

MEETING NO. 1120

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on
Thursday 22nd October 2015 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Richards	B Shankland	C Johnson
	P Allen	V Gordon	C Blake
	I MacDonald		R Andrew

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor C Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR SHANKLAND AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew made the following declaration of interest statement.

"I (Cllr Andrew) declare an interest in planning matters related either directly or in proximity to my land and property in Feock. For the public record, I am an employee of Cornwall Council working on the Localism Agenda. I have been advised by the Monitoring Officer that as a Parish Councillor I have no personal interest in the Neighbourhood Planning Agenda and related issues. However, if during the course of discussions issues are discussed of which I have a personal involvement it may be appropriate to leave the meeting and take no further part in the debate and for it to be recorded in the minutes"

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. HIGHWAYS PROJECTS

Cormac have supplied a price to install 'Not suitable for HGV's' warning sign, the cost was £543.58 ex VAT, and possible location was near to the layby just before Ferris Garage.

It was noted that this was not an enforceable sign, it was only an advisory sign. There is already another sign of the same design on the corner by Porthgwidden Lodge. It was felt that if the residents were willing to pay for it then the Parish Council would arrange for it to be installed at the residents cost. The Friends of Restronguet Point residents association would come back to us once they had consulted with their members and feedback to us with their feelings on the installation of an additional sign. It was noted that the lumps of granite/stones that had been placed at Porthgwidden beside the road would be classed as illegal obstructions on the highway

and that if a vehicle hit these then whoever placed the stones there would be liable for costs for damage to the vehicle under the vehicle insurance.

7. REVISED HIGHWAYS SCHEME IN DEVORAN

Cllr Johnson explained that we asked Cormac to price for just a 20 mph zone in Devoran, with no virtual footway on Greenbank Road, but with the necessary traffic calming on Greenbank Road for a 20mph zone. All agreed that we are talking about safety and to have a 20mph zone you have to have some traffic calming, which would more than likely be speed cushions or build outs to physically slow the traffic down. The ownership of the creekside piece of land on Greenbank Road is being established. There is also a planning application in for one of the industrial businesses on Greenbank Road who wish to alter their entranceway which may help the issue.

It was agreed that the cost of £30K for a 20mph zone was too much. It was agreed that the first step was to establish/speak to the landowner and investigate possibly of installing a green pavement, and also speak to the business on Greenbank Road regarding their plans for their entranceway. The Clerk would advise Cormac that the price of £30K was unacceptable and could they provide an alternative 20mph option at a lower price with minimum traffic calming if this would reduce the price.

8. DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND UPDATE

Cllr Johnson advised that a successful opening had been held which was very well attended.

There had been some accidents on the balance beam where children had slipped off it and fallen between the chains, the play equipment company have now installed a bridge underneath this to make it safer and this alteration has been appreciated by those who had contacted the Parish Council with their concerns.

There have been some comments about the lack of a baby swing, the Clerk has met with the play company to look at if it was possible to site a baby swing within the existing play equipment area, this was however dependant on a suitable site and funding being available. The company would provide details of a suitable site (taking into account the safety area around swings) and a cost. The Clerk pointed out that British Standards precluded a baby swing and a flat swing being sited on the same swing frame. The large round birds nest swing was also suitable for younger children to sit in, or for parents/carers to sit with a smaller baby together.

The Clerk outlined the works that would be carried out through the Cory funding (2 new pathways being laid using recycled materials, 5 new benches, again from recycled materials, 1 new picnic bench and stepping logs up the side of the slide with new turf being laid to shore up the bank). The Clerk would find out a start date for this work.

9. MICRO LIBRARY

The Clerk circulated an idea for the design/re-decorating of the entranceway area that would house the micro library. Cllrs Johnson, MacDonald and Gordon would like to be involved in the Micro Library project, the Clerk would keep them updated with progress.

10. VOLUNTEER CAR SERVICE

The Clerk said that there was currently a severe shortage of drivers and she would advertise for more volunteers using posters, Facebook, website and MadeOpen (a new community social media site). Volunteers only needed to advise their insurance company that they were volunteer driving and this should not have any effect on their premium, they also needed to undergo a DBS check and attend a training course with Age UK on volunteering.

11. DEFIBRILLATORS

There was a discussion regarding siting a defibrillator in the Carnon Downs phonebox, the Clerk would try to find out how much the phonebox was used, as the installation of a defibrillator would mean the phone would need to be removed. Carnon Downs Film Club had also offered a £100 donation towards the defibrillator.

Cllr Shefford and the Clerk had met with Ferris Garage and they are in agreement for us to install a heated cabinet on the outside wall of the garage, they would also fund the electricity costs for this.

There was discussion about siting the defibrillator in the entranceway of the Church Hall in Feock, this could be considered as a second location for one in Feock once the Ferris Garage one and Carnon Downs ones had been installed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THE DEFIBRILLATOR BE INSTALLED AT FERRIS GARAGE AND AGREE TO APPLY TO THE LIONS CLUB FOR A £260 HEATED CABINET, CLLR JOHNSON SECONDED THIS AND THIS WAS CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENSION BY CLLR BLAKE.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK FIND OUT HOW MUCH THE CARNON DOWNS PHONEBOX IS USED AND HOW WE COULD ADOPT THE PHONEBOX TO INSTALL A DEFIBRILLATOR, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

Cllr Blake would speak to the Church in Feock regarding the siting of a second defibrillator in the entranceway to the Church Hall.

12. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Cllr Allen and the Clerk had met with Cormac previously to discuss our Lengthsman project and unfortunately there was not very much work that we could take on from Cornwall Council due either to equipment required or health and safety regulations. We have asked the public to try to find problem areas that need attention with little response. The Clerk and Cllr Allen have put together a list of work that possibly could be included in the Lengthsman Scheme. We could have this work done then show the public that we are improving areas and use that as a link for people to provide us with additional work or areas that need attention. This work could be put out as a separate contract.

A schedule of works could be drawn up before the next meeting for discussion at the Parish Council meeting in November and this could then be included in the projects budget for next year.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED A SCHEDULE OF WORK TO BE DRAWN UP FOR A LENGTHSMAN AND TENDERS WILL BE INVITED FOR THE WORK AND TAKEN TO THE NOVEMBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING

Cllr Allen advised that he has removed two boats from Carnon Yard, one has been burnt and the second one will be taken to the dump with the other wrecked boat.

13. FOOTPATHS & RISK ASSESSMENTS

A schedule of issues/problems with footpaths has been produced and this is also available on the website for residents to view. All footpaths have now been given names, Cllr Allen asked if anyone has any other suggestions for names please let him know.

Cllr Allen ran through the main issues on footpaths. The Clerk to find out costs and how to register an undisputed footpath, this was in relation to the blocked footpath at Tank Hill in Devoran.

New waymarkers also needed to be put up in the Gorse Field (off Point Road) to show the new footpath route that has been cut out through the gorse. The Clerk and Cllr Allen to meet with the land owners regarding the new route of the footpath.

The Penpol Beach footpath was still not signposted. There are 9 broken footpath posts which Cormac have been advised of and they have added to their schedule of non-urgent works. It may be that the Parish Council could cut the bottoms off these and reset them. Cllr Allen envisaged this type of work being done through the Lengthsman scheme, we needed to get a price from our contractor to re-site a sign.

14. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LAND

There was a discussion regarding the Environment Agency's current position with regards to the land at the Carnon Valley, we need to discuss our plans with the neighbouring parishes but needed more information from the Environment Agency before we could do this. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Access & Amenities Committee meeting as the main item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm