

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		R Brickell	S Parker	R Andrew
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Allen		H Freeman
		P Lightfoot		R Andrew
		K Gason		

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
4 members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Lightfoot

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Blake and A Allen.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4th JUNE 2019

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JUNE 2019 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR FREMAN AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew gave the following statement:- "I (Cllr Andrew) declare an interest in planning matters related either directly or in proximity to my land and property in Feock. For the public record, I am an employee of Cornwall Council working in the Place Shaping team. I have been advised by the Monitoring Officer that as a Parish Councillor I have no personal interest in the Neighbourhood Planning Agenda and related issues. However, if during the course of discussions issues are discussed of which I have a personal involvement it may be appropriate to leave the meeting and take no further part in the debate and for it to be recorded in the minutes. I am currently seconded part-time to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and due to this declare an interest in Item 11 Planning".

5. CO-OPTION TO CARNON DOWNS WARD CASUAL VACANCY

The Chairman welcomed Kate Gason to the meeting who had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council to fill the Carnon Downs vacancy. Kate gave a brief overview of her background and her reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council. She is interested in planning, historic environment and natural environment. Kate had worked in regeneration, countryside and enhancing natural environment for public enjoyment.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT KATE GASON BE CO-OPTED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AS A CARNON DOWNS WARD COUNCILLOR, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Gason and the Clerk both signed the Acceptance of Office form and Cllr Gason joined the meeting as a Councillor.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident attended to express his concerns about traffic on Old Carnon Hill. There were concerns about speed humps put in to slow traffic but these were being straddled by cars and causing conflict with pedestrians. It was difficult to walk to the shop for pedestrians and a petition had been submitted to the Parish Council. Was there a possibility that full width speed humps could be put in in place of the cushions? The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had allocated £6,000 for a feasibility study to be carried out to detail improvements that could be made on Old Carnon Hill and the cost of these works. A meeting had been held with Cormac and the concerns explained so that these could be taken into account when the feasibility study was being written. The Parish Council would then consider the options and costs. The road from Carnon Gate Roundabout to the bottom of Old Carnon Hill crossroads had also been looked at with a view to how traffic volume could be reduced and the volume of traffic using Old Carnon Hill could also be reduced and the use of Carnon Downs as a 'rat run' stopped.

Another resident from Carnon Downs attended to point out their concerns that it is looking very untidy in the village due to the number of weeds growing in the verges and roads. Cllr Allen said that we lost our contractor who did regularly spray with chemicals but that we did not now wish to go down the same route with glyphasates weed control as these were potentially hazardous to health. The Parish Council wish to continue with weed control but using a more environmentally friendly method and this is being investigated. The resident also said that the surface of Trelawne Close was very poor, the Clerk would report this to Highways.

7. PRESENTATION FROM FAL RIVER FERRIES

Tim Smithies, Chair of Fal River Ferries gave a presentation on the new hybrid engine ferry, this was the first hybrid passenger ferry in the country and they had been working jointly with other engineering organisations on this technology. They were a local transport provider and were keen to make links with other transport providers and hoped to be able to link up with buses and trains locally too.

8. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk reported as follows.

Penpol Boatyard – the Parish Council's comment on the Planning application had now been submitted.

Works were ongoing to install a water supply at Point Quay for pressure washing the slipway and a drinking water refill point.

The "Do I need planning permission?" application for Pengelly Meadows recreation area equipment had been submitted to Cornwall Council, the Council had confirmed this would be classed as permitted development and planning permission would not be required. The Clerk had received one quote for the groundworks to date and would chase up the other two contractors for a price.

The residents of the Old Tram Road have been written to with regards to their responsibilities to cutting their roadside hedges and our plans for maintaining our common land along the Tram Road.

The £400 contribution made to Devoran Village Hall for sound system and microphone was being arranged.

The Your Choice payments have now been made to the successful grant applicants.

The annual audit statements have been submitted to the External Auditors.

9. **MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Allen had met with Cornwall Council representatives and Kea Parish Council with regards to the proposed new community woodland at the Carnon Valley. The response from the meeting was very positive and further meetings would be held to agree how this could be arranged and managed in the future. Soil testing may be needed but as long as the results were acceptable then it was hoped that we could plant this planting season with trees from the Woodland Trust.

10. **CURRENT REPORTS**

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey gave the following report. Restronguet Point parking issues have again been raised, this time by residents about inconsiderate parking which could prevent emergency vehicle access, previously concerns had been raised by boat owners about lack of parking and stones on verges. Cllr Alvey has replied to advise that parking has been restricted by stones being placed on verges and that one resolution may be to create more parking spaces on Restronguet Point for boat users.

There have also been concerns raised about parking outside of the Tea Rooms at Penelewey. Cllr Alvey has responded to residents who had contacted him to say that double yellow lines would be very unlikely to be installed by Cornwall Council as there was no accident records at this location that showed a need to restrict parking. This was a highways verge and Highways had previously taken action to have the verge put back to grass as it had been gravelled to enable cars to park there.

Concerns have been raised by residents regarding a planning application at Little Trevilla which the Parish Council has objected too.

With regards to Penpol Boatyard, the Secretary of State has been contacted by residents asking for him to call this application in due to the feeling that the correct process had not been followed by the Planning department, a decision with regards to whether or not to call this could not happen until the Planning Officer makes a recommendation on the application. The issue was ongoing

Police report

The Clerk reported the figures for April and May.

In April there was a total of 13 crimes reported in the parish, broken down as follows.

Carnon Downs x 4

Quenchwell Road – 1 x anti social behaviour, 1 x other theft

Carnon Crescent – 1 x anti social behaviour, 1 x violent/sexual offence

Feock x 7

Wellington Plantation – 1 x anti social behaviour

Trolver Hill x 4 (1 x anti social behaviour, 3 x violent/sexual offences)

Gwel an Scol x 1 other theft

Church car park x 1 vehicle crime

Devoran x 2

Market Street x 1 anti social behaviour

Chycoose Parc x 1 other theft

In May there were a total of 9 crimes reported in the parish, broken down as follows.

Carnon Downs x 5

Trelawne Close x 1 anti social behaviour

Quenchwell Road x 1 shoplifting
Gig Lane x 1 public order
Carnon Crescent – 1 x anti social behaviour
Tregye College x 1 Violence/sexual offences

Devoran x 2

Perran Close x 1 burglary
Chycoose Parc x 1 other theft

Feock x 2

Elm Grove x 2 violence/sexual offences

The next Police Liaison Meeting was being attended by Alison Hernandez and being held on Thursday 5th September at 3pm.

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting. These totalled £14,296.81 and included £3,005.07 in Your Choice grants to local community groups and £1404 for the water connection at Point Quay.

A bank reconciliation had been carried and all was in order, the bank balances matched the balances on the electronic banking system.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock ward

Nothing to report.

Devoran ward

Concerns had been raised about a half marathon that had started from Devoran due to the apparent lack of organisation for car parking and toilet facilities and the numbers of pedestrians using the road which had not been closed to vehicles.

Carnon Downs ward

Cllr Kemp thanked the Community Association for putting on the Party in the Park community event, which had been very successful.

As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Cllr Kemp, Brickell and Clerk had met to look at Old Carnon Hill safety issues and the pavement on Bissoe Road pavement from the S106 funding.

13. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

A report on the first 6 months of Community Connect had been circulated to all Councillors and Cllr Hambly-Staite was very pleased with how the project was going and the impact that this was making on local people's lives.

14. EU INTERREG HAIRE PROJECT 2020 - 2022

A report on this item had been circulated to all Councillors and Cllr Hambly-Staite introduced the item. This was a new opportunity to develop and embed the objectives of Community Connect has been created as a result of an invitation from the University of Exeter to be one of two U.K. pilot areas in HAIRE (Healthy Ageing through innovation in rural Europe), a new EU Interreg Project starting in

January 2020. The current Community Connect Project ends in May 2020. The Interreg Project would end in 2022

Cllr Hambly-Staite said the project would work to build a resilient community but would be a separate project from Truro and not a shared role as it is currently. The emphasis is very similar to Community Connect and concentrate on the over 60s in the parish but also bringing together older people and their families and children. Cllr Allen felt our project focusses on 'bottom up' communities whereas the governments schemes were much more health serviced focussed and driven.

Cllr Kemp asked how Brexit may affect the funding as this was coming from the EU. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the University were hopeful that as this project would be triggered in September it would be before any Brexit decision. The project management would be by the University of Exeter, and the Parish Council would be the employer of two new members of staff. Cllr Kemp had concerns about employment obligations with regards to redundancy etc and it was agreed for these obligations to be checked.

The Clerk confirmed that we had enough in revenue reserves to cover the cost to the Parish Council of the 3 year project. Cllr Allen requested that an item be put on the next Finance meeting agenda to agree that capital spend should come from capital reserves rather than the income account.

Cllr Hambly-Staite confirmed that the project proposal has to be submitted in September, a decision on if the application for funding had been successful was expected around the end of October and then the project, if successful, would start in January 2020.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITÉ PROPOSED THAT THE INVITATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER TO BE ONE OF TWO U.K. PARTNERS THE HAIRE INTERREG PROJECT BE ACCEPTED AND THAT AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF £16,250 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS BE AGREED AND ALLOCATED FROM RESERVES, SUBJECT TO EU FUNDING BEING SECURED, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH 2 ABSETENSIONS.

The Clerk would investigate further the employment issues raised.

15. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

The Council agreed that additional part-time administration support was needed in the office to help with projects and the transport scheme. This item had been covered in the previous EU funding item, the project would part fund a part-time Administration Assistant for 16 hours a week, with 6 hours being allocated to the Parish Council office work.

16. POINT ROAD DEVELOPMENT ROAD NAMES

The developers had asked the Parish Council for suggestions for a road name for the new development. Suggestions were "Brabyn Way" or "Drovers Way".

RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED "BRABYN WAY" AND "DROVERS WAY" BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEVELOPERS AS OUR PREFERRED NAMES, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. REQUEST TO USE CARNON DOWNS PARK BY CHURCHES TOGETHER UP THE CREEK

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE REQUEST FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER UP THE CREEK TO USE CARNON DOWNS PLAYING AREA FOR THEIR OPEN AIR SERVICE BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. CORNWALL COUNCIL AONB HERITAGE PROJECT - A MONUMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

The Council had been contacted by the AONB Unit to seek their support in their funding application for 'A Monumental Improvement' project.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Allen had drafted a list of actions for the Parish Council from the focus group, included in these was investigations into putting solar panels on the roof of the Parish Council office. The Transport group had met last week and received a presentation on electric cars and also discussed what stopped people using public transport.

A public information meeting would be held in October, this would consist of Focus Groups, speakers etc. It was agreed for the Clerk to book Carnon Downs Village Hall for Saturday 12th October from 2pm to 5pm.

20. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Allen reported as follows. There had been complaints about the side growth on the footpath near to the new Point Road development. The landowner would be written to with regards to keeping it cut back, we would also like to surface it with a grid and gravel system to link up with the footway up through the new development to create a circular route to the village centre. Cllr Allen suggested that £3k be budgeted for establishing a footway to the same specification as the old A39 Devoran path, and that we should work with the landowner and developer to achieve this.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT £3k BE BUDGETED FOR THE CREATION OF A SURFACED PATHWAY, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Allen's report on this cycle route between Devoran and Truro had been circulated to all, a letter had also been drafted to be sent to the Head of Highways highlighting our concerns that this route was not well signposted or promoted. The Clerk would circulate the letter to all for comments before sending off.

21. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Freeman said that planning seems to have calmed down significantly now that CIL has been introduced. An appeal has been submitted for the application to build on the Orchard at Pill Lane. The Penpol Boatyard application is ongoing. As had been mentioned before there were concerns about Little Trevilla. Cllr Allen would respond with the extract from the Parish Council's minutes to a landowners enquiry regarding the potential for an assisted living care home at Point Road which their agent had previously attended a Parish Council meeting to outline their proposal.

22. CORNISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF "FEOCK"

Cllr Allen's report regarding the Cornish translation of Feock had been circulated. Fyck is not correct and this is what the Cornish language placenames and signage panel have agreed. It has never been this spelling or interpretation. Cllr Allen requested permission to send his report to the Signage Panel and ask for their explanation of their spelling and interpretation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.