

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	R Brickell	I MacDonald	L Morgan-Lundie
	C Kemp	C Johnson	R Andrew
	P Lightfoot	S Parker	C Blake
			K Hambly-Staite

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Andrew for chairing the last 4 meetings when she was unavailable to Chair.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Freeman, Allen and Thomas

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2017

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2017 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE 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"

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The item regarding funding for the Trelissick Garden bridge was on the agenda for the Access & Amenities Committee meeting on 25th January 2018.

The work to refurbish the windows and doors of the Old Market Hall (Parish Office) was currently being carried out.

The postbox at Trevilla was still closed up and the Clerk had chased up the Post Office again about this. Cllr Hambly-Staite asked that the Clerk chase this once more and if no success that we refer this to our MP.

There had been further concerns raised by residents regarding the Eucalyptus tree on Devoran Lane, the Clerk would be contacting the Diocese of Truro who are responsible for the tree to request they have it inspected and advise them of the concerns of residents.

The new colour copier has been ordered and is being delivered tomorrow.

The funding criteria in the "Your Choice" funding document has been amended and the "Your Choice" funding will be open for applications soon.

The Clerk had contacted all the Village Halls regarding the meeting room chairs, Devoran haven't expressed an interest, Carnon Downs would like all 24 surplus chairs if possible for their meeting room and were very grateful for the offer and there had not yet been a reply from Feock. The Clerk would wait until the end of the week and then if she heard nothing more would arrange for the 24 chairs to be collected by Carnon Downs Village Hall.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr MacDonald had attended the Boundary Commission Review meeting at County Hall and this item would be discussed further later in the meeting.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey gave the following update.

The Tree Surgeon and Property owner at Pill Creek where protected trees had been taken down had been served with summonses to attend court on 31st January 2018.

Alan Mason, the Planning Group Leader, Enforcement & Appeals had unfortunately not agreed to attend a Parish Council meeting to speak about enforcement to Councillors. He had said that Planning Enforcement training was available to Parish Councillors and if he attended our meeting he would only be repeating what Councillors who had attended this training had already heard and he didn't feel this was beneficial.

The application to the MMO to site a barge at Point had been responded to by the MMO who had asked the applicant to respond to the comments made by the Statutory Consultees (Cornwall Council etc), then the applicant will be asked to respond to any additional matters (not already raised by Statutory Consultees) raised in the 89 public comments and then the MMO will make a decision. A planning application had not yet been submitted to Cornwall Council.

The live-a-board enforcement issues at Penpol Boatyard seem to be resolving themselves as one boat had been sold and one found a new mooring. It was expected there would be a planning application being submitted soon by the owners of Penpol Boatyard with regards to additional undercover working areas.

The application for housing on the old Devoran Car Sales site has been approved at appeal, this was just outside of the parish boundary in Perranarworthal parish. Cllr Kemp asked that this appeal decision and the conditions put on this development be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there were concerns about some Planning Inspectorate decisions where they were overriding decisions made by Cornwall Council. Cllr Alvey said that currently around 80% of Cornwall Council's decisions were being upheld at appeal.

Cllr Alvey was meeting with Cormac, SWW, Cllr Peter Williams, the EA and Sarah Newton MP on 15th February regarding the flooding at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill as there were still issues with the drainage system and flooding. It was suggested that Carnon Downs ward Councillors may like to attend and the Clerk would advise Sarah Newton's office of this.

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk advised that there had been 10 crimes in the parish during October and November.

More details are available online <https://www.police.uk/devon-and-cornwall/CIOS.4065/crime/+LCXfe2/>

In October there had been 6 crimes

Devoran x 2 crimes – both anti-social behaviour.

Feock x 4 crimes – 1 drug offence, 2 violent/sexual offences and 1 vehicle crime

In November there had been 4 crimes all in Carnon Downs

1 vehicle crime, 1 shoplifting and 2 criminal damage and arson

The Clerk advised that the next Police Liaison Meeting was being held on 5th February and she would be attending.

9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk gave the following financial report, full details of payments for approval were circulated to those present, together with a budget v actual report.

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL SINCE LAST MEETING £6911.42 (ex VAT)

This included repairs to steps leading to Chycoose Beach £265.00

Annual membership subscription to SLCC for the Clerk £185.00

INCOME RECEIVED/INVOICED SINCE LAST MEETING: £2,008.85

This included rent from the pre-school and small office, local transport scheme donations and VAT payment from HMRC.

Total Income	£121,860
Total Expense	-£72,969
Profit/Loss	£48,891

The Clerk was still waiting for a third quote for the works to expand the library.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT SUBJECT TO CHECKING OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS THE CLERK GO AHEAD AND ARRANGE FOR THIS WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT WITH 2 QUOTES HAVING BEEN RECEIVED, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Johnson said that it was hoped we could have an open morning to relaunch the library when it had been extended and also promote the Community Cafe and transport scheme and our wellbeing project.

The Chairman signed and authorised the accounts for payment.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Andrew advised that the drainage problem by the old Parish Council Offices has now been resolved.

Cllr Blake said that the 'Feock' sign at Trevilla needed some attention. The roads have been swept of leaves but the drain by the noticeboard is still blocked, although other drains have been cleared. The drains by Cobwebs are also blocked. There were 3 large potholes near to the old offices which needed filling and one pothole on the give way line on the King Harry Ferry Road (1" deep). The Clerk would report these potholes online. Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that a lot of potholes were caused by utilities

companies not properly repairing the roads following work. Cllr Johnson felt that a separate meeting regarding the highways issues in Feock was needed to concentrate on this subject.

Devoran Ward

Cllr Kemp reported that the Pre-School had arranged the Carols Around the Tree service with Devoran School, Devoran Methodist Chapel and the Church which was a very nice community event.

Cllr MacDonald had read the lesson at the Christmas Carol Service.

Carnon Downs Ward

Cllr Lightfoot said that there was a very good turnout at the Christmas lights switch on in the village.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED A VOTE OF THANKS TO CARNON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARNON DOWNS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND THEIR EFFORTS, SECONDED BY CLLR LIGHTFOOT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk said the legal work to transfer the ownership of the Pengelly Meadows recreation ground to the Parish Council was still ongoing and had contacted by letter all residents in Pengelly Meadows with regards to being part of the working group to set out the field, she had had a number of positive responses and would arrange a meeting of the working group in early February. The Clerk had chased up the Section 106 team in November to find out what was happening with the S106 open space funding application that she had submitted in the Summer as she had a response. Cllr Alvey said he would chase this up.

Cllr Brickell said there was a manhole cover protruding up from the pavement near to the metal fence by the new recreation area and this needed attention. The grass in the new area also needed rolling to keep the new grass in good condition and to keep the ground firm. It was agreed for the Clerk to ask Taylor Wimpey to arrange for this to happen before the land was transferred over to us.

11. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Allen had given his apologies for the meeting and there had not been an Access & Amenities Meeting since the last Parish Council meeting as the last meeting was held in November. The next meeting was planned for 25th January 2018.

The Council have been offered some land on the edge of the approved housing development on Point Road with a view to forming a footpath link to the centre of the village. It was agreed for the Council to contact the landowner to confirm that they would be interested in taking up this offer and creating a new footpath.

Health & Wellbeing

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that Truro City Council had not yet decided if they wished to be part of the joint project with us and they were still considering their position. We had had a meeting with Oliver Sleeman the Project Manager for the Kernow Commissioning Clinic group just before Christmas and our Health & Wellbeing group and a further meeting was being held on 24th January. A local GP would also be attending from Devoran Surgery and it was hoped that Carnon Downs were also interested in sending a representative.

It was noted that Cllr Allen would like the issue of foreshore ownership put on the agenda for the February Parish Council meeting.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr MacDonald, Chair of Planning, said the next meeting was on Monday 15th January at 4.30pm.

Cllr Blake said that the Parish Council had submitted a TPO application for a group of trees just outside of the TPO area at Pill Creek.

It was agreed to put the item regarding the Restronguet Point policy guidance on the next agenda so that Cllr Allen could explain the background to this as he had written this guidance. It was suggested that a map of the area this covered would be useful to be included in the document.

The Clerk advised it was likely that the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum would be on the 8th March 2018.

The Clerk to put the promotion of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on the next agenda so the method could be agreed.

13. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT

There had not been a meeting of this committee since the last full Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Lightfoot said that the Finance & General Purposes Committee recommended that the loan given to Devoran Village Hall be converted into a grant.

The Clerk advised that the first repayment on the loan was not due until December 2018.

After discussion it was felt that we should look at this again in April/May when we would be finalising the business plan and our project priorities. Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt in our business plan we should have criteria for how we may award larger grants when these are requested.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT WE MAKE NO FURTHER DECISION ON THIS GRANT UNTIL THE BUSINESS PLAN IS IN PLACE, SECONDED BY CLLR LIGHTFOOT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION REPORT

There had not been a meeting of the association since the last full Parish Council meeting.

15. BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Andrew said that we need to do some more work on the business plan and update the priorities document. Cllr Andrew would work with the Clerk on this but he felt that for the next 6 weeks our priority must be the Neighbourhood Plan and the referendum.

16. BOUNDARY COMMISSION ELECTORAL DIVISION REVIEW

Cllr MacDonald had attended a public meeting regarding this review. Cornwall Council will have from the 2021 election 87 Councillors and the divisional boundaries have to be redrawn to take account of this. The electorate numbers in the new divisions would be around 5000. The deadline for us to comment is 11th February 2018. Cllr Alvey advised that the priorities that the Boundary Commission use when deciding the new boundaries are natural boundaries and community links. The proposed new electoral division for Feock was all of Feock parish, all of Kea parish and Twelveheads. The current division was currently all of Feock parish plus Playing Place (from Kea).

17. RETALLACK PLAYING FIELD

A statement was agreed to be sent to the West Briton and to be published on our website to correct the article in the West Briton Down Your Way column and this read as follows.

Councillors from time to time receive and consider proposals from community groups. The presentation from 'Feock Sports for All' was received with interest but the phrase in the Down Your Way article published on 14th December 2017 "Councillors broadly accepted the proposals" is misleading. The Parish Council has taken no decision on this project, nor has it been asked to at this stage. Our spending on projects in the future will be considered once our Neighbourhood Plan has gone to referendum in March and our Business Plan published in the Spring.

Cllr Johnson and the Clerk have been approached by 'Feock Sports for All Group' to seek permission to gather views of residents regarding their plans for the field. In view of the forthcoming referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan in early March, the council felt that this should be our priority at this time and would respectfully ask the group to hold off on their consultations until after that date, as any leafleting or canvassing could cause confusion. This was agreed.

The Clerk agreed to speak with Roger Hyde, chairman of the group.

It was very important that the message was clear that no decision had been made by the Parish Council and this would be made clear by the statement that had been agreed to be published.

Cllr Blake left the meeting at 9.15pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Monday 5th February 2018.