

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held remotely via Zoom at 7pm Thursday 24th September 2020

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

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor P Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Robson and Parker.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2020 BE AGREED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked for clarification on the drainage issue at Pengelly Meadows, the Clerk advised that this was something Taylor Wimpey were aware of and were going to rectify.

Devoran Lane overgrown hedge – Clerk will be writing to the resident to request they cut back their hedge as overhanging the pavement.

Waste bins – still waiting the new waste contract to be agreed so we can find out the costs of emptying and this can be discussed further.

Water point for Point Green – this was with our contractor for installation. It was confirmed this would only be drinking water point suitable for refilling bottles and for pressure washing the slipway of Point Quay. Although a shower had been suggested this was not being progressed at the present time. A handrail up the side of the steps to assist swimmers exiting the water had also been suggested and this had been put forward for Point Quay Association for them to consider. The vehicle barrier that had been damaged had been repaired by the PQA. A request had been received from a resident for a 'dogs on leads' rule on the quay and this had been passed to the PQA. It was noted that Point Quay had been very busy recently.

Additional benches at Restronguet Point – Cllr P Allen to speak to residents to gain their views.

7. HIGHWAYS

Obstruction of verges

Cllr P Allen presented a report at this weeks Community Network Panel (based on the report given to the Parish Council), which related to our wellbeing agenda to enable people to walk around our villages more safely. Highways were at the meeting and reported that in the examples given there was room behind the stones to walk safely. Cllr P Allen felt he had a good deal of support from the meeting. If people put obstacles on public rights of way as they do on verges they would be asked to remove them, he did not see putting stones on verges next to roads where there was no footway was any different. Cllr P Allen felt local Councils should lobby Cornwall Council for an additional definition of a public right of way, "a verge commonly used as a footway". He would take this forward with the Countryside Access Forum. He felt we should formally take this forward with Cornwall Highways the very large boulders on the verge on Tregye Road as this was a health and safety hazard.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED A LETTER BE SENT TO THE HEAD OF HIGHWAYS REGARDING THIS ISSUE, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

Cllr A Allen said that the kerb stone on the entranceway to the new development on Point Road seemed to be very high and protruded out into the road. The Clerk said this had also been raised by several residents and the Assistant Clerk had requested that Planning look into this to ensure it had been built in accordance with the plans. The pavement was subject to agreement of the Section 278 which was still with Cornwall Council and the developers solicitors.

Roundwood – verge and road surface issues

Cllr Robson unfortunately was not at the meeting. It was noted that there were issues with the surface of the byway earlier in the year and temporary repairs were carried out. The verges were also being overtaken with invasive weeds. There have been problems with delivery drivers refusing to go down the byway due to the condition of it. The verges would be the responsibility of the landowner, which it was thought would be the National Trust.

It was agreed to refer this issue to Cllr Martyn Alvey via Cllr Hambly-Staite.

Parking issues in Feock and Devoran

Cllr Blake said that the cones near to Loe Beach had worked and kept the stretch of road free that we wanted to keep free of vehicles but unfortunately had the knock on effect of moving parking problems down to Harcourt and into Churchtown. Entrances to lanes in Churchtown were being constantly blocked. The bus found it difficult to get around the S bend due to the position of parked cars. The passing places at the lane to Trevilla were being used to park in. Cllr Blake said that even out of season there is a problem with people parking right opposite the T junction at the top of Loe Beach hill. The buses had been held up on numerous occasions at Trevilla and photos had been provided of the obstructions by residents.

There were also issues in Devoran near to the Quay and the S bend and also on both sides of the road by the green triangle near to Retallack Park in Feock.

The parking issues had been exacerbated this year by the pandemic which had made Loe Beach, Point Quay and Devoran Quay very popular with visitors and also the National Trust parking space pre-booking system appeared to have created the issues at Trevilla, however Cllr Blake said that this was an issue every year and not just this year, although his year was worse.

Cllr A Allen asked if signs would make any difference, the Clerk said that temporary signs had been put up but these had been taken down and thrown in the hedge.

Cllr A Allen wondered if the bus route could be modified to avoid the lane at Trevilla and how necessary this stretch of the route was.

It was agreed for the Clerk and Cllrs P and A Allen to contact Trelissick with regards to their booking system and to explain the issues this appeared to be causing. The Clerk said she had previously been in touch with Trelissick about this and was advised that it was a national directive.

There was a long discussion regarding potential parking restrictions in Feock, the Clerk advised that the cost of a feasibility study to investigate parking restrictions would have to be born by the Parish Council. An alternative was for the Parish Council to write to residents to try to gauge public opinion.

Cllr Hambly- Staite said he also felt that a discussion should be held with the management of Loe Beach as there were businesses based there that attracted more people to the beach and in turn contributed to increased demand on parking. It was agreed for Cllr Brickell to arrange a meeting with Loe Beach to include Cllrs Hambly-Staite and Blake if they wished to attend also.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt we should be forcing Cornwall Council to address the issues of parking in the Summer in villages all across the county as we were not the only parish to be suffering.

Carnon Downs Roundabout

The Clerk would set up a meeting with Highways and Cllr Thomas to discuss the issue where Cormac had cut down all the plants we had planted on Carnon Downs roundabout.

8. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE

Additional funding from Cornwall Council for footpath maintenance

The Chairman said this was good news that we had been awarded £13,750 from Cornwall Council to make improvements. Cllrs Blake and A Allen said they would be happy to help the existing work group with this, the Clerk would send out the criteria for this funding.

It was suggested perhaps some of the grant received from Cornwall Council be used to supplement this funding for the footpaths from the Parish Council. The Chairman suggested that the schedule be reviewed.

Mining Trails Update

The Chairman had been in correspondence with Channel 4 about a film they are making on old railways and the Chasewater & Redruth would be featured.

The Chairman is pulling together a schedule of improvements along the whole trail from all the parishes and it was hoped that CIL money may be able to be used to fund these.

Other footpath issues

The footpath at Chycoose needed to be cut out, the Chairman would speak to our contractor about this.

Tram Road cutting out – the Clerk would contact the contractor who carried out the works last year.

Cllr Thomas was meeting a contractor next week at Tank Hill with a view to an estimate for the works to be provided.

9. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

Consider request from resident to remove trees in Devoran Park

It was felt that after inspection the trees were likely to be lime trees which if left untrimmed would grow very large. It was felt the original idea when these were planted was to pollard them to provide shade in the park which there was little but we needed to find out if this type of maintenance would be practical.

Cllr A Allen said that she felt fruit trees would be more appropriate and fun for the children.

Cllr Thomas said he felt we should get professional advice before making any decisions about the trees. The Clerk would seek this.

Point Green tree

There had been a complaint about the chestnut tree on the edge of Point Green. Cllr Thomas had a look at it and said that he felt only a few of the lower branches should be removed if any as it was a lovely tree. It was also not technically our tree as it was right on the boundary of Point Green so we would need to consult with neighbours before taking any action. The Chairman asked everyone to have a look at the tree and form their own view.

10. RISK ASSESSMENTS

There were no issues raised regarding risk assessments.

11. ADDITIONAL WASTE BINS

The Clerk asked Councillors to think about suitable locations for signs and bins across the parish and then revisit when we know the costs. There had been requests for additional dog waste bins across the parish. Until the new waste contract had been agreed the costs would not be known for additional bins to be installed.

12. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND PROJECT

The Chairman has given to the Environment Agency details of the access we would like to the potential new woodland that would be accessed from EA land off the cycle trail. A meeting has been arranged for Monday to discuss the project with the other neighbouring parishes. A draft Heads of Terms had been provided by Cornwall Council and it needed to be agreed which organisation that this lease would be made with. The trees that were due to be delivered in November however these had now been cancelled as there was no facility to postpone them to Spring so we would need to re-order them from the Woodland Trust for Spring delivery.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46pm.

The next meeting would be on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom.