

Clerks Report for Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th September 2024, 6pm

Actions arising from previous meeting held in July 2024

Point Orchard Septic Tank

The Orchard has been closed off, the EA (they could not provide any assistance) and Cornwall Council Environmental Health have been contacted regarding the pollution. Cornwall Council Environmental Health advised that the Parish Council have done everything they should have done and that they could provide support in the future if this was needed.

The owner of the properties feeding into the septic tank is getting prices for repair/replacement and will contact the Parish Council once they have these so that a meeting can be arranged to discuss the way forward. The owner has arranged in the meantime for the septic tank to be emptied on a weekly basis.

Cllr P Allen has attended a further Point Quay Association Meeting and will report back at Septembers meeting.

Common Land at Penpol Pond

Coodes Solicitors have been asked not to proceed with the work at Penpol Pond at the current time. A meeting of residents is yet to be arranged.

Training

Traffic Management training for contractors has not yet been arranged and the Clerk would seek to reduce the costs to Feock PC by advertising this to other local Parish Councils.

Roundabouts

The Clerk has agreed the design of the sponsorship sign with the business who will be sponsoring the Carnon Gate roundabout and these have been ordered. The Clerk has arranged with Cormac the installation of the signs to coincide with the lane closure at the end of September and also arranged for our grass cutting contractor to carry out the tidying work. The Parish Council will then invoice the sponsor for the total cost of the works, signage and installation. The Clerk has signed and returned to Highways the roundabout adoption agreement. The Clerk needs to produce a risk assessment for the works being carried out by our contractor.

Land Registry

The paperwork to set up the Variable Direct Debit required to access the E-Business Services on Land Registry has been completed and we are awaiting access to be set up.

Supporting information for September meeting agenda items

Item 10 – Financial Summary

The payment list will be circulated on Monday afternoon to ensure it is up to date for the meeting.

Item 11 – Tram Road Letter and cutting of passing places

Draft letter proposed to be sent to residents is below.

Maps also shown below for discussion regarding cutting of passing places and flailing.

Dear Resident

Caring for Council land and roadside verges along the Tram Road

Update to our last letter sent in July 2019

Recent public consultation over our “Active Feock” programme has confirmed once again how important the Tram Road has become to parish residents and the contribution it makes to the health and wellbeing of all. In addition to access, it provides a level and even pathway beside the creek which is highly valued by all.

Cornwall Highways classification of the Tram Road means that they do not carry out any routine verge and hedge maintenance along this road, and the responsibility for this lies with roadside landowners. The significant Common and Public Land ownership by the Parish Council along the Creekside has led to the Parish Council taking a lead in this area and it has recently reviewed its maintenance practices.

The Council has taken up to date advice from Cornwall Highways, the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Feock Eco Group and others in order to assure best practice and we hope that this update will be useful in explaining our future works.

Hedges along the Tram Road:

a. In the immediate vicinity of lay-bys and passing places the Council will trim verges and hedges on both sides of the road throughout the year in order that pedestrians and other road users can pass safely.

b. Between October and February, the Council will trim hedges abutting its Common Land back to the road edge or back to the roadway fence line where this is installed. This is intended to provide adequate road space for pedestrians and passing vehicles. The timing of maintenance represents the latest advice to avoid disturbance or damage to nesting birds or wildflower seeding.

c. The Council will seek to work with neighbouring landowners to facilitate hedge and verge maintenance along the Tram in similar fashion.

Common Land Areas:

a. The Council is pleased to have replaced the bench seat in the centre of Carnon Mine and are grateful for the donation of both financial and practical help from xxx to facilitate its installation.

b. The Council is revising its signage for all land and will be installing replacement signage this year.

c. The Council will continue to undertake the clearance of rubbish from Common Land throughout the year, including the monitoring and removal of wrecked boats if and when necessary.

d. The Council will liaise with neighbours over the cutting of Creekside boundaries in front of Carnon Mine cottages and Chycoose Beach. It is intended that these areas will be kept below 1m in height, in order to preserve public views, apart from existing trees which will be protected and allowed to grow.

e. The Council will endeavour to stop the encroachment of bamboo at Carnon Mine whilst retaining a core to screen the electricity pole.

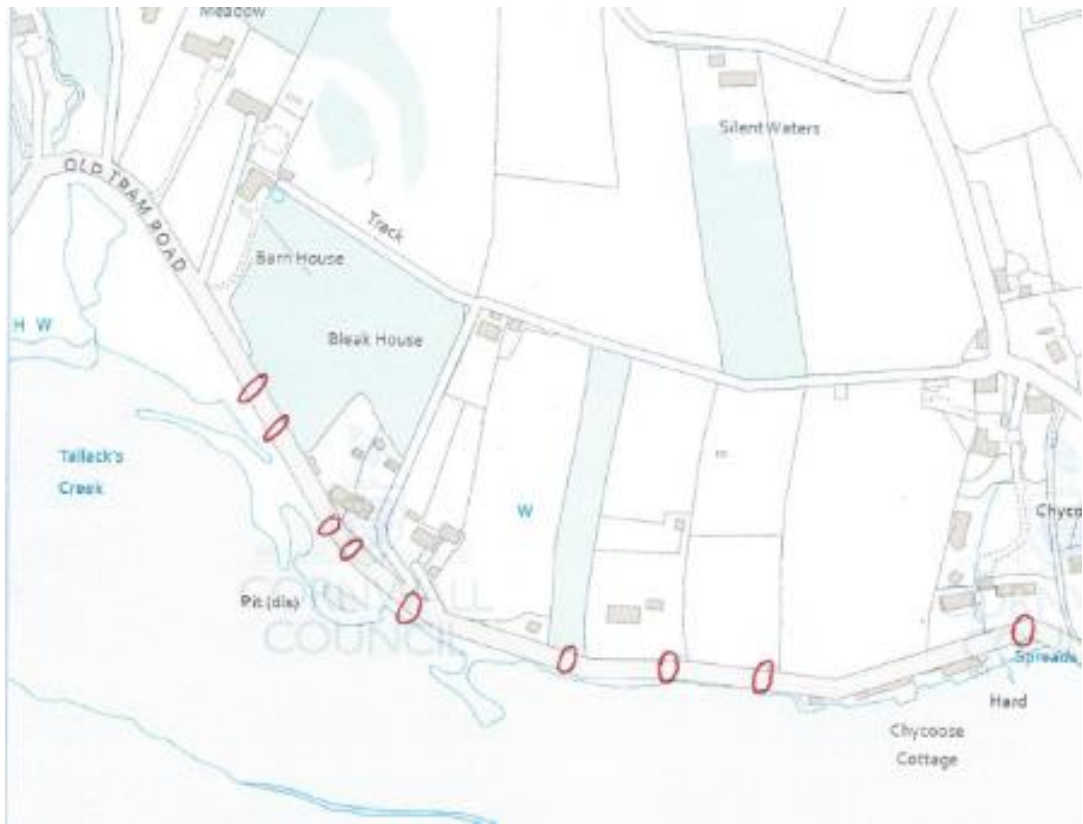
f. The council will continue to monitor the trees along the cliff edge at Chycoose Beach in order to assure that their condition does not present a safety risk.

In December 2023 the Council received an update report from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust dealing with the County Wildlife Site as it abuts the Tram Road. As consequence of this report the Council will be working with residents and landowners to follow guidance set out within the report and implement a management programme which seeks to enhance the environmental qualities of this important area. The actions will focus on encouraging a wide mixture of habitats and on controlling the spread of invasive species. An update of the Tree Preservation Zone will be included within the programme.

Yours faithfully

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Feock Parish Council





CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Item 13 – Staffing

The draft minutes of the Staffing Committee will be circulated separately, together with the proposed amended terms of reference.