

**REPORT OF ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2023
AT 7PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, MARKET STREET, DEVORAN**

Councillors present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK
 J Allen A Allen K Hambly-Staite
 P Allen M Woolcock R Brickell
 R Bowers (sub for S Cooper)

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
 Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser (in part)

Chairman: Cllr Hambly-Staite

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hambly-Staite welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman reminded everyone present of the Council's commitment to the Civility & Respect Pledge.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION: CLLR R BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Hambly-Staite welcomed all the members of the public to the meeting.

The Clerk read out a question that had been received from a member of the public:

For over 20 years from just after Trevallion Park to the turning for Trolver Farm on Trolver Hill these hedges have not been cut back resulting in highway safety issues to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, please can the Parish Council investigate and enable these hedges to be cut back for the safety to the public promptly?

Cllr A Allen said that she had raised this issue with Highways and met with Cormac on site several months ago, there was a very large verge outside of Trolver Farm and Cormac advised they would trim this back by a foot. The landowner then cut this back before Cormac had chance to do this, this was on the right hand side as you go up the hill. Highways looked at the left hand side of the road and Cormac did not feel there was an issue with the verge/hedge growth here. Some areas of the left hand side has been cut.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that we should ask residents to provide a photograph of issues so that these can be sent to Cormac as it helped with assessing the issue.

Cllr Bowers said there is a dangerous kink in the road and if this became overgrown this caused issues. Cllr Bowers was happy to speak to another resident who had reported the issue to check it on site to see if any further cutting was required. The Clerk would then write to landowners as necessary once Cllr Bowers had identified exactly where the issues were as the landowners were different on both sides of the hill.

6. MYFEOCK WELLBEING REPORT FROM INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER

Cathy Whitmore's MyFeock report had been circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting.

Cathy would welcome any Councillors attending the Repair Café which was being held next Tuesday to meet some of the great volunteer repairers who come along and see how successful the Café was.

Cathy explained that she was drafting a Volunteer Drivers Handbook as a guide for new drivers and it was hoped that once the insurance position had been checked this would mean that new volunteers would no longer need to attend the Age UK training as these were not held that often and delayed getting new volunteer drivers on the rota.

Cathy said it was hoped that we would now move the MyFeock service to all age ranges now that HAIRE had finished as this was restricted to over 60s. Cllr J Allen said that she felt that we should look at a better playing surface for the Pengelly Meadows pitch area as this was getting very muddy as it was being well used. The Clerk would look into funding opportunities.

Cllr Woolcock said the only safe astroturf is the rubber crumb type but this was very bad environmentally.

It was noted that two new Youth Groups had started up in Devoran and Carnon Downs.

Cllr P Allen had a meeting today with the Countryside Access Forum and they were setting up a Health & Wellbeing group, Cllr P Allen would present to that group on MyFeock Wellbeing and its work on wellbeing through the potential Active Feock project.

7. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report had been circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting. Thanks were recorded to Cllrs P Allen and Cllr Woolcocks son who had planted the new trees on the bus lane and in Pengelly Meadows.

The Clerk had received a response from the Land Registry regarding the Bonemill foreshore and any attempts to register. It was agreed to look at this in more detail as part of the Land Working Group.

The Clerk advised the Tram Road hedges of our land would be cut on Thursday morning.

Point Quay handrail was now progressing as contractors to produce the handrail and staples had now been found.

The Clerk was still trying to set up working group dates. It was suggested that maybe the land group meet prior to the next Access & Amenities Meeting in November.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

It was noted that the verges at the green triangle where Bissoe Road met with the road to Bissoe needed cutting as this was impeding visibility at the junction opposite the Grenna Lane car park.

It was suggested that a petition should be started regarding the noise disruption from the Carnon Downs bypass.

A list was put together to be raised with Viv Bidgood from Highways at the meeting this week, it was agreed to raise the noise problem from the bypass at that meeting.

9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

The Clerk said that with regards to the Penpol Pond public right of way registration the 42 days notice period to display the notice to try to bring forward any landowners of the track had now expired and the next stage would be to complete the next forms required and then the application should be registered. The Clerk had been contacted by several residents enquiring about what was being done and reasons.

10. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATES

The notes from the last Carnon Valley Woodland Working Group had been circulated to the Committee as part of the agenda pack. A meeting had also been held with the Manger for the Bissoe Valley for the EA relating to our Active Feock project.

11. RISK ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

The Clerk had circulated the updated Risk Assessment forms. Cllr P Allen asked that everyone take into account the previous notes on risk assessments on the sites so these could be carried over to the new risk assessment. It was agreed for all to try to complete their site Risk Assessments before the December Parish Council meeting being held on the 11th December.

12. FEOCK ECO REPORT

Cllr Bowers gave the following report:

Feock Eco" (formerly the FACT group) has been very busy in this last year with a number of projects around the parish, here are just a few: Working with the students at Tregye college on litter picks, footpath clearing and nature alert posters; Water based litter picks up Devoran creek; Commencing the single use plastic free journey; Surveying our beautiful tramway for a nature recovery plan; Bat walk; Scythe training; Identified trees for TPO applications

The group has a WhatsApp group where news, concerns and ideas can be shared. There were occasional meet up socially occasionally at the Old Quay Inn to progress projects and get to know each other.

It was noted that with regards to plastic and recycling, the government has said there should be greater consistency of collection across the country. The Clerk would find out more details from Cllr Alvey about where Cornwall's recycling goes to be processed.

Cllr Bowers said there were issues with abandoned plastic boats. Restronguet Creek Society have looked at this issue. Cllr P Allen said he would report back on this at the land working group. It was noted that Cllr Fitt had done a lot of research around abandoned boats.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.