings restart. Planning and Access & Amenities business would be dealt with at the Management meetings and temporarily move back under Full Parish Council.

PROPOSED: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED THAT THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION AS OUTLINED BY THE CLERK BE ADOPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER AND THEN THE METHOD OF MEETING BE REVIEWED AGAIN DEPENDING ON COVID REGULATIONS AT THE TIME, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED WITH 3 ABSTENSIONS.

Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cllr Kemp and Sue Cooper left the meeting (the representatives from Kingsley Developments left earlier in the meeting).

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm