

## MEETING NO. 1130

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 6.20pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	M Kemp	No one present	R Andrew
	R Richards		

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Kemp

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and confirmed the meeting was quorate as there were three members in attendance.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies has been received from Cllr Lightfoot.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

It was agreed to review the Assistant Clerks hours Review Debbie's hours at the April Parish Council meeting to take into account the reduction in evening meetings.

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No matters were declared.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

#### 6. FEOCK READING ROOM

Cllr Kemp had submitted a complaint on behalf of the Parish Council planning department regarding the way in which the Feock Reading Room application had been dealt with. There was ongoing correspondence between Cllr Kemp and Phil Mason of Cornwall Council, although we were still awaiting a reply to the email that Cllr Kemp had sent 3 weeks ago.

There was a discussion regarding whether the Council wished to propose a vote of no confidence in Cornwall Council's planning department or do we wish to try to resolve individual issues with applications on a case by case basis.

Cllr Kemp felt there were two issues regarding the Reading Room, the first being the difficulty in getting conditional planning permission, the second is the attitude that when things go wrong they refuse to take any responsibility or make any changes to stop this happening again.

It was agreed that Cllr Kemp would continue to pursue the Reading Room issue but that the other issues of inconsistent decisions would be taken up separately when they arose.

It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange for the Emergence Bat Survey to be carried out as soon as it was able to be done.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT CLLR KEMP CONTACT THE HEAD OF PLANNING TO RESOLVE ONGOING ISSUES WITH THE FEOCK READING ROOM PLANNING APPLICATION, SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW.**

**7. COUNCIL PROCEURES, MODEL STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Clerk advised that the Council needed to adopt the new standing orders and financial regulations that she had drafted. The Clerk would cross check the level of spend in both the standing orders and financial regulations to ensure they were consistent.

Cllr Andrew would like to see a 3 year budget set starting in 2017/18.

**8. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN REPAYMENT**

Further to the resolution passed by the Full Council that the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Council Chairman be delegated to agree an amount up to £170K to be paid off the Public Works Loan, it was agreed to pay off £125K as soon as possible, on the condition that there was no early redemption penalty. The Clerk would check this. This would reduce the interest we were paying on the loan and we would have more cash available for projects once the Reading Room was sold.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50pm