

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN
	P Allen	A Allen
	R Brickell	B Thomas
		S Parker

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor P Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies received from Cllrs Blake and Hambly-Staite.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2019 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. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

There were no new members attending who wished to join the committee, however it was noted that new members would be very welcome.

7. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Tank Hill light bulb colour, the Clerk had emailed SSE.

Flashing speed sign placement – The Clerk advised there were issues that the signs were not allowed to be placed on Western Power Distribution poles by SSE, there were 4 locations at 1, 3, 8 and 12 that had been planned for WPD posts. If we still wished to go ahead with these sites then we would need to consider putting in new posts for them to be mounted on.

There was a potential existing post at Penelewey on the “Welcome to Feock Parish” sign where the sign could be resited from the WPD one at Penelewey, this was agreed.

The site for the road to the King Harry Ferry was also planned to be on a WPD post which was now not possible and there were no other existing post options, this needed to be looked at again as this was a location that it was important to have the sign at due to reported speeding issues. Viv Bidgood from Highways has said he would look into this to see if there was an existing alternative.

The second site at Tregye Road was now not suitable and it was agreed to leave this one out for the time being as there was already one site on Tregye Road. Viv would check to see if there was an existing alternative that could be used without putting in a new post.

The site by Park an Gwarry playing park was also planned to be on a WPD so another post would be needed at this site. An alternative potential site would be on the Playground triangular sign to capture traffic going Eastbound (down Bissoe Road) this was agreed.

The practicalities of the deployment of the sign was being worked on. The clarification of potential new poles for siting of the 4 locations that were now not possible was not holding up the deployment of the sign and it would soon be put up at its first location in Devoran.

The Forth Coth phonebox now has had a noticeboard installed and leaflet holders.

School speed poster campaign – Cornwall Council had approved the layout and their logos on the posters and the Clerk would now arrange for the signs to be produced with clips on the back for fixing to existing posts.

The Clerk had obtained a proof of the new park signs and the colour and layout was agreed. Cllr Parker would amend the other park signs to match and the Clerk would then arrange for these to be printed and put up at our parks.

The Chairman said that we needed to consider new signage for our other land as well as parks. Carnon Yard, Chycoose Beach, Carnon Mine, Market Street garden and Restronguet Point and this needed to be looked at in the future.

Bench for Forth Coth - the Clerk would investigate a recycled plastic bench instead, and would check the funds allocated by Full Parish Council.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Bridleway from Carnon Wollas

Cllr Brickell said there had been a tree down on this path and he was unsure if this was still the case. The Chair was going to speak to the owner of the bridleway and he would ask him about this then.

Bissoe Road, Carnon Downs (crossing points)

An email had been received from a resident expressing concerns about crossing Bissoe Road and speed of vehicles, photos the resident had submitted to explain her concerns were shown to the Committee and had been circulated to the Carnon Downs ward Councillors. It had been suggested that a more formal crossing point be identified and also requested that traffic calming be considered if possible as part of the works to install a pavement on Bissoe Road. The Clerk would forward to Cormac, Cllr P Allen's letter regarding our concerns about Old Carnon Hill traffic volume and new developments in Threemilestone.

Old Carnon Hill feasibility study

The Clerk reported that the feasibility study would be completed by 1st November and she would circulate this as soon as it was received.

Community Network Panel expression of interest

The Clerk had drafted the expression of interest form for a project to make improvements to cycle ways and the Chairman would check this before it was submitted.

Hedge cutting

It was advised that the Parish Council have found a contractor to cut back our hedges adjacent to the Common Land on the Tram Road.

9. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The Chairman said that whilst landowners were happy in principle to remove stiles and replace them with kissing gates to give better access, they were understandably reluctant to do so without permission from Cornwall Council.

The Chairman would identify missing footpath signs on a map for Cornwall Council to agree before we go ahead with replacing these.

The Chairman had contacted the landowner of the footpath from Tregye Road to Point Road and was awaiting a response.

The stile near to Devoran Church was very wobbly and the Clerk would report this online.

Our contractor has cut out our footpaths recently and we were very pleased with the work that had been done.

10. POINT QUAY WATER POINT

The Chairman reported that the bylaws team at SWW had now approved our design for the water filling point. The cost of the filling point apparatus would be £350. Point Quay Association had asked if the Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards this. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council donate £175.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT £175 WAS DONATED TOWARDS THE COST OF THE FILLING POINT, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk would check there was sufficient budget in the budget line that Access & Amenities had delegated authority to spend.

11. COMMUNITY CONNECT WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

It was reported that 118 people had an improved wellbeing score since engaging with the Community Connect project which was excellent. The Clerk would circulate updates to all Councillors as they were received.

12. RESTRONGUET POINT PARKING FOR MOORING HOLDERS

Cllr Thomas reported that large boulders had appeared on the edge of the turning circle at Restronguet Point, this prevented the new mobile library from visiting as it could not turn due to its length. The stones have now been removed due to pressure from residents who were upset at the potential loss of the library van visits. Cllr Alvey hoped to attend the Friends of Restronguet Point AGM to raise the issue of additional parking being provided to allow non-residents additional parking.

13. RETALLACK PLAYING FIELD EQUIPMENT

Cllr A Allen is going to meet with Cllr Hambly-Staite to look at potential new play equipment and provision of parking spaces and they would feedback.

14. PENGELLY MEADOWS NEW RECREATION AREA

The Chairman reported that at the last full Parish Council meeting it was agreed for Access & Amenities to take this forward. The preferred contractor was being contacted as there was some clarification needed on the quotation. The landscaping/levelling work was the immediate work required, together with the groundworks for the pathways. The second part was the fencing and then the third part of the work was the surfacing of the pathways and the layout and installation of the equipment.

It was suggested that we carry out the hedge cutting back works as soon as possible but it may now be too late to do the landscaping work due to the wet weather and it was likely this work would potentially be carried out in the Spring/Summer. The trees, benches and hedges could be cut back before any major works were carried out and the new sign erected so that it was clear the area was open to the public.

15. PARK AN GWARRY PLAYING FIELD, CARNON DOWNS

It was agreed to block up the gap in the wall on the Bissoe Road side of the park.

The brambles on the Cornish hedge had been left to grow to discourage children from climbing over the hedge. However now that the park was for younger children and the gap was to be closed up it was felt a suitable time to remove the brambles from the outside of the hedge as they were no longer needed as a deterrent.

The Clerk would ask our grass cutting contractor to remove the brambles from the outside of the hedge and the Council would consider planting on the top of the hedge. Also remove the redundant barrier on the pavement.

RESOLUTION: CLLR PARKER PROPOSED THE ACCESS GAP IN THE WALL OF PARK AN GWARRY PLARYING FIELD BE CLOSED UP, THE BRAMBLES REMOVED FROM THE TOP OF THE BOUNDARY WALL AND THE BARRIER ON THE PAVEMENT REMOVED, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. WEED CONTROL TRIAL

The Clerk reported that the majority of Chycoose Parc had been cleared of weeds, the residents had been very pleased with the work completed so far. The contractor would now carry out some work in Carnon Downs. The Clerk would seek a price from the Contractor so this could be discussed as part of the budget discussions for the coming year.

17. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND

Kea Parish Council had agreed to be represented on the Working Party and discussed this at their last meeting. The Clerk had sent out details of the project to Kea, Perranarworthal and Gwennap to see if they wished to be part of this. Cllrs Thomas, Allen and Brickell would be representatives from Feock on the working party.

18. CYCLE ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman had met recently with Simon Murray from Sustrans with regards to cycle route improvements and we had contacted Mark O'Brien at Cornwall Council to advise of our interest in having a feasibility study carried out to improve the route between Devoran and Truro and a formal expression of interest would be made. This would be included in the expression of interest to include a link from Feock to Playing Place.

The government had awarded £25M to Cornwall Council for improvements to Truro and it was hoped that some of this funding may be available for improvements to cycle routes.

The Chairman had also met with Sarah Newton MP who had suggested that a larger route should be concentrated on which would be Truro to Falmouth with Truro to Devoran as part of this.

CLLr A Allen said that it was difficult to cycle up Harris Hill at present due to hedges being very overgrown. The Clerk would report this.

19. ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BINS FOR THE PARISH

CLLr A Allen said there were no litter bins at Penpol and requested a litter bin be installed by the postbox at Penpol Pond and also near to the St Feock Church & Community Car Park. The Clerk would speak to Cornwall Council to find out if these would be possible and costs involved.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT 2 NEW BINS BE INSTALLED IN PENPOL AND NEAR TO ST FEOCK CHURCH HALL AND THE CLERK INVESTIGATE COSTS, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk would provide a map showing the public bins which could also be used to dispose of dog waste.

20. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ISSUES

Hot water dispenser

The Chairman said that we would be looking to replace our kettle with a one cup dispensing water boiler which would save energy as it would only boil the water needed for one cup of tea rather than the kettle being boiled over and over again with more water than was necessary.

CLLr Allen recommended we swap the kettle for this water dispenser and this would be put on the next full Council agenda for discussion.

Carbon Offset

As part of looking into carbon offset, there are schemes that can be bought into where trees can be planted each year for each person who lives in an area as long as a contribution was made each year, it was felt this is not something the Parish Council should be doing as we had our own tree planting scheme. However, it was suggested if the scheme could offset the running of the Parish Council Offices then this may be something the Parish Council could look into. The Chairman would work out the carbon footprint of the office.

Old Market Hall Yard

It had been suggested that possibly work space could be located in the yard outside the offices to minimise the miles that people have to drive to work, this would be discussed further but would have to be for people in the village and may be difficult to secure planning permission for due to it being in a conservation area and in the curtilage of the listed office building. The yard may also be suitable for a central recycling collection point but would require volunteers to run this. There were various suggestions about solar panels, air source heat pumps and energy storage which would be investigated.

Bike racks

It was felt it would be useful to have a bike rack at the Parish Council Offices and also one at all the playing fields and parks to encourage cycling. Cllr A Allen said the best type were large D shaped ones but individual ones were also very useful, a handle bar width apart to make them useable.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED A BANK OF 4 'D' HOOP CYCLE RACKS BE INSTALLED AT RETALLACK PLAYING FIELD AND 2 'D' HOOP CYCLE RACKS AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES AND THIS BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL PARISH COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm