

**MEETING NO.**

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present:	<b>WARDS</b>	<b>CARNON DOWNS</b>	<b>DEVORAN</b>	<b>FEOCK</b>
		K Gason	S Parker	C Blake
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Allen	A Allen	B Robson
		R Brickell	M Steel	
		P Lightfoot		

In attendance: Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council  
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Lightfoot

**1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Freeman and Andrew who both had work commitments.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present and no questions received.

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

The Clerk advised she had submitted the precept request to Cornwall Council and drafted the Press Release and would issue this shortly with the amendments received.

**7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr P Allen reported himself together with Cllrs Brickell and Freeman had attended a site meeting regarding a planning application at Nancassick Farm and they would feed their views back to the Planning Committee. Cllr Blake had also viewed the site.

Cllr P Allen said he was involved with the Truro Town bid to help redevelop the waterside area of Truro, although this was not in his role as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Robson had attended Code of Conduct training for her Councillor role.

## 8. CURRENT REPORTS

### **Cornwall Council**

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

He had also attended the Nancassick Farm site meeting this morning. There were a number of planning enforcement cases ongoing and due to GDPR he was unable to give further details but was supporting residents who had raised concerns. He had attended the last Community Network Panel meeting where Inspector Milburn had given a detailed presentation on crime figures and Covid calls and the Police's involvement in these. There were some Covid cases in Cornwall but these were few and reflected by the fact that we were in Tier 1. Cllr Alvey confirmed that the NHS were responsible for rolling out the Covid vaccine and Cornwall Council were assisting with the logistics of this with regards to sites for vaccinations.

### **Devon & Cornwall Police**

The crime figures are back online and the October figures are as follows:

#### **October 2020 x 4 crimes reported**

Carnon Downs

1 x burglary (Quenchwell Road)

Feock

2 x anti-social behaviour (Elm Grove and Penelewey)

1 x other theft (Loe Beach)

No crimes reported for Devoran.

It was noted that someone had been observed behaving suspiciously around vehicles in the Greenbank Road area of Devoran and also at Point.

## 9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

### **Feock**

Cllr Blake said the road drains had finally been cleared throughout Feock Churchtown and the drains had been working much more effectively, but unfortunately last week due to the heavy rain they were overflowing again, he suspected they were blocked with gravel and grit further up the pipe system.

Cllr Robson said that temporary repairs had been carried out on the lane down to Roundwood but unfortunately due to heavy rain the pot holes had started to appear again, new ditches had been dug but the culvert was too small for the amount of water and she had contacted Cormac to complain as it had poured into her neighbours garden causing flooding.

Cllr Robson said there were still ongoing issues with dog fouling at Roundwood. A new bridleway sign had been put and for some reason this had encouraged people to pile bags of dog waste at the base of the post.

Cllr P Allen said that we were waiting for information on the new Biffa contract and if there was capacity for emptying a new dog waste bin at Wrinkling Lane and the Clerk would ask if there was any news on if the contact details and capacity were now known.

Cllr Robson said that apparently a swan had been killed by a dog at Cowlands and asked if anyone else knew about this, no one else had heard about this.

Cllr P Allen reported on ongoing issues at Carnon Yard, the Police had been contacted by residents.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he was very pleased with the work that had been done to clear the leaves and mud from the bus stops and roads and this was much better than in previous years and he asked the Clerk to pass on his thanks to Biffa.

### **Devoran**

Cllr A Allen said that all the hedges and verges on Trolver Hill had been cut and a good job had been done. Cllr A Allen asked if the mud and leaves on Harris Hill could be cleared, the Clerk would request this. The trees from the footpath at Narabo had now been cleared and the path was open again. The road outside of the Farmhouse on Point Road needed to be resurfaced as it was very dangerous for cyclists.

Cllr Parker said the rubble that had been flytipped and reported by the Clerk had now been removed from Greenbank Road.

Cllr Thomas said there were issues with traffic on Greenbank Road in Devoran and this was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting. There had also been complaints about the satellite dish that had appeared in Market Street in Devoran in the Conservation area and Planning Enforcement were looking into this. The railway programme featuring Devoran was likely to be on the first or second Friday in January.

### **Carnon Downs**

Cllr P Allen reported that there was a drain that was blocked at the junction of Point Road and Tregye Road and this had been blocked for a number of years and residents have taken action to stop the water going into their properties. Unfortunately last week one of the new properties in the Point Road development had been flooded and engineers had attended to try to resolve the issue, it appeared there was an issue with how the drainage system was set up historically which would be difficult to resolve.

Cllr Thomas said that the Christmas lights in Carnon Downs were looking very good and many residents had commented on them and he wished to congratulate the Community Association on the display.

## **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 ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he wished the £6K budgeted for weed control in the parish to be retained and another contractor found to replace our previous contractor who no longer provided this service. The Clerk had been contacted by a contractor who did weed control using foam and would contact him for a price for work in the parish.

## **11. HAIRE WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that Bex Rawbone, the Project Co-ordinator had circulated an update to all. He had also attended a 'Cornwell' Zoom meeting which confirmed that our approach through HAIRE was the way to go.

## 12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT

Cllr P Allen said that a meeting had not been held for a couple of months. He felt that we should include some information about the environment in the next paper newsletter which was due to go out in the New Year and asked if any other Councillors could help with this. He would like us to look at ground source bore holes in the Parish with a view to a community based renewable system, if anyone is interested in this aspect perhaps a quick meeting could be held about this to take this forward. He had also met with the Project Officer for Cornwall Council who was working on electric charging points with regards to potential locations for consideration in the parish.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the Met Office had just issued a report on Climate Change and the effect locally which was very interesting.

## 13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllrs P Allen and Thomas had met with colleagues at Kea and Chacewater Parish Councils with regards to the Carnon Valley Woodland. It was agreed that the group should progress the Heads of Terms for a lease on the land and this would require a pre-lease survey costing around £500, Cornwall Councillors have agreed to part fund from their Community Chests and also Chacewater and Kea Parish Councils had also agreed to contribute.

Cllr P Allen asked the Parish Council to give consideration of budgeting £250 towards the initial costs of the project.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL ALLOCATE £250 TO THE CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND PROJECT, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Assistant Parish Clerks report had been circulated and it had been agreed that this would be published on website in future as this may be interesting for the public to read as it gave facts and figures regarding planning applications received.

Councillors said they were looking forward to when we could get back to meeting in person and attending site visits as the volume of planning applications was very large at the moment. It was hoped that it would not be too long and we could start meeting in person again with developments with the vaccine and the Clerk said as soon as guidance allowed meeting in person she would advise the Council of this but at present this was not allowed under Covid regulations. The office was not large enough to ensure social distancing of members and also Planning Committee meetings were public meetings which residents were able to attend and again the office was too small.

## 15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Clerk said that she felt that the previous Highways working group should be re-formed to look at all the highways issues as there were a number of complaints and issues at the moment.

Cllr P Allen said he agreed this group should be resurrected although we did have an agreed programme of works for the villages in turn, Devoran and Carnon Downs had had improvements and he felt the programme for improvements should now move to Feock.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he felt that we also had more immediate issues in Feock where the bus route was being obstructed and this could lead to changes to the bus route.

Cllr Thomas said we had had a complaint from a resident on Greenbank Road regarding issues caused by a business where the road had been blocked, people had been late for Doctors appointments and there were also delays to the bus service.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP (TASK & FINISH) BE RESURRECTED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.**

The membership was agreed as Cllrs Hambly-Staite, Thomas, Brickell and Cornwall Councillor Alvey. The Clerk would set up a meeting before Christmas if possible to look at the current issues.

Cllr Alvey said it would help if the Bus company could write to him and the Parish Council formally so that their issues with parking problems at Trevilla could be taken forward.

Cllr Thomas said that the issues on Greenbank Road were about excessive speed and congestion caused by parked cars and lorries accessing on of the businesses. The parked cars on the road make it very difficult for the lorries to access the site and this in turn causes congestion.

**16. CARNON DOWNS VILLGE HALL**

The Clerk advised that Carnon Downs Village Hall were carrying out a consultation on changing the legal status of the hall to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and she outlined the differences between this and the current charity status of the hall.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL TO CHANGE ITS STATUS TO A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12pm.