

**MEETING NO. 1171**

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.15pm**

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	R Richards	S Parker	C Blake
	M Kemp	B Thomas	C Shefford
	C Kemp	P Lightfoot	K Hambly-Staite
	I MacDonald		C Johnson
	P Allen		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer  
Martyn Alvey (member of the public)

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Richards

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman said that he felt that the last 4 years had been very successful and he felt that a large amount of progress has been made since the last election and thanked everyone for all their efforts and hoped that the Council could continue in the same vein. Thanks were given to Cllr Shefford, Gordon and Mike Kemp for their efforts since they have been on the Council and also the other Councillors who were elected at the election but had since left the Council due to various reasons.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cornwall Councillor Chamberlain and Cllr Andrew.

The Chairman proposed that we send a letter of thanks to Councillor Chamberlain for his support over the last 4 years especially with planning and housing issues.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR C KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one members of the public present who had come to listen.

**6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Highways drain clearance in Feock**

I have chased up Aquarius SW (Carnon Valley), Metro Rod (Carnon Downs) and Clearflow (Carnon Valley) for a price to clean out the highways drains in Feock and am waiting their responses.

**Devoran Highways Scheme**

20mph zone consultation is underway and closes on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Carnon Downs Highways**

I have circulated the new costs for the highways changes following the changes agreed at the last Parish Council meeting.

Forth Coth bollards – £5,725

Bissoe Road/Forth Coth junction layout changes - £14,370

Quenchwell Road yellow lines – £7,600

Bissoe Road pavement - £29,024

### **Community Library expansion**

The listed building application has been approved. I have contacted 2 builders for prices and will seek a third price.

### **Common land at Chycoose Beach**

Phil has spoken to the lady who owns Cliff Cottage and we are now 'negotiating' regarding access around the cottage on the common land. I will continue to look into registering the land as a Village Green. This has put a stop on progressing to judicial review which could be very expensive. I have written to the lady but have had no response as yet and will contact them again in a couple of weeks.

## **7. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

The Chairman attended the Community Network Meeting where the main topic was Speedwatch. It was generally agreed by the meeting that there had been delays but it now appeared that there was movement on getting this scheme going for those who were interested in setting it up in their area.

## **8. CURRENT REPORTS**

### **Cornwall Council**

Cllr Chamberlain had given his apologies.

### **Devon & Cornwall Police**

The latest crime report available online was for January 2017. The latest figures she was able to access online <https://www.police.uk/devon-and-cornwall/CIOS.4065/crime/+LCXfe2/>

1. Devoran – near to the park – Criminal damage/arson – Status: Investigation complete; no suspect identified
2. Carnon Downs – Tregye Road – Violence and sexual offences – Status: Under investigation
3. Carnon Downs – Tregye Road – Violence and sexual offences – Status: Unable to prosecute suspect
4. Carnon Downs – Tregye Road – Violence and sexual offences – Status: Unable to prosecute suspect
5. Carnon Downs – Quenchwell Road – Burglary – Status: Under investigation
6. Carnon Downs – Quenchwell Road – Shoplifting – Status: Investigation complete; no suspect identified

The Clerk advised that she would be attending the Police Liaison Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and suggested that after the May elections a Councillor be nominated to attend as the Parish Council's representative.

## **9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk gave the following financial report.

**Outgoings to be paid since the last meeting including**

Gas & Electricity for Parish Office/Market Hall	£1,035.83
Grass matting for Devoran Park	£442
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,197.10</b> (ex VAT)

**Income invoiced/received since last meeting**

Rent from Pre-school	£916.66 (now £11,000 per annum)
Rent from small office	£215.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,131.66</b>

**BANK & CASH BALANCES**Lloyds Bank

Current account	£63,376.21 reconciled to <b>£58,460.54</b> re CDF cheque of £4,915.67
Capital Reserve	<b>£74,964.40</b> remainder of Feock Reading Room sale (£125k transferred to CC)
Sinking Fund	<b>£4,001.93</b> Market Hall maintenance fund

Cambridge Building Society

Easy Access Saver	<b>£72,962.46</b> (includes £50K bond)
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Cornwall Council (CC)

Deposit facility	<b>£125,000</b> (from sale of Reading Room)
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Petty Cash	<b>£34.32</b>
Transport Scheme	<b>£280.55</b>

<b>YEAR END SUMMARY</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual to date</b>
Income	£119,403	£140,531.61
Expenses	£95,432	£131,533.35
<b>Net position</b>	<b>£23,971</b>	<b>£ 8,998.26</b>

**YEAR END PROFIT & LOSS REPORT****INCOME**

Income	£140,531.61
FRR sale	£204,740.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£345,271.61</b>

**EXPENSES**

Expenses	£131,533.35
FRR fees and costs	£ 6,140.31
PWLB Principle repayment	£110,000.00
PWLB Interest, premium and bank charges	£ 22,786.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>£270,459.21</b>

<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>£74,812.40</b>
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## **10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Feock ward**

Cllr Blake said the drains were still blocked and still lots of mulch on the roads which needed clearing. He commented that the level of dog fouling had decreased since the Parish Council's signs had been displayed.

There had been some concerns raised about parking on Trevilla Hill near to properties that are being renovated, vans are parking on the corner and forcing traffic out onto the wrong side of the road. It was suggested that the local PCSOs be contacted to see if they could advise the owners of the vans if they could park in a more suitable location.

### **Devoran ward**

The Village Flower Show had been successfully held recently. There had been lots of interest in the 20 mph zone consultation notices and so far all the comments received by the Parish Council had been very positive.

### **Carnon Downs ward**

The Carnon Downs defibrillator had now been installed in the phonebox outside of the Dentist and the grand opening had been held on a very wet day. The Dentist have put up a notice in their window asking their customers to park more sensibly and this had seemed to have some effect on lessening the parking on the pavement. Tregye Road also needed the mulch clearing from the sides of the road.

## **11. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

A meeting had been held recently and the next meeting was on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The planning application for 38 houses at Valley Lane was still ongoing with no decision yet made. The Planning Officer had asked the agent to answer all the points that we had raised in our second comment.

The application to knock down at bungalow "Quiet Quay" had been refused unanimously by Cornwall Council Planning Committee which was an excellent result as the Parish Council had been unhappy with all the applications that had been submitted on the site due to their scale and impact on the conservation area.

### **Pill Creek Tree Preservation Order**

The Chairman advised that the new Pill Creek Tree Preservation Order had now been confirmed. Cllr Blake commented that some areas were covered by a Woodland Order (which was the highest level of designation and protected all trees currently growing and any new ones that grew in the woodland area), some groups of trees were also protected under an Area Order and then individual trees were protected and these were shown on a map of the area. The order reflected what had been agreed during the survey with the Tree Officer. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Hambly-Staite and Blake for their work on this. The Tree Officer had also been contacted to thank him for his work on this project. It was noted that there were some substantial trees in Feock that were still not covered by a TPO but this was because we could not prove that the trees were at risk.

It was agreed to put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting the review of TPOs in the parish.

## **12. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Cllr Johnson reported that the Access & Amenities Committee had been very busy and most of the projects had been completed or covered earlier in the meeting. Cllr Johnson thanked Cllr Allen for

all his work on the risk assessments which had been very helpful. Cllr Johnson thanked everyone on the committee for all their hard work. The transport scheme was going very well and the Clerk reported that she had received some very nice comments from users to say what a lifesaver the scheme was. The Chairman thanked all the drivers and Ian Anear for volunteering their time to make the scheme a success and a meeting of the drivers would be held soon to check how everyone felt the scheme was going.

### **13. HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Cllr Hambly-Staite advised that the group were meeting again on Thursday and a fuller report would be given to the next Parish Council meeting. The group had been looking at the existing facilities and mapping the current groups and services in the parish. We had not yet heard anything further about the pilot project with Cornwall Council and Truro City Council.

### **14. DOG FOULING**

The Chairman commented that this issue had arisen due to fouling of a field in Feock which had a footpath that ran through it and complaints from the landowner about this. It had been suggested to install a dog waste bin near to the stile at the field by Ferris Garage. The cost of a new bin was around £240 each including emptying for a year (£40).

**RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT A NEW DOG WASTE BIN WAS INSTALLED NEAR TO THE STILE BY FERRIS GARAGE, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

### **15. F.A.S.T. PROJECT (FEOCK ACTION ON SPEED & TRAFFIC)**

Cllr MacDonald said that regarding Community Speed Watch which was raised at the Community Network Meeting, he had expressed interest on behalf of the Parish Council and was awaiting a response. It was noted that Community Speedwatch was only able to be set up in 30mph limit and we had to give an idea of the areas we were interested in covering. The stretch from the Punchbowl down to Fourturnings may be suitable but the road further down from Fourturnings would not be suitable as it was 40mph. The 20mph consultation for Devoran was underway and due to end on 6<sup>th</sup> April. The prices for the revised works for Carnon Downs have been received. Cllr MacDonald and the Council had some concerns about the level of the fees involved and would query this with our Cormac contact.

Cllr MacDonald said that there had been discussions with Cormac regarding improving pedestrian safety near to Trelissick and the Woodland Crossing. There was no chance that the speed limit on the road could be reduced, there was a possibility of doing some work with signs to warn motorists of pedestrians on the road and removing the central white line to give the visual impression that the road was narrower and it was hoped that this would slow the traffic.

A Penelewey resident had been in contact with the Parish Council to ask about the possibility of a pavement to be installed from the Punchbowl to Fourturnings. The Clerk had obtained a ballpark figure for this work from Cormac which would be in the region of £180,000 to £250,000.

### **16. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Cllr Allen had advised that the Keep Clear road markings had been renewed (paid for by the Parish Council) and the Association had pressure washed the slipway. Cllr Allen had carried out risk assessments and there were substantial repairs to be carried out to the vehicular barriers at the Orchard and Quay and this would be the responsibility of the Parish Council to fund. Point Quay Association would be obtaining quotations and forwarding these to the Parish Council.

**17. "YOUR CHOICE" FUNDING**

The Clerk had circulated a list of the applications received. The Chairman advised that these were the applications received by the deadline. The total amount applied for was £3380 which was substantially above the £2000 budget that had been allocated. The Parish Council had the discretion to decide how much was awarded to each group. The Clerk ran through the rules around applying for funding.

**18. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LAND AT THE CARNON VALLEY**

Cllr Allen said that himself and the Clerk had had a very positive meeting with the Environment Agency today and there was a possibility that they would be willing to enter into a lease agreement with the Parish Council and this would not include the Parish Council having responsibility for the rivers, drainage and flooding issues, any risk and liability would be covered in the lease. The Environment Agency did not have any initial problems with our suggested improvements to the land as a recreation facility. They will be providing costs and maintenance requirements as well as other survey information. Cllr Allen would provide this to a future Council meeting and update the draft business plan. The Chairman thanked Cllr Allen and the Clerk for their work on this over the last few years.

**19. FAL RIVER FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP**

The Clerk said that we had been asked if we would like to become a Friend of the Fal River Festival at a cost of £65+VAT for which we could get a presence on the Facebook page and website, 2 tickets to the Beer Fleet and a logo in the programme.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR C KEMP PROPOSED WE BECOME A FRIEND OF THE FAL RIVER FESTIVAL AT A COST OF £65+VAT, SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

**20. CONTRACTS FOR 2017/18**

The Clerk recommended that we continue with our current contractors for the year 2017/18 unless anyone has any concerns.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL CONTINUE WITH THEIR CURRENT CONTRACTORS FOR 2017/18, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.