

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 AT 7PM IN THE HUB CARNON COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH, BISSOE ROAD, CARNON DOWNS

Councillors present:

CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
C Kemp	A Allen	L Fitt
N Gates	M Woolcock	R Brickell
J Allen	M Steel	K Hambly-Staite
P Allen	S Cooper	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council Divisional Member, Feock & Kea

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Brickell

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM

The Clerk opened the meeting and advised that Cllr Anne Allen was stepping down from the Chair but would continue as a Councillor for Devoran ward. The Clerk asked if there were any nominations for the position of Chairman. There was only one nomination for Cllr Brickell.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED CLLR BRICKELL AS CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Brickell thanked everyone for electing him as Chairman for the coming year and especially Cllr A Allen for being such a good Chair for the last year. Cllr A Allen thanked Cllr Brickell for his support as Vice Chair during the last year.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman asked if there were any nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED CLLR STEEL AS CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR J ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Steel thanked the Council for electing him as Vice Chairman.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

5. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH APRIL 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR A SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th APRIL 2023 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, WITH ONE AMENDMENT TO THE SPELLING OF CLLR WOOLCOCKS NAME, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

6. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SUBMITTED BEFOREHAND**

David Woolcock (member of the public) raised the issue of speeding on Bissoe Road especially in the morning (8.30 to 9.30am) and evening (4.30 to 5.30pm), people are going very fast on Bissoe Road and it is dangerous for pedestrians. There were a number of footpaths and bridleways that came out onto that road and no pavements. There were some properties that came out onto the road and it was difficult to get out onto the road in a vehicle from driveways due to the speed of vehicles.

Penny Brickell (member of the public) agreed about Bissoe Road and also said that the road to Bissoe also had problems with speeding.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there had been a meeting with Cornwall Council regarding the 20mph limit and Bissoe Road was included but the limit was only due to start by the new over 55s development and did not cover the area the member of the public had raised.

Cllr Cooper said that the Highways department had produced graphs of the times of day when speeding was worse and asked that Cllr Alvey ask Highways to look at this pattern of morning and evening speeding and data for the Bissoe Road.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked the Clerk to put this issue on the next Access & Amenities Committee agenda for further discussion. He also suggested that residents also contact their Cornwall Councillor and Highways to raise their concerns about speeding.

Mr Pope spoke regarding his planning application of change of use, converting an agricultural building to a dwelling and explained his reasons for the application. The Clerk had circulated to Councillors copies of the planning application documents.

8. **STATUTORY CONSULTATION – PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CONSULTEE COMMENT**

PA23/01671 – CONVERSION OF WORKSHOP INTO THREE BEDROOM DWELLINGHOUSE

LAND ADJACENT TO THE CHERRY ORCHARD, HARCOURT LANE, FEOCK, TR3 6RW

Cllr Kemp thanked Mr Pope for allowing the Councillors to visit the site recently in relation to the planning application. Cllr Kemp said that as this was an application for conversion, was there a structural engineer report, tree report, contaminated land report or bat and owl survey? These are reports that are generally submitted with planning applications. Cllr Kemp said that there appeared to be little amenity land with the site. Mr Pope said that he owned other land which could be used for amenity for the dwelling and could provide a green outlined plan showing his landownership if they wished.

Mr Pope said that the boundary in red is of the site. An ecology report has been submitted. The tree trunk has split in the last gales and is now being held up by ropes and will be removed. Cornwall Council has approved the removal of the tree and said they did not have an issue with the removal of the tree. Cornwall Council had been given a copy of the bat and owl survey. The Parish Council had not seen this report as it was not online as part of the application. Mr Pope said the structural report would not be any different to that for the previous barn which has now been removed.

Cllr Cooper said was the log store built around the tree and if so when was this. Mr Pope confirmed that it was built around 2008.

Cllr Brickell said he visited the site for the first building which was subsequently replaced with a house and a new barn was also given permission after the house. He felt that the barn/workshop that he saw at the site visit on Friday had a potting shed previously on the site. Mr Pope said that the more recent barn was replacing a polytunnel.

Cllr Brickell read out a statement from the previous application in relation to agricultural equipment kept on the site and referred to a potting shed and asked if this potting shed had now been removed?

Mr Pope said that in 2008 he put up 2 buildings, one replacing a garage, shed and lean-to. And the other barn which has now been replaced with the house. Since then there has been planning granted on the larger barn which is now a house. The workshop/barn being discussed today was used as the potting shed.

Cllr Cooper was also concerned about surface flooding and the increase in hard standing on the site, Climate Emergency policy, light pollution, no consultation with the tree officer on the application and removal of Cornish hedges and impact on the wildlife.

Cllr A Allen commented that there was very little garden amenity space shown on the plans outlined in red. Mr Pope said that the site itself was much larger than shown on the plans.

Cllr Kemp said that the various surveys that Mr Pope says have been provided to Cornwall Council had not been shared by Cornwall Council with the Parish Council and were not online on the planning portal.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that as the amenity area mentioned by Mr Pope was not shown clearly on the plans it was not clear how much of the land we were being asked to consider as 'change of use'.

Mr Pope said that the Parish Council were not being consistent with their approach as they had not objected to his previous application to convert a barn on the same site. Cllr Kemp said that the Parish Council had objected to the application to convert the barn which had been given permission but when the subsequent application had been submitted when it was found the barn was not suitable for conversion to take it down and replace with a house there was no point in the Parish Council objecting as the development had already been given permission.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION AND THEIR CONSULTEE BE THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION, THE SITE LIES OUTSIDE OF THE SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY IN AN AONB AND THEREFORE THE PROPOSAL IS AGAINST NDP POLICY LS2 WHICH SEEKS TO SAFEGUARD THE SIGNIFICANCE OF, CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE AONB. IT IS ALSO AGAINST POLICY D1 WHERE THE DESIGN OF ALL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD RESPECT AND REFLECT LOCAL CHARACTER AND IDENTITY, THROUGH SENSITIVE SITING, DESIGN, SCALE, AND USE OF MATERIALS. THE RED OUTLINE OF THE SITE AS SHOWN ON THE BLOCK PLAN ALSO APPEARS TO SHOW INSUFFICIENT AMENITY AREA WHICH IS FURTHER AGAINST POLICY D1 WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE GARDEN AMENITY SPACES IN AN APPROPRIATE SCALE TO THE TYPE AND SIZE OF DWELLING AND TO REFLECT THE CHARACTER OF THE LOCAL CONTEXT AND THE PROPORTION OF BUILT DEVELOPMENT TO OPEN SPACE. IT IS ALSO IN CONFLICT WITH NDP POLICIES BIO2 AND BIO3 WHICH SEEK THE PROTECTION OF TREES AND HEDGEROWS AND FURTHER SEEKS TO ENSURE THERE IS POTENTIAL TO RETAIN, RESTORE AND RE-CREATE HABITATE LINKAGES SUCH AS CORNISH HEDGES.

WE ALSO HAVE CONCERN OVER THE LACK OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US FOR CONSIDERATION, NAMELY AN ECOLOGY REPORT, TREE SURVEY, BAT AND BARN OWL SURVEY, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT AND A CONTAMINATED LAND REPORT. A STRUCTURAL

ENGINEER'S REPORT CONFIRMING THAT THE BUILDING IS SUITABLE FOR CONVERSION IS ALSO CRUCIAL AS WE ARE AWARE THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT TREE WHICH HAS ROOTS GROWING UNDER THE SITE.

**9. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES
APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**

Planning Committee

There was much discussion about the Planning Committee due to the number of planning applications received and their often contentious nature.

RESOLUTION: CLLR WOOLCOCK SUGGESTED THAT A SEPARATE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD AS NECESSARY TO DISCUSS CONTENTIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RATHER THAN THESE BE DEALT WITH AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED WITH A MAJORITY WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

It was agreed that non-contentious applications would still be dealt with via email which was the current agreed process. The Clerk would arrange a meeting of Councillors and the Assistant Clerk to look at the planning system and how this would be taken forward with the new agreement for Full Council to meet separately to deal with contentious applications.

Cllr J Allen said she did understand the strength of feeling around planning applications as there was a lot to be gained by achieving planning permission.

Cllr P Allen said that we had a hugely valuable Neighbourhood Development Plan and suggested we work a more formulaic way through the planning applications and refer to our NDP policies. This would remove the emotion from decisions.

Cllr Hambly-Staite agreed that all Councillors should all be involved, but suggested that individual Councillors could take responsibility for certain areas that they had knowledge in such as the AONB.

Access & Amenities Committee

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE – CLLRS BRICKELL, A ALLEN, FITT, WOOLCOCK, HAMBLY-STAITTE, J ALLEN AND P ALLEN – SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – CLLRS BRICKELL, FITT, WOOLCOCK, HAMBLY-STAITTE AND STEEL – SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillors were elected to represent outside bodies as follows:

Carnon Downs Village Hall – Richard Brickell (Trustee)
Devoran Village Hall – Anne Allen
Point Quay Association – Phil Allen
Restronguet Creek Society - Phil Allen
Trolver Croft Residents Association – no specific representative
Feock Playing Field committee – Feock ward Councillors collectively

Devoran Recreation Area – Devoran ward Councillors collectively
Neighbourhood Watch – Clerk receives email updates for circulation, no specific representative
Cornwall Council Community Network Panel – Jan Allen
Devoran School – Cathy Kemp
Devon & Cornwall Police – via the Police & Parish Councils Liaison Group - Jan Allen
Carnon Downs Community Association – Parish Clerk
Unknown Donors Charity – this needed further investigation as it now sat with Feock PCC.

10. NOTE MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

There were no issues raised by the public at the Electors meeting.

11. REVIEW OF DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND STAFF

The Clerk had circulated details of the delegation arrangements prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR WOOLCOCK PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXISTING DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES

The Clerk had circulated details of the Committee's terms of reference prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXISTING TERMS OF REFERENCE AS CIRCULATED WITH ONE AMENDMENT TO THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE 'TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HAIRE LEGACY', SECONDED BY CLLR FITT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. APPOINTMENT OF ANY NEW COMMITTEES OR WORKING PARTIES

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE FORMATION OF A NEW FEOCK TRAILS 30 MINUTE WALK TASK & FINISH GROUP, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk had circulated the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations prior to the meeting. The Financial Regulations were updated and approved at the last Council meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY CHARTERS AND AGENCY AGREEMENTS

The Clerk had explained that the Council had one agency agreement with Cornwall Council, the Local Maintenance Partnership agency agreement for the cutting of the public rights of way.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THIS AGENCY AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. REVIEW OF INVENTORY OF LAND AND ASSETS INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Clerk explained that the Asset Register had been approved at a recent Parish Council meeting and did not need further authorisation at this meeting.

17. CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSURANCE COVER IN RESPECT OF ALL INSURED AND AGREE INSURANCE POLICY PROVIDER FOR 2023/24

The Clerk had not yet received quotations for the insurance. It was agreed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee to agree the quotation to be accepted by email to ensure the policy start date of 1st June 2023 was met.

18. REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S AND/OR STAFF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OTHER BODIES

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a list of those bodies the Council were members of, these were Cornwall ALC and Trolver Croft Residents Association.

Cllr Cooper asked why we were members of the Trolver Croft Residents Association and what did our membership subscription go towards? the Clerk explained that the Council owned amenity land at the top of Trolver Croft and our subscription went towards the upkeep of the private road which gave access to the public to our amenity land.

Cllr Cooper asked that the Clerk find out more about our liability for the road.

19. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Complaints Procedure prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE, , SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 AND DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the FOI procedure prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE, , SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR DEALING WITH THE PRESS/MEDIA

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the FOI procedure prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE, , SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. DETERMINING THE TIME AND PLACE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE FULL COUNCIL UP TO AND INCLUDING THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN 2024

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the proposed list of Full Council meeting dates for the coming year, 2023/24.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED MEETING DATES, SECONDED BY CLLR J ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. COUNCIL TO RE-ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk explained this item did not need a resolution as this was only applicable in an election year.

24. COUNCIL TO RE-ADOPT THE COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk had circulated a copy of Councillors Code of Conduct prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL RE-ADOPT THE COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT AS CIRCULATED, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

25. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PUBLICATION OF AGENDA SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON WEBSITE AND DRAFT MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES PRIOR TO NEXT MEETINGS

This item had been added to the agenda at the request of a member of the public. The Clerk advised that there was no legal requirement as the Parish Council were not a 'smaller council' under the Transparency Code but it was good practice to public draft minutes and supporting documents if the Council wished to do so. There was a discussion regarding when it was appropriate to publish draft minutes. Cllr Alvey advised that Cornwall Council issue the draft minutes of the part of the agenda pack.

RESOLUTION: CLLR STEEL PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL ISSUE DRAFT MINUTES AS PART OF THE AGENDA PACK FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND PUBLISH THESE ONLINE, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

26. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk had circulated her to report to the Councillors with the agenda. The barrier hoops at the top of the A39 pathway had been removed today.

27. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE BODIES
Attendance at outside bodies

Cllr J Allen had attended the Community Area Panel meeting (replacing the Community Network Panel) meeting on 20s Plenty, which was also attended by several parish councillors, she was disappointed that not all the officers were visible on Zoom and had their cameras switched off. Cllr J Allen felt the reasons for the reduction of speed limits were sound and this would have a positive impact on the environment for everyone.

There would be a public consultation on the areas to have a speed limit reduction to 20mph. Cllr Hambly-Staite felt the public consultation would be interesting as some of the criteria used threw up anomalies and he felt that we needed justification from Cornwall Highways Officers to explain why some areas were not being reduced to 20mph when residents queried this with us.

Cllr Cooper said she understood the criteria used that if an area already had good speed compliance and residential housing that the new 20mph signage would be more effective. There were also budget pressures as to the physical works on the highway that could be done. Cllr Cooper asked if we could raise again the section outside of the Punchbowl as this was not included in the maps for a speed reduction that we had been shown at the meeting.

Cllr Brickell and Cooper had attended a Community Led Affordable Housing meeting.

Cllr P Allen had attended the Point Quay Association meeting, they were preparing for the Regatta. There are exploring potential for joining the PQA with the Regatta Committee as they were needing more volunteers on both committees and may combine the two organisations.

28. CURRENT REPORTS
Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported as follows. Cllr Alvey congratulated Cllr Brickell on his election as Chair of the Parish Council. The Community Area Panel new terms of reference were being issued soon, the CAP came with some funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund. Cornwall Council has been nominated for the Council of the Year award. The Annual Meeting of Cornwall Council is being held next week. The Cornwall Councillors Community Chest funding is open now, anyone interested should contact Cllr Alvey in the first instance. There is a fundraiser for the Penelewey defibrillator from 10 to 12 noon on Wednesday at the Punchbowl & Ladle.

Cllr J Allen was concerned that lots of Cornwall Council staff were still working at home and working remotely. Cllr Alvey said that the way of working at Cornwall Council had now changed to include much more remote working, each individual team decided how they would work, time in the office etc. Working remotely meant that less office space was needed and offices could be sold off, this also meant less travel and reduced impact on the environment. The Planning section did not work all in one building and were spread across the county but did still work collaboratively. When members of the public phoned into Council staff this went through on Teams and rang on their laptops/PCs so they could answer wherever they were working from. Cllr Alvey said this was the way that working at Cornwall Council staff would continue to work and he did not see this changing. Cllr P Allen asked if there was staff performance data available to the public. Cllr Alvey said that there was performance data available on Cornwall Council's website.

Cllr J Allen asked if there had been a public consultation on changes to working practices at Cornwall Council. Councillor Alvey was not aware that any consultation had been carried out.

Cllr Brickell asked if there was a reason why it seemed that meetings were no longer being held at County Hall. Cllr Alvey said that often there was criticism that meetings should be spread around the County to make it easier for people to attend meetings closer to their base rather than all meetings being in Truro.

Cllr Brickell had heard that the South West and Cornwall were behind on tree planting targets. Cllr Alvey said that nearly half a million trees had been planted as part of the Forest for Cornwall.

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk reported that there was no recent crime data available online.

29. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated the invoice list by email and gave an overview of the Council's current financial position.

The total of payments for approval since the last meeting totaled £18,651.07 (ex VAT), which included Net World Sports Goal posts and net for Devoran Recreation Ground £428.28, printing and delivery of the Connect Newsletter £2,107.00 and Cornwall ALC Ltd Subscription for 2023/24 £1,221.92

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT LIST, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

30. BDO LLP AUDIT CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Clerk explained that as part of the External Audit process the Council needed to confirm that no Councillors had a conflict of interest with BDO LLP who had been allocated to us as external auditors.

All Councillors confirmed that they did not have a conflict of interest and no involvement with BDO LLP.

RESOLUTION: CLLR C KEMP PROPOSED IT WAS CONFIRMED TO BDO LLP THAT NO COUNCILLORS HAD A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CLLR STEEL SECONDED THIS WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

31. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 to the Council prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr P Allen suggested that as well as financial risk assessments we look at risk assessing some other area of our work.

32. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2022/23

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Accounting Statement for 2022/23 to the Council prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2022/23, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

33. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock ward

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that large sections of Feock highways have been now resurfaced but unfortunately this meant that sections of the new lines had been removed but not yet replaced. The Clerk had asked Highways for these to be replaced as soon as possible.

The Community Speed Watch team had asked that Penelewey be included in the 20s Plenty roll out and for the Parish Council to support them with this. The Clerk would raise this with the Highways team managing the 20s Plenty roll out.

Devoran ward

Cllr A Allen said the closure of Point Road for the installation of the pavement was causing huge inconvenience for the residents of Point and Penpol as the diversion around was very long. Cllr J Allen said she lived in the road closure but the workmen had been helpful in moving their vehicles to let them get out. Cllr A Allen said that considering the number of workmen that were on the site it was hoped that the works would not take as long as planned as 6 weeks was a long time.

Carnon Downs ward

The Clerk would check when the flowerbed build out in Carnon Downs by Edgefield would be removed as this was meant to be done a few week ago.

Cllr Kemp thanked the Carnon Downs Community Association for the Party in the Park and Scarecrow Competition as this was a big success.

The Clerk would chase up Highways about the pothole repairs around the drain on Old Carnon Hill.

Cllr Woolcock said that there had been two complaints about brambles in Carnon Downs park. The Clerk would ask our contractor to trim any brambles inside the park.

Cllr J Allen felt that crochet decorations and the horse in Carnon Downs looked very nice and wished to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to the Carnon Downs Crafters.

34. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The annual report circulated at the Electors Meeting covered the last years activities and planning applications.

35. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Clerk has circulated the draft Access & Amenities Committee minutes to all for information.

36. LANDMARK TREES

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that Cornwall Council had launched a scheme inviting Parish Council's to plant a land mark tree with a choice of species to reflect the local area. There would be no cost to the Council but the Council needed to identify a space for this and maintain the tree for 15 years.

PROPOSAL: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL APPLY FOR A LANDMARK TREE AND FOR ACCESS & AMENITIES TO AGREE THE SITE, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

37. FEOCK ECO REPORT

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Fitt and Cooper for reinvigorating the Feock Eco group after the Covid pandemic.

Cllr Fitt said that the Whats App group was busy, they had carried out a number of litter picks both on land and on kayaks in the creek, held sessions with the Tregye students doing litter picks and path clearing. Group members had also attended a days training with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and more recently a Bat Survey walk had been carried out on the Bissoe Trail.

Those working on the Nature Recovery Strategy had met with Cornwall Wildlife Trust regarding the county wildlife site and the extent of this. They also hoped to work with Devoran Quay Preservation Society re the area of County Wildlife site that they have on their land. The University of Exeter may also have students who wish to get involved. Cllr Cooper thanked Cllr Alvey for putting them in touch with Rob Lacey at Cornwall Council regarding the Climate Emergency DPD and he was going to work with the Feock Eco group on this which would be very useful.

38. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Urgent highways issues

There were no urgent highways issues raised by Councillors.

20s Plenty Scheme update

This item had been covered earlier in the meeting.

Noise from A39 Carnon Downs bypass

The Access & Amenities Committee had raised the issue of the increased noise from the bypass. Cllr P Allen said that the Parish Council would like assurance from Highways that when they do resurface the bypass that they would look at a noise reduction surface. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the Access & Amenities Committee had asked that the Clerk ask Highways to monitor noise and pollution from the bypass.

The Clerk would report back to the Council when a response was received.

The meeting moved into closed session at 10pm and members of the public left the meeting.

29. CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACTOR APPOINTED FOR GRASS & HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACT 2023/24

The Clerk said that the preferred contractor had agreed to reduce his annual price by £200 to £7600 and resolution was needed to approve this.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE REVISED QUOTE OF £7600 FOR THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FROM WOODWARDS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WAS AGREED, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time this evening.

The meeting closed at 10.02pm.