

MEETING NO. 1128

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 25th February 2016 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Richards	V Gordon	C Johnson
	I MacDonald	B Shankland	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
3 members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Allen, Blake and Andrew.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2016 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR RICHARDS AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present. These items covered agenda items 7, 10 and 11. The minutes have been renumbered to take this into account.

Additional rubbish bins in Devoraqn

A representative of Devoran Quay Preservation Society spoke regarding public bins. There were no bins in Devoran village with the exception of the park. The Devoran Quay Preservation Society (DQPS) would like to see two additional bins provided if possible, there is one on the Quay that the DQPS are responsible for emptying. There is lots of litter on Quay Road and Greenbank Road especially in the verge now that it had been cut back. Would it be possible to put a rubbish bin at the far end of Greenbank Road by the dog waste bin and at the village end of Market Street? The Clerk advised that she had enquired about prices and bins would cost around £100 each to install plus £58.20+VAT and 10% admin charge each for emptying for a year by Cory.

The Committee agreed to put this to the Full Parish Council for consideration in the 2016/17 budget.

DQPS said they may be willing to pay for the one at the end of Quay Road/Market Street. It was agreed for DQPS to come up with 4 or 5 suggested locations including the two discussed at the meeting and then provide these to the Parish Council for consideration.

Quiet Lane signs for the Tram Road

John Bray from Restronguet Creek Society (RCS) spoke regarding the possibility of installing 'Quiet Lane' signs on the Tram Road. RCS may be willing to contribute to the cost if the Council could make the arrangements for the signs to be installed. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain prices for Quiet Lane signs with 'Sponsored by/Supported by Restronguet Creek Society' on the bottom of the sign, this would be provided to RCS with prices.

Greenbank Road

A resident of Greenbank Road spoke regarding pedestrian safety on this road. There were a number of young families living there and also families who used the road to get to school or pre-school. It is becoming quite an issue and is dangerous, especially on the bend at the Market Street end of the road. The grass verge on the old A39 on the way up to school is very muddy at present and people have to walk in the road with buggies which is not ideal and in the dark evenings it is dangerous. Is there any chance of a pavement or traffic calming being installed?

The Committee advised that they already have prices for various works in the Feasibility Study for Devoran highways that has been carried out by Cormac. One suggestion is a virtual pavement half way along Greenbank Road with a traffic calming build out, this would cost in the region of £15,000. Unfortunately a raised pavement was simply too expensive and would also narrow the road to an unacceptable width. The Council are considering as part of their project budget discussions for 2016/17 putting down some hard standing on the wide grass verge going up the side of the old A39 which should make this a more all year round path. If this was agreed by the Council, the aim would be to have this in place for September and any volunteers would be welcome to help with the groundworks. The price to have a 20mph zone in Devoran would be £25,000 with associated traffic calming.

Unfortunately Highways will not allow us to carry out our original plan of putting a temporary mesh surface on the creek side of Greenbank Road, although Mr Holt owned this land and had kindly given his permission for us to use to it as a walkway, Highways had said this was still technically classed as part of the highway and we could not lay anything on it.

The Clerk would provide the resident with a copy of the Feasibility Study.

6. REGISTERING OF FOOTPATH NO.29

The Clerk advised that the paperwork had been received, we now needed to provide witness statements to confirm that this path had been used for a number of years without it being obstructed.

7. REVIVAL OF THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Cllr Richards commented that the Twinning Association with L'Hopital Camfrout in Brittany had ceased about 10 years ago. He had been contacted by the previous Vicar who was involved with the Association just before Christmas who was keen to revive this. Devoran School had previously run an exchange visit/programme. Cllr Richards suggested that perhaps we could get a community group to take the lead on this with the Parish Council assisting. It was agreed to put articles in the Parish News to see if there was any interest from the community in reviving this. The Parish Clerk would check the bank accounts for surplus funds from the Association.

RESOLUTION: CLLR SHANKLAND PROPOSED THAT WE FORMALLY STATE OUT INTEREST AND TALK TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE PARISH REGARDING THE REVIVAL OF THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION, SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

8. PROJECTS FOR 2016/18 BUDGET

There were concerns about highways safety in Carnon Downs and it was discussed whether the Council would wish to spend around £2600 on a Feasibility Study for Carnon Downs like they had for Devoran. It was felt that any highways improvements would have to be funded through the sale of the Feock Reading Room as they would be very expensive. There was a discussion regarding the precept and the cost the public works loan.

Cllr Shankland felt it was important to have the Feasibility Study as this was the only way we would have the exact cost of any highways work.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE A&A COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL THAT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT BE BUDGETED FOR PROJECTS IN THE 2016/17 ARISING FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

9. CARNON DOWNS DEFIBRILLATOR & ADOPTION OF THE PHONE BOX

The Clerk had advised BT that we wished to adopt the phone box as there had been no objections from the public consultation. The Clerk was awaiting the paperwork to be sent through.

10. MICRO LIBRARY OFFICIAL OPENING

Cllr Johnson reminded everyone that the official opening of the library was being held on Saturday 19th May from 10am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE – THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016, 7PM