

MEETING NO. 11 ..

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 25th October 2017 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 6.30pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
			R Andrew
			C Blake

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Johnson, Brickell and Parker.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6. CLERKS REPORT ON ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There was a discussion regarding the input from a local resident regarding pollution and the local environment, after the last meeting the resident had spoken to the Clerk regarding any specific projects in relation to the environment that the Parish Council were considering. The Clerk would ask Sally to come up with specific projects she would like the Parish Council to look at and then they could be considered during the Parish Council's business plan discussions.

With regards to Living Churchyards, Cllr Andrew suggested we ask the two Churchyards that we give annual grants to what they are doing with regards to sustainability in the churchyards and if this ties in with the Living Churchyard projects. The Clerk would put this on a future parish council agenda.

The Clerk advised that as part of the One Transport for Cornwall project it was hoped a new canopy type bus shelter would be installed on the sliproad in Devoran (opposite the existing bus stop) as well as solar powered live timetable information displays in both Devoran (mobile signal dependant) and Carnon Downs.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that the team that are working on the improvements to the local transport contact Cornwall Development Company regarding the project to improve Broadband

coverage and if this could be prioritised for the Devoran area to help with the provision of the display for the live bus times. Cllr Blake requested that the Clerk investigate having a noticeboard be installed in the bus shelter at Porthgwidden.

Cllr Allen had distributed photos showing the overgrown roundabout at Carnon Downs and explained his concerns regarding difficulty for pedestrians crossing between the Beefeater and Campside side. Highways had been spoken to regarding this but were reluctant to cut this back as they felt the sight lines were satisfactory and in line with their highways maintenance manual. Cllr Allen would raise this with the Highways Safety team.

7. F.A.S.T. PROJECT & HIGHWAYS UPDATE

The Clerk had obtained prices for 2 styles of planters which she had circulated details of to the Council. It was suggested that the "Lanakshire" planters in black and gold would be best, their size was 1500 mm x 500 mm and they were constructed from steel, for 2 planters the cost would be around £1100.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Well Dental to find out if there had been any progress with the possibility of the dental group funding the planters. The Clerk would also find out if the planters were galvanised and the warranty details. The Clerk would also speak to Truro City Council parks department regarding where they source their planters from.

There had been no further information from Cornwall Council on when the Devoran 20mph zone works would be carried out. The consultation paperwork for the highways project in Carnon Downs was currently being drafted and a copy would be provided to the Parish Council before this was issued.

Cllr Allen commented that when we had the response from Cornwall Council regarding having painted arrows on the road at the Carnon Gate roundabout, we also asked why the Carnon Gate roundabout was a 50mph limit compared to the Carnon Downs roundabout which was 30mph and would report back the response to Committee members.

Highways drainage problems

The Clerk had asked all Councillors for details of drainage in their areas they felt needed additional cleaning. Cllr Blake said there was a drain near to his property that constantly overflowed and he was very concerned that if there was a frost then this water would freeze and there would be an accident due to ice on the road.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said the drain by the Parish Council noticeboard/Church Hall in Feock, had been cleared out and then 3 days later it was overflowing again due to the amount of leaves that had fallen. The water was flowing from the first drain down to the second one and the water in the second drain was lying just below the surface of the grill. He queried why the drains were being cleared during the Autumn when leaves were falling and then blocking the drains shortly after they had been cleaned? It appeared that this drain was blocked further along the system and it wasn't just the leaves that were causing the problems.

Cllr Andrew said the under road drain at Fourturnings needed looking at urgently as water was sometimes right across the road and there had been an accident there recently. The areas identified as follows were prioritised and the Clerk would take this up with Highways.

1. The ditch/grip by Fourturnings, under road drain appears to be blocked and puddle across road most days
2. Drains by St Feock Community Hall
3. Point Road – this has been less of an issue recently
4. Drain at top of Forth Coth, Carnon Downs (having a CCTV survey carried out)
5. Drain at entrance to Carnon Crescent, Carnon Downs (caused by run off from road and possibly blocked drain on Forth Coth (4))

The Clerk advised that Biffa will only sweep roads when we ask them too as they do not have a routine maintenance schedule and do this on a reactive basis when we request this. Councillors should advise the Clerk if there are roads they feel need to be swept and she would then request this.

8. HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKING PARTY REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he was pleased that the Parish Council had agreed to fund the joint project with Kernow Commissioning Group (£10K over the next two financial years). Truro City Council had yet to make a decision on if they wished to fund this project. Kernow Commissioning Group were still keen to run the pilot project just with Feock even if Truro did not wish to put funding into this project. The Committee would ideally like Truro City Council to be involved as well.

The Clerk advised that Lunch club would be starting on Wednesday 1st November, and lunches would be held on the first Wednesday of the month after this (except for January). The group and the Clerk had met with the Environmental Health Officer and gone through the health and hygiene requirements and drawn up the necessary paperwork.

9. FOOTPATHS RECLASSIFICATION & SAFE WALKING FOOTPATHS

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that walking was one of the best forms of helping older people to stay well. Brisk walking was better for physical exercise so surfaces of footpaths needed to be safe and secure. There would be a cost to this as some paths would need a surface putting down on them to level it. He suggested they may be funding available via the NHS for this.

Cllr Allen said that he would look at the villages to establish we could make safe walking routes for village walks using footpaths/pavements.

There had been concerns raised by a resident at the last meeting regarding a footpath that linked Knights Meadow and Bissoe Road in Carnon Downs and the condition of surface after it had been dug up by contractors. The resident had requested that the path be re-classified to a Gold standard. The condition of the surface of the path had been reported to Cornwall Council who would be inspecting it.

There had been an accident at Tregoose recently where a lady had an accident on a stile. Cllr Allen had looked through the footpath walks and he would like to request Cornwall Council update all the paths on our Roundwalks to Gold. The accident had been reported to Cornwall Council and they would be inspecting the stile.

It was agreed that each Councillor would survey the following walks for safety and maintenance issues and report back to the Clerk and Cllr Allen any issues. Cllr Blake – Feock and Cllr Thomas – Devoran.

10. FORESHORE OWNERSHIP, LAND REGISTRY & COMMONS REGISTRATION

The Clerk had circulated a proposed letter to the committee that Cllr Allen had drafted and it was proposed that we send this to the Land Registry regarding our interest in foreshore adjacent to our common land or land holdings. This was to ensure that public foreshore remained as public.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BLAKE PROPOSED THAT THE LETTER AS CIRCULATED BE SENT TO THE LAND REGISTRY, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

The Committee agreed for Cllr Allen to raise with Cornwall Council via the Harbourmaster the issue of their holdings in the creek and the encroachment onto them.

11. CHYCOOSE BEACH WORKS

Cormac are continuing working at Chycoose Beach to repair the culvert, they were also going to put in a concrete area so that we could put a bench on this, and a fence would also be erected on the road edge and around the front of the concrete area. There had been more trees cleared at Carnon Mine, Cllr Allen asked the committee members to look at the works that had been carried out the next time they were in the area.

12. CONCERNS REGARDING COME TO GOOD ROAD

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there is a blind pinch point by the farm which he felt was dangerous. He felt there should be a 'Slow' sign at the top of each hill so that people realise there is a pinch point that needs to be slowed down for. It was agreed to raise this with Cllr Alvey and Viv Bidgood at the next Highways meeting in November, together with the issue regarding the King Harry Ferry Road.

13. CARNON DOWNS NEW RECREATION AREA WORKING PARTY

It was agreed it would be helpful to have input from local residents regarding the layout of the new recreation area and it was agreed we would put notices around the village and also write to everyone in Pengelly Meadows. The Clerk would arrange this.

14. PARK AN GWARRY PLAY AREA CARNON DOWNS SLIDE REPAIRS

The Clerk advised that the slide in the park had been roped off as the Safety Inspector who had carried out the park inspections recently advised that it needed urgent repair to the legs which had started to corrode. The Clerk had obtained a price for repairing the slide which was round £1,000. It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate the cost of installing a new slide as part of the S106 improvements to the park. The Clerk would also be applying shortly for the Lottery Funding from the Awards For All grants.

15. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

The Clerk would contact Cllr Lightfoot with regards to progressing this project and to relaunch for the Parish. The Clerk would contact the co-ordinators in Feock and Devoran to find out if they had any made progress and if they required any assistance.

16. COMPLAINTS ABOUT CYCLISTS ON OLD TRAM ROAD

A resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding concerns of how fast some cyclists go along the Tram Road and there were concerns that some cyclists were using this for time trials using the Strava app. Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that we should raise this issue with Cllr Alvey and request that the possibility of erecting approved signs for cycleways in relation to speed of cycling and sharing with other road users.

17. AGREE DAY OF FUTURE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Cllr Allen said the meeting was traditionally held on the third Thursday of the month but this was not always convenient for all members of the Committee. It was agreed to remain with the third Thursday at 6.30pm, if this was difficult for members then the meeting could be moved forward to the second Thursday.

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 16th November at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.