

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING held on Tuesday  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 6pm**

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Andrew

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Lightfoot. It was agreed for Cllr Andrew to Chair in his absence.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL 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**

There were no public present.

**6. YOUR CHOICE FUNDING**

Cllr Andrew commented that the resolution made at the December 2019 Parish Council meeting had been rescinded at the February 2020 Parish Council meeting by a majority of Councillors and it had been resolved that the Finance & General Purposes Committee consider the voting system and make a recommendation to the March Parish Council meeting for consideration.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE YOUR CHOICE VOTING SYSTEM CONTINUE UNCHANGED AND THE PUBLIC BE INVITED TO VOTE, SECONDED BY CLLR PARKER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was noted that point 18 in the criteria gives the Parish Council the power to take into account under represented or recently started groups.

**7. BUSINESS PLAN PROJECTS**

There was a discussion regarding budgets for larger projects and the following were suggested.

Retallack Playing Field – refurbishment and replace existing equipment that is worn out - £20K  
Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area - £40K from Parish Council to top up S106 money

Old Carnon Hill pedestrian safety improvements – estimate £80K.

It was agreed to consider funding at a later date budgets for the climate emergency (when an idea of projects for this was clearer), Carnon Valley (when more information from the EA had been received) and cycle routes. It was agreed we should maximise the opportunities for match funding on these projects.

**8. ETHICAL BANKING**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

**9. SPINAL POINTS**

The Clerk advised that the Internal Auditor had picked up the incorrect spinal points had been quoted in the minutes where the Clerks and Assistant Clerks pay increments had been approved, although the actual salary figures quote were correct, this needed a resolution to record the correct spinal points.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK'S SPINAL POINT BE INCREASED TO POINT 34 AND THE ASSISTANT CLERKS TO 24 WITH EFFECT FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7pm.