

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm Thursday 23rd June 2022

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		S Cooper	K Hambly-Staite
		A Allen	L Fitt
			R Brickell

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

Ewen Abram-Moore, member of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor K Hambly-Staite

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J and P Allen.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2022

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2022 ARE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman asked the member of the public present if he wished to ask any questions. The member of the public commented that with regards to cutting verges he felt feedback from residents should be considered.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk gave her updated on actions from previous meeting.

7. HEALTH & WELLBEING 30 MINUTE WALKS

The Chairman would like to propose a motion on the 30 minute walks as set out on the agenda and recommend these are prioritised. This project comprised of planting trees, wildflowers and bench seats. The proposed walk routes had been circulated and the Chairman asked if anyone had any comments.

Cllr Cooper commented on Walks 8 and 9, the heading Making Space for Nature under Walk 8 although there was a lot of really good ideas in the document, it was sometimes about planting, management and public space which wasn't really making space for nature. Cllr Cooper would like to have something included about allowing existing nature as well.

Cllr Cooper was concerned that we were being presented with a policy document rather than helping to put one together and she would prefer to have input into these type of documents rather than just having them to comment on.

Cllr Cooper would like to have included allowing wild spaces to look after themselves and space for nature rather than just adding planting.

Cllr A Allen said she felt that all Councillors should make the time to walk the 30 minute walks in their own ward and feedback before this went to Full Council as a recommendation.

Cllr Brickell felt that sometimes human intervention was needed. Cllr Cooper agreed that this was necessary but only where appropriate.

Cllr A Allen asked if there was a rest point if the bench was already there for this to be noted on the document or if a new one was needed.

It was agreed that it would be useful for several Councillors to do these walks together and then feedback.

The Chairman said the purpose of these walks when originally discussed were so that they were accessible to more people who may not be able to use all the footpaths but still give a route for them to appreciate the local area. The Chairman felt that the work to walk the walks and feedback should be done by the February Access & Amenities Committee meeting so the idea could be progressed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAIKE PROPOSED THAT COUNCILLORS UNDERTAKE THE WALKS (EXCEPT PLANTING FOR WALK 1) AND FEEDBACK TO THE FEBRUARY ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. A STRATEGY FOR TREES IN FEOCK PARISH

The Clerk had circulated the report document to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.

Cllr Cooper again felt there was a lot of good work in this document and wished to comment as follows.

Could the document stress more strongly how important that the retention of existing trees, hedges and shrubs was? It was important to make sure we were planting the right trees in the right places and this needs the support and input from the community. Ten specimen trees we would need expert advice on this and also felt that advice was also needed on Ash Die Back. Fruit tree planting, again could the community be involved in the species of trees to be planted in the orchard.

The Parish Council should be helping people to understand the species of trees they could plant on their private land rather than encouraging the planting of random trees.

Negative tally of tree planting and removal, with regards to the comment on replanting and monitoring, who would do this?

Cllr A Allen said that if someone is given permission to take a protected tree they are contacted by Cornwall Council to check they have adhered to the replanting condition. It would be interesting to know the figures on this for the parish.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust 2012 report referred to, it would be useful to contact them for an update with regards to woodland scrub and trees.

There should be reference in the document to the fact that scrub is really important to birds and other wildlife. Marginal land was also very important around the edges and should be allowed.

Cllr Fitt said that she felt that the Tree Strategy that had been presented would be something that should be included in the Nature Recovery Plan for the Parish which is on the next Parish Council agenda for discussion.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITÉ PROPOSED THAT THE TREES ACROSS FEOCK DOCUMENT BE THE BASIS FOR A PARISH COUNCIL TREE POLICY TO BE CONSIDERED BY FULL COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL APPROVE TAKING STEPS FOR CONSULTING OTHER BODIES FOR THEIR OPINIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATION, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tree Planting along bus lane in Carnon Downs

The Clerk had submitted the planting licence application to Cornwall Council for 10 cherry trees to be planted along the bus lane in Carnon Downs and also asked Highways to details of any utilities that may be under the verge and we were awaiting a response.

The Chairman advised the cost for 10 trees was £800 to £1000 for 6' approx specimen trees. It has been suggested that residents could be invited to adopt a tree but to ensure these look attractive they should be planted at the same time and the Council be asked to underwrite the funding of the trees and then seek adoption of them by residents.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITÉ PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE FORMALLY PROPOSE TO FULL COUNCIL THAT THE COUNCIL UNDERWRITE THE SCHEME AND THEN MARKET AN ADOPT A TREE SCHEME, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. COST OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

A meeting had been held recently with the Affordable Housing Team and Coastline Housing where Councillors were advised that there was no funding available to build Affordable Housing in a more environmentally friendly way and include such as solar panels etc. The Chairman felt that we should be contacting our MP to express our concerns

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITÉ PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL WRITE TO CHERILYN MACKRORY MP TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF FUNDING IN THE SOCIAL

HOUSING SECTOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN SOCIAL HOUSING, CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

Cllr Brickell wished to record his thanks to Cllr P Allen for his perseverance with getting the verges cut back between Carnon Downs and Playing Place and the cycle path was now much wider.

Cllr Cooper said that she had heard about a potential policy change where all 30mph limits in the country would reduce to 20mph. Cllr Cooper would look into this and circulate information when she had researched this.

Cllr A Allen said that the verges had been cut on Point Road up to Carnon Downs and she had received comments from residents about how much safer they felt walking along the road there and the visibility around the blind bend had improved.

Cllr Brickell said that the road to Bissoe just off the Carnon Gate roundabout was very untidy with lots of broken mirrors where vehicles had caught their mirrors on trees where they were trying to squeeze past. The road was very busy and getting more busy which he felt was due to heavy traffic up at Highertown and Treliske.

The Chairman asked everyone to take photos of issues when they see them as this backed up reports made by the Clerk.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

Enhanced LMP Footpath project update

The Clerk advised that two new kissing gates had been installed at Carnon Wollas as part of this project. Another gate had been installed at the end of the Loe Beach path where the cows had broken down the old gate and we would contact the Countryside Access team for advice on fencing and surfacing where it was very muddy.

Cllr A Allen said that last week a protected Oak tree had been taken down at Trevallion Park but unfortunately the contractor had used caterpillar track vehicles along the footpath and this has badly damaged the surface and as far as we were aware the contractor did not have permission to drive on the footpath. The Clerk had reported this damage to the Countryside Access Team.

Cllr Cooper said that there were planting conditions on this site as part of the planning permission given and the owners have given assurance that these would be complied with.

12. LAND & PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

The Clerk advised that the lease had been signed for the Carnon Valley and this was now back with our solicitors.

Oak Tree in Devoran Park

The advice from the Tree Consultant was that the tree currently did not require another survey and this should be done two years after the previous survey. The tree consultant had offered to speak with the resident if they still had concerns.

13. HIGHWAYS VERGES CUTTING

Cllr Allen had identified the verges she would like to see cut to improve pedestrian access and provide safe refuge. These were: the bottom of Trolver Hill near to the Chapel (leave the brambles), further up the hill by the corner with Trolver Farm the verge here needs cutting and also remove the Sycamore that has self seeded).

Cllr Brickell suggested the stretch of road from Tregye Crossroads down to Fourturnings, hedge in garden on the right (Come to Good) and then towards Fourturnings the hedge on the left hand side opposite the plants for sale. Also hedge growing out by Wrinkling lane parking layby down towards Trelissick on the left hand side.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested the top of Trolver Hill at the junction with Feock road be cut to improve visibility.

The Chairman asked everyone to bring their final areas to the next meeting so that a list could be provided to Cormac.

14. LOCATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL GRIT BINS & DOG WASTE/LITTER BINS

The Clerk read out the list of requested grit bins by residents and Councillors.

Top of the Forge (Carnon Downs), top of the hill at the junction between Point Road and Penpol Hill, start of the Tram Road/S bend, crossroads of Tregye Road/Gig Lane (Carnon Downs), Crossroads at bottom of Old Carnon Hill and near to Loe Beach/Porthgwidden.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE 6 NEW GRIT BINS DISCUSSED BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Cooper left the meeting at 9pm.

15. TO DISCUSS IDEAS FOR CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III IN JUNE

The Chairman said he was aware that the villages were planning some events and thought that the Parish Council should give some consideration to how this should be marked. Cllr A Allen said that she understood that the Monday was going to be dedicated to volunteering and wondered if the Parish Council should get involved with encouraging this and may be something Feock Eco could get involved with or the office. The Chairman suggested perhaps a specimen tree could be planted in each parish.

The Clerk would put this on the next Parish Council agenda.

16. QUOTES FOR WORK TO HORSE CHESTNUT TREE ON POINT GREEN

The Clerk had circulated the three quotes received for the works to the TPO tree that permission had been granted for.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT CONOVIA BE APPOINTED AS THE CONTRACTOR TO DO THE WORKS TO THE HORSECHEST NUT, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.