REPORT OF ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, MARKET STREET, DEVORAN

Councillors present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK

J Allen A Allen K Hambly-Staite

R Bowers

R Brickell

In attendance: Cllr Griffiths (observer)

Cathy Whitmore, MyFeock Wellbeing Report from Information & Wellbeing

Adviser

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Brian Ashdown (resident)

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 which applies to Councillors, staff and members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs P Allen and Woolcock.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER 2023

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEEING HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER 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 BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICPATION

The member of the public present did not wish to ask any questions.

6. MYFEOCK WELLBEING REPORT FROM INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER

Cathy Whitmore asked if anyone had any comments on her report that had been circulated with the agenda. Cathy also had a copy of her notes from the Accidental Counselling training that she had attended a taster session. Cathy had also produced an index for the reference library in the office which would be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

The Chairman asked regarding the IT coding enquiry if there was any progress, Cathy advised she had suggested a taster session be run at the Village Hall and we could help with promotion if needed.

Cathy hadn't heard back from the resident who was enquiring about befriending after referring them to Age UK, home visits was not something we offered as this required training and an enhanced DBS check but Age UK did offer this.

7. CLERKS REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk said that Cllr Bowers had identified on Trolver Hill the stretches of hedges that needed cutting. The Clerk would go to Land Registry to establish who owned them and then send them the Cormac notice.

There were concerns that the surface of the bypass was breaking up.

Cllr J Allen said that according to our local MP Cherilyn Mackrory Cornwall has been given £111,000,000 from central government for road improvements and maybe we should ask Highways to push the bypass resurfacing up the priority list.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATES INCLUDING ANY URGENT ISSUES THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

The Chairman said that Cornwall Council was concentrating on filling pot holes, he asked Councillors to report any pot holes they come across directly to Cormac or report to the Clerk, the Clerk would circulate the link for reporting pot holes.

There is a meeting for Councillors with Highways tomorrow to look at Cornwall Council's Highways proposal for improvements to Quenchwell Road for pedestrians.

Cllr A Allen said that there were now 3 new 30mph signs on Harris Hill after our request for additional signage.

Cllr A Allen said that at the bottom of Harris Hill where it meets Trolver Hill, there is a blocked drain.

Cllr Bowers had reported this to Cormac who had replied that this would be attended to.

Cllr A Allen said that along the Tram Road there was a missing W off the word SLOW due to vegetation. The Clerk would ask Biffa to sweep the road.

Cllr Bowers said a resident had shown him an issue with saplings growing on the verge opposite the Chapel where residents used to hop up onto the verge to get out the way of cars where the road was narrow. Cllr A Allen said that she had met with Cormac who said they could not clear this. The Committee asked the Clerk to arrange for our contractor to trim this verge.

The Clerk would speak to our contractor about this but to ensure that it was not cut too harshly.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THIS WORK BE ARRANGED, SECONDED BY CLLR J ALLEN AND CARRIED, WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

There was a leak on the A39 bypass and the Clerk was asked to raise this again with Highways before the frost as this could cause an accident if the road became icy.

Cllr Brickell said that this morning there was a very large HGV parked on Quenchwell Road and there were several cars queued up behind it. He asked that Cornwall Council take this into account when looking at the proposals for pedestrian safety on the road as a pinch point could cause an issue with this waiting of lorries.

9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES INCLUDING URGENT ISSUES THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

The Chairman advised that the footpath application to create a new footpath at Penpol Pond had been registered. The Chairman said that we now need to set up a meeting to look at the encroachment on the Common Land, there was a questionnaire that Cornwall Council would send out as part of this process.

The Clerk said she had attended Open Spaces Society training regarding Village Greens and Common Land and would recommend to the Parish Council that they become members of the Open Spaces Society.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL THAT THEY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE OPEN SPACES SOCIETY, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

Carnon Valley Woodland Update

The Chairman had visited the Woodland recently and it was establishing well, it was hoped the creation of new pathways in the Valley could be done in conjunction with Perranwell, Kea and Chacewater Parishes as part of Active Feock.

Carnon Mine verge works

It was agreed that the work that had been carried out to clear the verge at Carnon Mine would be looked at as part of the Parish Land Working Goup. This would also cover the history of the maintenance of the area.

Restronguet Point access improvements

The Clerk was arranging a site meeting with a contractor to look at putting in a level access so that costs could be established.

11. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked all Councillors to complete their risk assessments by the December Parish Council meeting.

12. ACTIVE FEOCK PROJECT UPDATE

The Chairman advised that we have now been awarded £19,700 of funding for the feasibility study from the Community Capacity Fund from the Good Growth project at Cornwall Council. The Chairman said that he hoped that Councillors would take part in focus groups, as well as residents, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Feock Eco, the local school and doctors surgeries who would all be invited to take part. It was hoped that this feasibility study would allow us then to apply for further funding and use the CIL money as match funding which had already been agreed to be used to improve cycle and pedestrian access.

It was hoped there would be a weeks work on the feasibility study in December and then January, February and March to run the Focus Groups and complete the feasibility study.

Cllr J Allen asked that some thought be given to the surface of the football pitch in Pengelly Meadows as this needed some work. Cllr Brickell said that he was surveying the surface to see why it wasn't draining very well and would come up with a proposal for how this could be improved.

13. FEOCK ECO REPORT

Cllr Bowers said that Tregye College were looking for volunteers to help them set up a kitchen garden at the College. There were DBS requirements which were being looked into to enable this to happen.

There was a Westcountry Citizen Science investigation scheme to monitor the quality of the water, looking at run off and contamination of water. Feock Eco had asked if the Parish Council would pay for testing kits for them to use. Cllr Bowers would find out more details about the kits and costs.

The Clerk said the Parish Council currently didn't have a funding scheme for local groups but the Council had agreed they would review the previous Your Choice funding and this may be an avenue for the Feock Eco group to apply for this funding. The Clerk suggested that that the group also look at the Community Chest Funding from Cllr Alvey which was currently available.

The Clerk would put the status of the Feock Eco group on the Parish Council Meeting agenda on the 11th December, although this had previously been agreed to be discussed in the January meeting. The Chairman asked the Clerk to circulate the resolution that was passed when the climate emergency was declared with the agenda to inform this discussion.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.