

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 3rd February 2020 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	R Andrew
		K Gason	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Allen	A Allen	

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Sharon Nettleton, Community Navigator
3 member of the public in attendance
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Thomas

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Thomas was Chairing the meeting in Cllr Lightfoot's absence.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr P Lightfoot, Kemp, Parker, Blake and Freeman. Cllr Gason had given apologies as she was going to be late to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3RD JANUARY 2020

Cllr A Allen commented that she had in error been listed twice in the attendance list on the last meeting minutes.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD JANUARY 2020 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, WITH THE AMENDMENT TO THE ATTENDANCE LIST, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew gave the following statement:- "For the public record, I Cllr Andrew am an employee of Cornwall Council and am employed as Head of Environment Assets, if during the course of discussions issues arise in 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. This may cover topics such as Public Rights of Way, Public Open Spaces, waste, litter or maritime, AONB and Forrest for Cornwall. I am currently seconded part-time to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government."

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three residents attended the meeting from Trelawne Close in Carnon Downs as they had concerns about the condition of the road surface, this was deteriorating very badly and very little had been done by Cornwall Council to repair it except for some patching. Photographs had been taken and these had been sent to Cornwall Council by the Clerk to get their view. The residents asked that the Parish Councillors have a look at the state of the road and if they agree that something needs to be done could they please request that Cornwall Council to resurface the road and support the residents to get this done. The Chairman said that Councillors would take a look at the issue and do what they could to help.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk gave the following update.

Meet & Eat – a meeting was being held with Devoran Village Hall and Sharon Nettleton to look at a new format for the Meet & Eat.

The two new bike racks have now been installed in yard outside of office.

Feock drains – the issue of the drains being full of gravel had been raised at Highways meeting and they would be inspected to determine if any works were necessary.

Trolver Hill – the fallen tree had now been removed.

Harris Hill – the hedges will be cut by Cormac the next time a tractor and flail are in the area.

Temporary traffic lights – the Streetworks team have been contacted and had advised that the signage and operation of the lights were down to the contractor as there had been issues with signing traffic lights and roadworks in Penelewey and Old Carnon Hill. The Clerk was asked to go back to Streetworks as it was felt they had some responsibility for ensuring contractors had the correct signage displayed and there had also been issues with timing of roadworks in Penelewey where there had been traffic lights erected on a Friday and then these were in action for three days before any work was carried out and had caused disruption.

The 'pond' caused by flooding near to Fourturnings has been reported to Cornwall Council. It was noted that a 'flood' sign had now been put out to warn drivers.

Speed of vehicles on A39 at Devoran roundabout – this had been raised at Highways meeting and it would be checked if any vegetation could be cut back to improve visibility. Speed readings had been taken in the last couple of years which did not show excessive speeding on the approach to the roundabout.

Parking on Old A39 and obstruction of the bus stops – this had been raised at Highways meeting and it was advised that a TRO would be needed to restrict parking here, the Community Network Panel budget may be able to help with funding for this. The bus company had also complained about parking on this stretch. It was noted that a lot of people go through the 'buses only' section and it was suggested this restriction be removed, however it was noted that this was in place to stop the buses getting caught in congestion at the roundabout. The Clerk was asked to clarify the rules around parking on bus stops.

Parking in Devoran Village Hall car park – the Village Hall has now been in touch with Devoran School and the suggestion to use the car park for a meeting point for a walking bus would not be progressed. It was likely that Parking Enforcement would be visiting Devoran School soon regarding complaints about parking on the zig zags near to school, as they do with many schools who experience similar problems. The children's posters had now been made into signs and put up around the Parish.

Carnon Downs Highways changes – the consultation closed on 17th January and we are awaiting the summary of this from Cormac, this would be circulated to all when received. There had been 45 responses of which 39 were supportive of the proposed schemes. Highways would be looking at the large boulders that have been placed on a verge on Tregye Road as these could pose a danger to pedestrians as there was no pavement on that stretch.

The tree down on the bridleway at Quenchwell Road has been reported to the Countryside Access team.

Our contractor had been asked to source rooted Christmas trees for the parks.

Weed control – the contractor had been instructed and work will be starting on the worst areas of the Parish in March.

Additional Cycle racks – the suggestion of bike racks being installed at bus shelters, initially in Carnon Downs bus and Fourturnings, Highways didn't have an issue with these being placed by the bus stops but we would need to advise of the exact placement and likely that we would need to apply for a licence to place these as we did for the planters on Forth Coth.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite attended the Community Network Panel along with Cllrs Brickell and Allen. The suggestion regarding Tree Wardens, Forestry team and Enforcement would be included in a wider discussion about the Forest for Cornwall. Other Councillors at the meeting commented that they also had issues with hedgerows being removed or cut severely. A meeting had been arranged with Mark O'Brien and Viv Bidgood regarding our request for funding for a feasibility study for improved cycle routes to enable them to understand what we were trying to achieve.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

Every three months a Highways Inspector inspects the highways via vehicle and also on foot. Cllr Alvey attended the inspections in Devoran during the last week to find out more about the issues the Inspector was looking for, it was noted that health and safety issues were given priority over cosmetic works. The Highways Inspector had raised an issue regarding flower planters that the school had placed on the flat piece of the roundabout outside of the school to restrict the parking as there had been near misses with children getting out of cars and having to cross the road where cars were turning. It was suggested that a TRO could be used to install yellow lines but it was felt that these would have little effect as the zig zags were routinely ignored.

Complaints had been received from residents regarding a planning issue on St John's Terrace in Devoran regarding a development that was being built that had planning permission, however it was felt that the Conservation Officer should have been consulted as it was felt it was out of keeping.

There was no news on the Dugdale's Quay court case.

Cllr Allen asked for some more information regarding the new rules on dogs on beaches that Cornwall Council had brought in. Cllr Alvey explained how the decision regarding the dog ban had been arrived at.

Cllr Gason joined the meeting at 7.20pm.

Cllr Brickell asked that more Portfolio Holders attend the Community Network Panel meetings so that questions can be answered rather than Cornwall Council Officers attending.

Devon & Cornwall Police Report – December 2019

The Clerk reported as follows.

Carnon Downs x 6

- 3 x violent and sexual offences on or near to Cowling Road
- 1 x violent and sexual offences on or near to Quenchwell Road
- 1 x other theft on or near Knights Meadow
- 1 x vehicle crime on or near Forth Coth

There had been no crimes reported in Feock and Devoran.

Cllr Allen felt we needed to get information to put out to residents about what they should do if they are targeted by fraudsters or scams. The Clerk had spoken to Truro Police regarding why fraud did not appear in the crime figures for the area and it had been explained that until a fraud actually became a crime, ie. money was actually taken it remained a 'non countable' crime and would be recorded by Action Fraud on a national record.

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented as follows.

The hedge by the bus stop at the top of the village has been cut back. From April a minor amendment has been made to the Truro to Feock bus service to enable residents to get from Feock village to Treslissick. There have been complaints about works to a Cornish hedge on Harcourt lane and it was felt that this may be covered by the Hedgerow regulations. The Clerk would investigate further and circulate details.

Devoran Ward

Cllr Thomas said that there had been issues with dog fouling near to the playing field and this would be discussed at the next Access & Amenities Committee.

Cllr Allen said that there was foliage growing out of the wall on the 'S' bend and this was now causing an issue. The Clerk to investigate to find out the landowner who would be responsible for cutting this.

Carnon Downs Ward

There was nothing to report.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting. This month's list included the cost of delivery of the Connect newsletter and the servicing of the office boilers.

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 ANDREW 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 thanked Sharon Nettleton for attending the meeting to give an overview of the last 6 months of the project. Sharon presented the latest report on Community Connect to the Council. We would be continuing the work of Community Connect and extending this as part of the HAIRE project, Cllr Hambly-Staite and the Clerk would be attending the launch meetings for the project in Lille. Assurance has been given that the Withdrawal Act includes a clause protecting funding for projects such as HAIRE in the event of leaving the EU with no deal.

Everyone felt that the work achieved by Community Connect was excellent and were pleased that this would continue with the HAIRE funding.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt there was an opportunity for the Parish Council to support the local groups to help them to continue to support the local community by assisting with funding for necessary training to help sustain the groups.

The Chairman thanked Sharon for attending and for the very informative presentation and update.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr P Allen gave a brief report from the latest Climate Emergency group meeting.

It was agreed that a stock of the Stithians Energy Group booklets would be kept in the Parish Council office and other points in the parish and it be advertised where these could be picked up from, rather than being delivered to all residents. The Feock Parish magazine had also advertised this in their latest edition.

At the last Climate Emergency group meeting it had been suggested that the Parish Council should consider declaring an 'environmental' emergency as well as a 'climate' emergency. It was agreed to bring back to a future Parish Council meeting this issue for further discussion when more information had been provided about the implications of this.

The next Climate group meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th February and it would be appreciated if more Parish Councillors could attend. The next climate update for the Connect newsletter would focus on recycling, local buying, repurposing etc. There was a suggestion that where people car shared that Cornwall Council offer free car parking in their car parks as an incentive.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Crossing point on Feock Road

Cllr Thomas said that an issue had been raised by a resident where families cross the road when they come out from the footpath near to Ferris Garage in Feock to get to Retallack Park. It had been raised that this was dangerous and drivers were not expecting their to be pedestrians in the road. The Committee recommended that the Parish Council install a 'pedestrians in road' sign near to the crossing point as an initial step to help safety on this road, and also consider applying for funding to the Community Network Panel for 'dragons teeth' and speed roundals on the road at the same point.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL ALLOCATE BUDGET FOR A PEDESTRIANS IN ROAD SIGN AT THIS POINT ON THE FEOCK ROAD, SECODED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Litter pick

Cllr Brickell was keen to organise a parish wide litter pick as in previous years. The Clerk advised the dates of the national Great British Litter Pick and Cllr Brickell would advise which Sunday in that period would be suitable so that this could be advertised.

A meeting has been arranged with the Environment Agency regarding the Carnon Valley.

It was noted that awareness raising was needed to highlight the dangers to hedgehogs of using rat poison in gardens. The Clerk would include this information on our website and Facebook page.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

PA19/11089 - Reserved matters application for details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to the mixed commercial uses (Use Class A1, D1 or B1a) following outline approval PA16/10402, Land East Of Quenchwell Road Carnon Downs

There was a discussion regarding the design of the commercial units as they were more like offices than the retail type units it had been hoped to see. It was agreed for the following consultee comment to be made to Cornwall Council Planning.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE COMMENT BE "THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE SCALE AND LAYOUT OF THE APPLICATION REF PA19/11089 AS PRESENTED BUT EXPECTS THIS MAY BE AMENDED IN DETAIL TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL USERS" SECONDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY, WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

The Assistant Parish Clerk had supplied a report regarding planning applications received since April 2019 and this was discussed.

15. YOUR CHOICE FUNDING

The Clerk explained that a resolution had been passed at the December meeting to modify the voting system for the Your Choice funding. Cllr Andrew was not present at this meeting and wished the decision to be reconsidered. The Clerk said to enable a resolution to be changed the Standing Orders stated that a majority of Councillors needed to give notice, in writing, a minimum of 6 days before the meeting for it to be included on the agenda for further discussion. The Clerk had received written notification from a majority of Councillors that they wished the decision to be revisited.

Cllr Andrew explained why he wished to the resolution to be revisited, he felt that the public should be able to vote as this was very good community engagement and involved residents.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL RESCIND THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THE YOUR CHOICE FUNDING VOTING SYSTEM MADE AT THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2019 AND TO RECOMMEND THAT THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE LOOK AT OPTIONS FOR VOTING AND BRING BACK OPTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2020

The Clerk had circulated ideas from the VE Day website for events that could be held to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, Councillors would consider these and bring ideas back to the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.