

## MEETING NO.

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 6.30pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present:   **WARDS**       **CARNON DOWNS**       **DEVORAN**       **FEOCK**  
                          R Brickell                   M Steel                   H Freeman  
                          C Kemp                     A Allen                   K Hambly-Staite  
                          P Allen                     C Blake  
                          P Lightfoot

In attendance:       Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey  
                          Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer  
                          2 members of the public in attendance

CHAIRMAN:           Councillor Lightfoot

#### 1.       **INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2.       **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Andrew, Gason, Thomas, Morgan-Lundie, Andrew and Parker.

#### 3.       **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR FREEMAN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 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**

Item 14 – Cllrs A Allen and P Allen declared an interest due to a family relationship with the café owners.

#### 5.       **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident attended the meeting to express his concerns about highways and footpaths. There is a footpath near to Chycoose Parc that is being used by horses and bikes, he felt this was a hazard trying to pass close to the back of a horse. This is a public footpath. It was agreed for this to be discussed further by the Access & Amenities Committee. Cllr P Allen said this was an access to the properties along the lane, the track has grown in but he said he understood there was a private right of way to people who live along there as there was a livery yard down that lane. It may be that it would need cutting out to ensure it was passable by all users.

The resident uses the Tram Road regularly for running and cycling, he has seen an increase in the amount of traffic using it as a through way between Penpol and Devoran, especially at school run times. He would like to see people persuaded that this should be used for residents only. At the top of Arch Hill where you go into Old Coach Road on the way to Calenick, there is a 'no vehicles except for access' sign and he felt this would help reduce the number of vehicles and help enjoyment for other users. This would be discussed further at the Access & Amenities Committee. Martin felt the signage was not clear on the Old Tram Road. He didn't feel the Share with Care signs were working as he didn't think the drivers took any notice and felt that car drivers felt they had priority over cyclists.

He appreciated the additional Share With Care signs that had been put up near to Penpol but he didn't feel these had worked.

Cllr Kemp felt the school should be involved in encouraging people to walk and cycle to school to cut down on the number of cars on the school run and parking issues.

A resident said there is a point on the Old Tram Road where there is a house on the road and it is very dangerous for cyclists, could a sign be put up to warn of the narrowness of the road. Daniel and his friends would like a skate park provided in Devoran if possible, the nearest skateboarding area was in Playing Place and this was a long way for them to walk. Cllr P Allen said that the Carnon Valley may be suitable if we were able to lease some land there, but unfortunately negotiating this could take some time. The issue would be getting a piece of land suitable for a skateboarding area. The resident felt that they would need about £10K for the ramps and they would hope to be able to raise this amount in a couple of years. It was agreed that if anyone has any contacts who have land that may be willing to allow this use to let a Councillor on the Access & Amenities Committee know.

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

The Clerk reported as follows:

Weed control pilot – work was ongoing work at Chycoose Parc and some areas of Carnon Downs would be worked on on Wednesday. This has been well received by residents so far.

The Expression of Interest for funding for a feasibility study request for improved cycleways had been submitted to the Community Network Panel.

A traffic volume survey has been carried out at Penelewey and details forwarded to Feock Councillors.

The agreed letter had been sent to the Head of Highways re Carnon Downs traffic flow and his response would be circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk would respond to the Head of Highways to acknowledge his response.

Cllr P Allen commented that Forth Coth at peak times was now as busy as before the bypass was built.

The Clerk was investigating other options for the new phone system before going ahead.  
A Business Plan meeting arranged for Thursday 7th November at 6pm

Our comments had been submitted to NALC with regards to their audit consultation.

## **7. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr P Allen attended the Devoran School Gardening Club to help with planting the garden near to the school and was very impressed with the enthusiasm of the children.

Cllr Brickell attended the Truro & Roseland Community Network Panel Meeting and gave an overview of the discussions.

Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended a Cornwall Council 50 50 event to look at shaping Cornwall over the next 50 years.

## **8. CURRENT REPORTS**

### **Cornwall Council**

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

He had lots of contact from residents with regards to the parking on the verge at Penelewey outside of the tea rooms. The issue being raised was the visibility to the left when trying to get out of Mount

George Road, half of the layby had double yellow lines so it was illegal to park on the verge in that area.

AONB Planning Meetings – there is movement within the Planning Service and the AONB unit around how well the AONB is being respected in planning decisions as there were concerns from the AONB and Parish Councils that the AONB was not being given the weight it should. He has a meeting tomorrow with the Head of Planning and then on Wednesday there is a meeting with the AONB Planning Unit (the Clerk and Cllr Blake would be attending) and it was hoped there would be better recognition of the AONB in planning decisions.

The Community Flood Forum held flood warden training which was attended by two of the Parish's Community Emergency Plan Co-ordinators.

Trading Standards had now set up a No Cold Calling Zone pilot in Carnon Downs and a meeting was being held at 7pm on 29<sup>th</sup> October, this was only for residents who receive a letter inviting them as the pilot was not all of Carnon Downs.

### **Devon and Cornwall Police**

The Clerk reported as follows, a total of x 7 crimes had been reported in August.

#### **Point**

1 x criminal damage/arson near to Chycoose Parc

#### **Feock**

1 x anti social behaviour in Elm Grove  
1 x anti social behaviour near to Church car park  
2 x violence/sexual offences near to Green Close

#### **Carnon Downs**

1 x anti social behaviour on Forth Coth  
1 x other theft on Carnon Crescent

Cllr P Allen said that he felt there was a high number of fraudulent phone calls received by residents and also scam emails and he felt we should be making the Police aware of this and ask what could be done or any advice that we could pass onto residents. Cllr Brickell said that Trading Standards also work in conjunction with the Police on this issue.

## **9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock Ward**

Cllr Blake said a lot of comments have been made about increased parking through the village, usually work vans due to the amount of building work currently ongoing. Several people had contacted him about Planning issues and enforcement, specifically at Harcourt and Penpol.

### **Devoran Ward**

Cllr Kemp said that the tree had now been planted in Devoran Park as part of the centenary of the park and a ceremony carried out to mark the occasion.

### **Carnon Downs Ward**

It was noted that the drainage was working well at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill but it was felt that blockages may occur when we have heavy rain over the winter, the situation would be monitored.

The Chairman said that the Community Association had held a well supported Autumn Show and Barn Dance to raise funds for the Christmas Lights display.

## **10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting. These totalled £8,193.48. This included £265 for play equipment inspections and £126 for servicing of the fire extinguishers.

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 ALLEN PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR STEELE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Finance & General Purposes Committee were meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the precept and budget for 2020/21 and their recommendations would be brought to the November Parish Council meeting for discussion. The Business Plan meeting had also been arranged.

## **11. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there was a review meeting being held tomorrow but the project continues to make a real difference to people's day to day lives.

The HAIRE bid is waiting for a decision and we are expecting this in mid November.

Cllr Kemp said the report was really interesting and it was good to see the difference the project was making. She felt it should be recognised the work that the parents had done to set up the Devoran Toddler group who had fundraised and established a group to replace the Stay & Play which had ceased at Devoran School.

## **12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE**

**Council to consider allocating budget for one cup water boiling dispenser to replace kettle.**

Cllr Allen recommended that the Council purchase a hot water one cup boiler for the office to save energy rather than boiling the kettle and this would reduce the carbon usage. The cost would be £59.99. This was a recommendation from the Access & Amenities Committee.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE CLERK PURCHASE A ONE CUP WATER BOILER AS DISCUSSED, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Council to agree new green energy contract suppliers**

The Clerk would raise this at the Finance & General Purposes Committee for them to make a recommendation to full Council.

It was noted that the Parish Council strongly objected to trees being removed just to improve views and that Tree Officer shouldn't be agreeing to trees being removed when there is nothing wrong with them.

## **13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Pengelly Meadows recreation area update**

Cllr P Allen said disappointingly we will not be having the groundworks carried out at Pengelly Meadows due to winter weather and ground conditions, this was not a suitable time to be carrying out levelling work and could cause more damage to the surface which would then require additional work in the Spring. The Clerk would contact the company who carried out the work at Gwennap to ask them to quote. The trees and benches would be installed at the Pengelly Meadows area, together with hedge trimming and signage so that residents knew they could use the area even though it was

not fully completed. A project plan showing future works would also be displayed at the recreation area.

**Council to consider allocating budget for bench seat for Forth Coth, Carnon Downs**

Cllr P Allen said that recently we have installed 2 wooden bench seats in the parish these cost around £150 each. The Access & Amenities Committee had discussed a bench be placed by the phonebox and were asking Full Council for budget authorisation.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT £475.50+VAT BE ALLOCATED AND THE CLERK PURCHASE A RECYCLED PLASTIC BENCH FOR FORTH COTH, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Council to consider installation of bike racks at the Parish Council Offices, Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area and Retallack Park.**

Cllr A Allen suggested a bike rack be installed at the Parish Council Office, individual ones with space between each bike and also at Pengelly Meadows and Retallack Playing Field. The Clerk would circulate details of bike racks and costs so this could be discussed at a further meeting.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT £300 BE ALLOCATED FOR BIKE RACKS AND INSTALLATION AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Cllrs A and P Allen declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or voting.

**Consider installing bollards on grass verge at Penelewey to prevent parking and preserve the verge**

Cllr Freeman said the tea room was very popular and was a very good community resource, she felt it would be a shame to do anything to put people off going there, however the parking on site is very awkward, she did not have an issue with cars parking on the verge but did understand that the way some people parked outside on the double yellow lined verge area did impede vision from Mount George Road and was sympathetic to residents who had to try to pull out from that road as it made it awkward.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there seemed to be a misunderstanding with regards to the parking spaces required to be constructed as part of the planning application as the spaces had not yet been constructed although they were included in the plans.

Cllr Blake felt the café was a very important community facility, however it was important to stop people reversing out on to the road as it was very difficult to turn in the tea room parking area to enable them to drive out onto the road. He had witnessed several near misses and because cars were parked on the verge it made this even more difficult and dangerous.

It was suggested that a meeting be held with the tea room owners and the Clerk would arrange this.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR FREEMAN PROPOSED A MEETING BE HELD WITH THE OWNERS OF THE TEA ROOM TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANNING PERMISSION AND ROAD SAFETY AT PENELEWEY, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Nuisance parking on pavements**

It was noted that there were issues with vehicles parking on the pavement in Market Street to the extent that you have to go out onto the road to get around the cars and complaints had been received about this.

## **15. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr Freeman said that the next Planning Committee was on Wednesday. Penpol Boatyard and the two houses at Old Carnon Hill have been granted permission since the last meeting. It was disappointing the number of applications to take down or prune healthy trees that were being supported by the Tree Officer. It was felt it would be useful to invite the Tree Officer to a Planning Committee meeting.

### **Planning application for procedure for tree works in a Conservation Area**

The Clerk advised that when an application for works to trees in a conservation area (Devoran) is received this is purely to give Cornwall Council time to consider if a TPO should be made, the only views they want from the Parish Council are if they feel the tree warrants a separate TPO. These applications in future would not be on the Planning Committee agenda for discussion. The Assistant Clerk would circulate these applications to the Devoran Councillors for their views.

A meeting had been held with potential new developers for the already approved planning permission for 14 houses and commercial units just off Quenchwell Road. It was likely a new application would be submitted in November which would be a redesign the existing permission for 14 homes and commercial units.

## **16. NALC POLICY CONSULTATION – 5G MASTS IN RURAL AREAS**

### **Council to consider their response to the consultation**

The Clerk had circulated the consultation information.

Cllr Alvey said there is currently a permitted development right for telecommunications companies to install mobile phone masts. The new 5G masts would be much larger than current masts. The Government are consulting on whether or not the permitted development rights should apply to these larger 5G masts.

Cllr P Allen said he felt it was a great shame that mobile phone masts could not be designed to be more attractive and enhance landscapes.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt that National Parks should be treated the same as the AONBs.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE THAT “PREVIOUS TECHNOLOGIES OF POST AND TELEPHONE HAVE CREATED ICONIC STRUCTURES, WE FEEL THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE SAME ICONIC DESIGN. WHEN IN AN AONB, CONSERVATION AREA OR OTHER DESIGNATED LANDSCAPE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS SHOULD NOT APPLY”, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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