

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held remotely via Zoom at 7pm Thursday 16th July 2020

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

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor P Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2020 BE AGREED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN 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

Keith asked for clarification on the drainage issue at Pengelly Meadows

7. HIGHWAYS

Stones on verges

The issue the Parish Council raised regarding stones on verges is on the agenda for the next Community Network Panel meeting to find out if other Parish Councils also have the same issue.

The Chairman has also raised this at the Countryside Access Forum and had good feedback from members to say this was also an issue in their own areas. There were also concerns about the decision that Cornwall Council had made about reducing the amount of verge cutting to help wildlife so verges even with no stones on them were not accessible for walking due to the length of the grass.

Community Network Panel funding – the Parish Council had passed a resolution to agree to Option 3, this decision was made prior to receipt of the letter from Kea Parish Council. It was felt that the standing orders allowing County Councillors to put in bids was unfair and the Parish Council would like these to be revisited and the system made fairer.

Loe Beach parking problems

Cllr Hambly-Staite reported that Loe Beach has now reopened and there have been issues with inconsiderate parking on the road above Loe Beach. The road was so narrow that it would have been extremely difficult for emergency vehicles to get through, cars stretch from Polgywnne all the way through to Cobwebs. The Clerk had contacted Highways to ask what could be done to resolve this and it was noted that obstructions like this was a matter for the Police and the only solution would be yellow lines which would have to be funded by either the CNP or the Parish Council. Cllr Blake pointed out that all the boats were now in the water so the car park was available for parking, this had recently been full by 9am on Sunday mornings.

It was felt that perhaps the only option was seasonal yellow lines. This would need to be funded by the Parish Council or possibly may be able to come from the Community Network Panel highways fund. The Chairman suggested if agreed by Council this could be considered as part of the review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Review.

Cllr Robson said that Roundwood Quay had also been very busy lately due to number of visitors and sometimes delivery vehicles could not get down the byway, people were also parking in the passing places.

It was agreed when there was a problem with obstruction for Feock Councillors to phone the Police on 101 so that this could be logged and the Police requested to visit.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT FULL COUNCIL CONSIDER CARRYING OUT A CONSULTATION WITH FEOCK RESIDENTS AND THE PARISH OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS THROUGHOUT FEOCK VILLAGE OR ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF FEOCK VILLAGE TO BE DETERMINED BY FULL COUNCIL, CLLR A ALLEN SECONDED, 3 IN FAVOUR WITH NONE AGAINST.

Carnon Downs Traffic Flow

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had again written to Nigel Blackler at Cornwall Council to ask for consideration to be given to the volume of traffic using Carnon Downs, as part of the Langarth development highways design.

8. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Notification had been received that we had been awarded additional funding of (£13,750 per parish for making improvements to footpaths in the parish.

The works will aim to undertake the following:

- Like for like replacement of out of repair gates and stiles
- Replacement of structures with a predicted lifespan of less than 5 years
- Upgrading the above to the least restrictive option where negotiated and appropriate
- Replacement / installation of small bridges or boardwalks (< 5500mm)
- Maintenance of existing, or the installation of drainage and small scale surfacing, preferably on non urban paths.
- Replacement or installation of waymarking and signposting
- Vegetation clearance on the line of the path (both side and upgrowth).
- Works to extend to the SWCP when in a coastal parish

- Improvements on recognised, useful and previously improved walked routes. This includes short stretches where the path does not follow the definitive line. (To be agreed with CC)

There were already some ideas that the Footpath working group had got together so this needed to be revisited and updated to be then provided to the Countryside Access team.

The members of the group were Cllrs Hambly-Staite, P Allen and a resident. The group was open to anyone who wished to join.

Cllr Robson commented that the byway at Roundwood Quay was getting quite overgrown.

The Chairman said that the side growth was the responsibility of the landowner and the surface weeds would be cut by our contractor during his regular cutting.

Mining Trails update

The Chairman and Cllr Thomas had surveyed the section of the Mining Trail that fell into Feock Parish as the Mining Trails forum would be putting in for funding from the new Green fund for works to be carried out on our stretch. The worst area was coming from Devoran onto the Mining Trail there was a very narrow section and this was part of the public right of way and this has been mentioned to our contractor so that this could be cut out. It was noted that our section of the trail was in good order maintenance wise but further along outside of our parish it did require more work.

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that there was an ongoing consultation on the World Heritage Site Management Plan. The long term management of the whole trail would require additional funding.

Chycoose footpath

The Chairman had spoken to the landowners of this path and had their permission for the Parish Council to cut out this path to make it more accessible for all users. There were issues with this path getting grown in and concerns about the narrowness of this causing issues between pedestrians and horseriders as it was difficult to pass.

Cllr Thomas said that a complaint had been received about an overgrown hedge on Devoran Lane, the Clerk would send a Cornwall Council notification to the landowner.

There had been reports of a horse rider having their photograph taken when using the byway at Knights Meadow.

9. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk explained the position with the refurbishment of Retallack Playing Field and that this had been put back on the agenda for discussion as when money was being allocated in the budget some Councillors had felt the amount allocated was insufficient to make improvements. The costs were estimated to be in the region of:

General landscaping £30K (based on Pengelly Meadows), new play equipment £48K so we would be looking at around £80K.

It was suggested that any surplus soil from works at Retallack Playing Field could be utilised at Pengelly Meadows for the levelling.

Outside funding would be needed for larger improvements, such as an all weather pitch. There were issues with there being no toilet facilities in any of our parks during the Summer and it was suggested that perhaps portaloos could be a temporary solution during these months.

Pathways installed in any of our parks needed to be all weather and safe for the elderly and suitable for children's buggies.

The Clerk advised that the total budget allocated for Pengelly Meadows was £53K, part of this was from Section 106 money.

Cllr Brickell said he would seek a price for the landscaping work at Retallack and for moving the surplus soil to Pengelly Meadows for the levelling work.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT A BUDGET OF APPROX £80K BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL AND THIS BE USED TO SHAPE A PROPOSAL, FULL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED TO FULL COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE.

Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area

The Clerk advised the quotes had been received and totalled £27K for gym and outdoor exercise equipment and £30K for landscaping, including levelling the field, installation of pathways and fencing. The cost of surfacing for the pathways was not included in these figures.

The budget allocated was £53K but the costs received so far totalled £57K and the surfacing was in addition to this amount. It was recognised that the Parish Council may need to modify their aspirations to come in under budget or seek additional funding from full Parish Council once the exact costs were known. The final figure was likely to be in the region of £55K to £65K.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested a project manager be employed to manage both the Retallack and Pengelly Meadows and he wondered if we needed a project manager to manage the refurbishment of both sites.

The Clerk to contact our preferred contractor to request a price for groundworks at Retallack.

The preferred contractors quote for Pengelly Meadows needed to be finalised and the specification checked.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PREFERRED CONTRACTORS QUOTATION FOR PENGELLY MEADOWS BE DOUBLE CHECKED FOR THE EXACT SPECIFICATION INCLUDED AND THEN IF ADDITIONAL BUDGET IS NEEDED THIS BE TAKEN BACK TO FULL COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADDITIONAL WASTE BINS

There was a discussion regarding additional waste bins to take both general rubbish and dog waste. At present a new waste disposal contract was being negotiated by Cornwall Council so currently there was no information available on costs for emptying additional bins.

There were issues with dog fouling at the following locations and it was suggested that perhaps consideration could be given to installing bins in these locations

Roundwood (at the top of Wrinkling Lane in the layby), Point Road, Carnon Downs and Pengelly Meadows recreation area, Carnon Downs

The Clerk would contact Cornwall Council in due course to find out if costs were available for emptying of additional bins.

11. POINT QUAY WATER POINT

The Clerk had been in touch with SWW who advised that the water point needed to be installed first and then they would connect to it.

12. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND

The Chairman has asked Mark O'Brien for an update on the lease/license work for the land and is awaiting a response.

13. ADDITIONAL BENCH AT RESTRONGUET POINT

The Chairman said there were 2 wrecked boats in the dinghy area and he would endeavour to contact the owners. The rope in the barrier around the seating area was fraying and the contractor had been asked to replace this. The Chairman would like to install an additional bench seat with the view down to Point and asked the members of the Committee to visit the area and form a view if this would be a nice addition. The Chairman would visit the neighbours about this and the land that has been roped off.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED £400 BE ALLOCATED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL BENCH AT RESTRONGUET POINT, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.