

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 6.30pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		K Gason	M Steel	C Blake
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Lightfoot	A Allen	H Freeman
			S Parker	

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
3 members of the public in attendance
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 Brickell, P Allen and Andrew.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2020

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Andrew.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 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 STEEL AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Devoran attended and was very alarmed at the appalling events in Devoran recently, in the last week there had been an arson attack and the vandalism of a car on the same day in close proximity. There have been other arson attacks including a vehicle and motorbike, and another vehicle had been vandalised. They asked if the Parish Council would consider installation of a CCTV camera at the top of Market Street looking all four ways at the crossroads, this would act as a deterrent at the very least. The Chairman said that the Access & Amenities Committee would be tasked with looking into this as there were lots of rules around the installation of CCTV in public places. Although this was a Police matter, residents felt that very little appeared to be being done.

Cllr Alvey would raise the issue with the Inspector at Truro Police to see if he could arrange a meeting with the Parish Council.

Alan McGaw, a resident attended the meeting to give information to the Parish Council about a pre planning application that he had submitted to Cornwall Council. Mr McGaw handed out copies of plans showing the pre-application plans for his property in Pill Creek. He emphasised that he did not wish to remove lots of trees, the new plans would only require one Cypress tree and a dead Pittosporum hedge to be removed. There had been a suggestion to remove the trees from the sloped

area but this was not his suggestion and he had no intention to do so. He intended to plant additional trees on the site, there were currently 214 trees and he had only removed 3 in the time he had lived there, all with the necessary planning permission. As recommended by Cornwall Council as part of the pre-app process, he had now contacted 31 people in the immediate area in Feock by various methods to consult with them and advise them of the details of his pre-app, only one had said they were not happy with the application but no one else he had contacted had expressed any concerns. He explained that he wished to build a smaller house for his retirement in the garden of his existing house and felt that by building this property and planting additional trees this would actually enhance the site. The Chairman thanked Mr McGaw for his presentation and said that when the full application was received the Planning Committee would consider it and provide their comment.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk gave the following update.

'S' bend vegetation had been reported to Cornwall Council as she was unsure who the responsible landowner was.

Dog fouling – have requested that Feock Parish be considered for next roll out of Cornwall Council's dog fouling 'We're watching you' signs.

Pedestrians in road sign for Feock – the Clerk to order this and agree exact location with Highways and appoint an approved contractor.

Parish wide Litter pick – Cllr Brickell will advise of the date for Carnon Downs. Dates needed for other villages. The Great British Spring Clean is being held between the 20th March and 13th April.

Hedgehogs – information has been put onto the website and Facebook regarding poisoning of hedgehogs and how to encourage them into your garden.

VE Day commemorations – the Clerk would circulate the link with ideas to Councillors for them to consider.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

There were no matters to report.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey had recently attended training regarding scrutiny of the fire authority. Cornwall Council had voted through the budget with a rise of 3.99% with a ring fenced element for Adult Social Care. The Police have also increased their element of the precept.

A response had been received from Kevin Bryant from Cornwall Council Highways regarding the boulders on verges that are seen throughout the parish. The Parish Council feel that these are a danger to pedestrians, especially where they are on roads with no pavements where pedestrians have to walk on verges to keep out of the road and out of the way of vehicles.

Cllr Alvey would contact the Truro Police Inspector and request he attend a public meeting regarding the recent crimes in Devoran.

The Tour of Britain community meeting would be held at 6pm tomorrow and all were welcome to attend. The Clerk would attend and feedback to the Council.

Devon & Cornwall Police Report

There were no online figures available yet for January 2020.

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Freeman said there was still a very large pool of water at Fourturnings, this had been reported to Cornwall Council. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the work to resolve the problem at Fourturnings had not worked and the solution to the problem not resolved.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked who was responsible for the water run off from highways. Cornwall Council had been contacted previously and had not confirmed who was responsible.

There were a number of trees that had been taken down in the wood at Harcourt but it was understood that this work did not require permission. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that trees had also been taken down near to the old Porthgidden Reservoir, these trees were not protected so permission was not required. Cllr Hambly-Staite said he would like to raise again the issue of the TPO areas in the Parish and request these were reviewed as he felt these were out of date.

Cllr Alvey explained the TPO system.

Cllr Blake said that there were problems with standing water in Feock Churchtown as well, the drains causing the issue had been surveyed but work to unblock the drains had yet to be completed. The built up concrete drain outside of Oystercatchers was again overflowing badly, the Clerk would report this.

Cllr A Allen said that the hedge at Harris Hill had been cut back but unfortunately all the cuttings had been left by the side of the road and now drivers had to go out around it.

Devoran Ward

Cllr A Allen said that having a bin at Penpol has made a big difference to the dog fouling problem which was excellent news.

Biffa had recently carried out some works to clean detritus from the pavements/gulleys around Devoran.

Carnon Downs Ward

Cllr Lightfoot had been contacted by a resident regarding the electronic bus sign by the Village Hall not working, this had been reported and was in the system for repair, it was an electrical fault.

Cllr Gason said that the sign coming into Carnon Downs as very dirty, would it be possible for Councillors/volunteers to clean this. The Clerk felt that as long as people did not put themselves at risk, did this during times when traffic was quiet and wore hi viz they could do 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 STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that Sharon Nettleton's latest report had been circulated today. With regards to HAIRE we need to appoint a First Line Controller (Auditor) to check our claims before these were submitted to the Lead Partner, Exeter University for claiming back from Interegg.

Cllr Hambly-Staite had together with the Clerk drafted a Lone Working Policy to cover all staff, Councillors and volunteers, this was based on the NALC model and recommended that the Council adopt this. It was noted that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would charge their hours to the HAIRE project as they would both spend some time working on this during their normal working day.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE LONE WORKING POLICY FOR ALL STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND COUNCILLORS, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk presented the quotations to carry out the First Line Controller work which was a requirement of the Interegg funding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR STEEL PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPOINT A C MOLE AS THE FIRST LINE CONTROLLER FOR THE HAIRE PROJECT, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The job description and adverts have been written for the Project Co-ordinator and Administration Assistant and these would be advertised shortly with a view to appointing as soon as possible.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE

The Clerk had circulated a draft Purpose Statement for the Climate Emergency group that had been drafted by one of the members of the Climate Emergency group. It was noted that this still needed some work but that Councillors were being asked to agree the principles in it and its aims.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE PURPOSE STATEMENT, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Finance & General Purposes Committee had now reviewed the list of proposed projects that had come from the Business Plan meeting.

The Clerk advised that the consultation for the works to Old Carnon Hill and Bissoe Road had now been completed and there had been excellent support shown for both schemes. The cost of the works to Bissoe Road to provide the pavement would be covered by S106 funding but the £69K estimated for the safety improvements to Old Carnon Hill would need to be funded totally by the Parish Council and the Council needed to consider this evening if they wished to allocate this money from the budget.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said the Access & Amenities Committee were minded to approve the works to Old Carnon Hill and for the Parish Council to fund this from reserves.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVE THE PLANS FOR THE HIGHWAYS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO BISSOE ROAD AND OLD CARNON HILL AND ALLOCATE £69K FROM RESERVES TO PAY FOR OLD CARNON HILL, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he would ask Access & Amenities to look at the allocation proposed for Retallack Playing Field as he felt this was too low and should be increased.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clerk displayed a Planning Report that the Assistant Clerk had prepared showing number, type, approvals, 5 day protocols etc. of planning applications since April 2019. Cllr Freeman, the Chair of Planning ran through the report and expanded on it.

The next planning meeting is on Wednesday 11th March at 3.30pm and TPO area review would be included on the agenda.

15. YOUR CHOICE FUNDING

Cllr Parker said that the Finance & General Purposes Committee discussed the current voting system in depth and it was agreed to continue with the system used last year as they felt that point 18 in the criteria gave the Parish Council leeway in awarding the funding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR PARKER PROPOSED THAT THE CURRENT METHOD OF VOTING FOR YOUR CHOICE FUNDING BE CONTINUED, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that for next years Your Choice funding some local groups could be considered for funding for training of volunteers as this was a requirement for some and they may not have sufficient funds available for this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.