

MEETING NO. 1079

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at The Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.15pm

Members Present:

| WARDS | CARNON DOWNS | DEVORAN | FEOCK |
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| | I MacDonald | B Shankland | T Smithies |
| | B Richards | C Carter | R Andrew |
| | P Allen | V Gordon | C Johnson |
| | C Kemp | | L West |
| | M Kemp | | |

In Attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
2 members of the public
Cornwall Councillor Chamberlain

CHAIRMAN: Councillor M Kemp

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Blake and Cllr Kiernander.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Cllr Allen had spoken to the owner of the snack van in Devoran and she was not aware of the offer to move to the car park further down the road, he wanted to check that the section of the minutes relating to the closed session of the previous meeting were correct when they stated this. Cllr Richards said he had twice advised the owner of the alternative site and the minutes were correct. The Chairman commented that he had an action to write to the owner of the snack van regarding the HGVs parking on the road and the safety concerns that had been raised, and would re-iterate the offer of the alternative site in the letter.

Cllr Andrew said he was unsure if Highways owned the car park and requested that the minutes be amended to “apparently owned by Highways”.

Cllr Shankland asked that the Feock Reading Room section of the minutes be amended to include the question about how he would fund the initial equipment required for his proposal, he said this would be by way of a loan.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT WITH THESE TWO AMENDMENTS MADE, THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR SMITHIES AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew made the following declaration of interest 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 on the Localism Agenda. 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

A resident of Carnon Downs attended the meeting to talk about dog fouling and pollution of a well providing his domestic water supply. He advised that he lived in the Quenchwell area of the village and the properties there rely on wells for their water supplies and he and the other residents were concerned about their wells possibly being polluted by dog fouling, the fruit farm lane was used a lot by dog walkers and suggested a ban be put in place to stop dogs using the lane, however he was unsure if this would be possible. Everyone has a right to clean water and this backed by the HSE, Environmental Health and the Environment Agency. The well was very shallow which made the issue worse, and initial tests had shown high levels of bacterial content, however it was difficult to say exactly where this had come from.

6. DOG FOULING ON QUENCHWELL ROAD, CARNON DOWNS

Following on from the Public Participation section of the meeting, the resident who attended had sent an email to the Parish Council requesting the item be discussed at the meeting by the Council.

Taking into account the residents comments and email, the Council felt that everyone had the right to clean water but that the resident needed to provide evidence that dog fouling was the source of pollution in the well, if this was proven then the Council would consider further steps. However, it was noted that a dog ban in the area could be very unpopular with other residents.

Cllr Allen had checked the lane on various occasions but did not feel there was a big problem with dog fouling in the area. He felt the long term solution was to have a mains water supply installed.

7. PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Mark O'Brien, Community Network Area Manager for Truro and the Roseland gave a presentation outlining the benefits of having a Community Emergency Plan (a copy is attached to these minutes). This would centralise the knowledge of contacts in the Parish and each of the villages in the event of an emergency, this could be a major accident on the dual carriageway, inclement weather (snow/flooding) or an industrial fire.

It was felt by the Parish Council that this would be very useful to put together an emergency plan.

RESOLUTION: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED THAT HIMSELF, CLLRS ANDREW AND KIERNANDER FORM A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT THIS AND MEET WITH MARK O'BRIEN INFORMALLY TO TAKE THIS FORWARD. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

8. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

100 year Commemoration of outbreak of WW1

The Clerk advised that the additional plaque with the missing names was now in place by the Devoran War Memorial and she was waiting for the War Memorials Trust to advise if funding was available for the lettering.

Signs at Jubilee Wood

The Clerk advised that the signs had now been put up at Jubilee Wood by Cllr Allen .

Environment Agency Land at Carnon Valley

The Clerk had contacted the Environment Agency who had said they would let her know the price of the land and the size. Cllr Allen requested this item be put on the agenda for the November meeting to enable it to be discussed more fully.

ACTION: CLERK TO ADD TO NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA

Stile on footpath at Harcourt

The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council would contact the landowner regarding the replacement of the handrail.

Cory funding application for Devoran Park

The Clerk advised that herself, the Devoran ward Councillors (Trustees of the park) and Cllrs C Kemp (on behalf of the Pre-School) and Johnson (on behalf of local residents) were meeting on Thursday 16th October to agree the scheme to put forward to Cory, the deadline was Wednesday 22nd October and the panel meeting to make a decision was on Wednesday 5th November.

Micro Library

The Clerk said we were in the process of collecting signatures of support and would then pass these to Cornwall Council Library Service, and hopefully this would then show there was enough support.

Assets of Community Value

The Clerk advised that the Property Working Group would be discussing the properties to be submitted as an Asset of Community Value, and also shortlist from those on the heritage list produced for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Carnon Gate Roundabout

The Clerk advised that Cormac had advised that a local business was interested in sponsoring the roundabout but the agreement with sponsorship of roundabouts was that the Parish/Town Council had first refusal to sponsor.

Cllr Allen had approached the Carnon Downs Garden Society and they were keen for something to be done to tidy the roundabout but were unsure of the help they could give to do this.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL NOT SPONSOR THE CARNON GATE ROUNDABOUT, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR M KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Council agreed that they would like to be consulted and have some input if possible to the design as it would be nice to see it reflect the heritage of Devoran.

Direction sign for Trelassick Gardens

The Clerk advised she had spoken to the Manager of Trelassick who was in agreement that another sign was needed, he would speak to Highways regarding this.

Notices on illegally parked cars

The Clerk had spoken to PCSO Tom Care regarding this, he had advised against placing signs on cars and this should be left to the Police or Enforcement Officers to deal with. He advised that any vehicles causing an obstruction should have their registration number passed to the police using 101.

Screening/fencing at Carnon Inn

The Clerk had spoken to the Manager who advised that he hoped, weather permitting for the screening to be installed by the end of September / beginning of October.

Overhanging hedge at Carnon Downs (Forth Coth) obscuring the Bus Stop sign

Cllr C Kemp advised that this had not been cut back to date.

ACTION: CLERK TO CONTACT HOMEOWNER

Trees on Carnon Downs roundabout

The Clerk had chased up Cormac to ask them to remove these cut down trees.

Tidying works at Restronguet Point

The Clerk advised that the contractor had now cut down the bramble hedge to the top of the existing wooden fence and the view was now visible from the bench. Restronguet Creek Society had also refurbished the bench.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED A LETTER OF THANKS BE SENT TO RESTRONGUET CREEK SOCIETY FOR THE WORK TO BE BENCH, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR SMITHIES AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

ACTION: CLERK TO WRITE TO RESTRONGUET CREEK SOCIETY

Bench to commemorate Langdon family service for Devoran Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised she had ordered the bench and plaque.

Tree work in Carnon Downs Park

The Clerk advised this work had not yet been done and she would chase the contractor for a date when this would be completed.

9. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Shankland advised he attended a meeting at Chacewater Parish Council regarding the letter they had sent out to the Town/Parish Councils expressing their dissatisfaction with Cornwall Council. A motion of no confidence in Cornwall Council was passed at the meeting.

The Chairman said he felt we needed to be careful that by Cllr Shankland attending it did not infer that the Parish Council was supporting Chacewater Parish Council, as previously the Parish Council had agreed that they did not agree with their views and we had to be careful not to damage the very good relationship we have with Cornwall Council. Cllr Shankland commented he went along to observe the meeting and was careful not to give the impression that Feock were supporting them. Cllr Smithies felt it was good to attend other meetings to then be able to feedback to the Parish Council.

It was noted that Cllr Andrew did not take part in the discussion regarding Chacewater Parish Council but remained in the meeting.

Cllr Shankland also attended a Scrutiny Management Committee Meeting at County Hall, one of the items on the agenda was the policy regarding the brown tourism signs. A proposal for this to be amended was not passed but the proposal will now go to the Cabinet.

Cllr C Kemp advised that the Devoran Community Association were working with the Village Hall regarding the commemoration of the last train to run on the Chacewater Railway (25/09/15).

Cllr MacDonald advised he had attended the Community Area Network Panel meeting at which there was a very useful presentation on local transport.

10. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Chamberlain commented he was aware of the Chacewater Parish Meeting and that it may have been better for the Council to air their issues through the Community Network Panel or CALC so that all views could have been drawn together. He felt their issues were mainly related to the Local Plan and how the numbers of housing had been forced upon the Councils. He had also been looking at the equation for working out housing numbers, as in the past this had not been accurate. There were concerns that charging for disposal of certain items at rubbish dumps may cause an increase in fly tipping. The Mobile Library Service cuts had been made, he felt that the use of the vans had not been fully explored, for example some residents might have been willing to pay extra for the service. Cornwall Council would be disposing of public toilets within the next 2 years, and it was hoped that the Town/Parish Councils would take these over. There were concerns regarding two trees that had been taken down at Roundwood Quay, a tree preservation order had now been put on an area of trees at Roundwood Quay to protect them. Inox put in a last minute bid for the Stadium for Cornwall and it had been agreed for this to be taken into account with the existing 3 developers who had also put in schemes.

Devon and Cornwall Police

PCSO Tom Care was unable to attend the meeting and his report is attached to the minutes (Appendix 1).

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Accounts for payment for August were presented to the Chairman for authorisation and signature, and a copies circulated to all members present for their information.

The Clerk gave the following financial summary.

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| Total outgoings since the last meeting | £8627.95 |
| Total income since the last meeting | £1973.26 |

Current account bank balance and bank reconciliation +£77,026.54 as at 07/10/14

Profit & Loss report to date

Shows to date for the year for general/working account:-

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| Income | £116,432 |
| Expenditure | £57,493 |
| Balance | +£58,938 |

The Clerk had reviewed the Financial Regulations to bring them in line with model regulations and this will be on a future agenda for the Council to agree. There had been 7 applications for Your Choice Participatory Budget grants, awaiting on 2 others to be submitted, she would arrange a public meeting in November to decide the groups to be funded.

The Clerk had prepared a budget v actual report and would circulate this together with the Accounts for Payment list (summarised below) to all Councillors following the meeting.

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| Neighbourhood Plan | £1601.89 |
| Office/staff costs | £4448.96 |
| War memorial plaque & commemorative bench | £706.00 |
| Utilities | £751.42 |
| Asset maintenance | £1005.68 |
| Staff training | £114.00 |

12. TO APPROVE THE DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO CORNWALL COUNCIL

It was noted that Cllr Andrew stayed in the meeting but did not take part in any discussion or vote on this item.

The Chairman advised that a meeting had been held last week with the NDP Steering Group to go through the draft of the plan and for the Steering Group to answer any questions the Parish Council had on the policies in the plan. The draft of the plan had been circulated to all Councillors prior to that meeting.

Cllr Richards (Chair of Neighbourhood Plan) gave a report to the meeting, which is attached at Appendix 2.

Cllr Johnson commented that there were some maps in the Evidence Base Summary that were not the latest version. The Clerk would amend these.

Cllr Allen commented that at the meeting it had been suggested that Cllrs Richards, Shankland and Kemp, together with Paul Nightingale (Community lead on Housing) and the Clerk could make minor grammatical amendments to the draft plan before it went out to submission. These would not be changes to policy, which would require the full Council to agree.

RESOLUTION: CLLR C KEMP PROPOSED CLLRS RICHARDS, SHANKLAND, THE CLERK & PAUL NIGHTINGALE BE AUTHORISED TO MAKE SMALL GRAMMATICAL CHANGES TO THE DRAFT PLAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR WEST AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE DRAFT PLAN BE FORMALLY AGREED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AS THE DRAFT TO BE USED FOR THE 6 WEEKS CONSULTATION. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Richards said he was very grateful to the Councillors and residents who had given their time to work on the plan. Nick Johnson, Paul Nightingale and Katie Cooke (Consultant) especially had put in a huge amount of work and time.

Cllr Richards confirmed that if any changes were needed from the first 6 weeks consultation then these would be brought back to the full Parish Council for agreement, prior to the second period of consultation.

13. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock – Cllr Smithies

Cllr Smithies advised there was nothing to report for Feock for this month.

Devoran – Cllr Carter

Cllr Carter advised that Cllr Shankland had received a letter from a resident regarding parking issues in Market Street, problems were being caused by the number of cars some households had and this then reduced spaces available for others.

Carnon Downs – Cllr Richards

Cllr Richards gave a ward report (attached at Appendix 3).

14. REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Richards gave a report on the last Planning Committee Meeting (full report attached at Appendix 4).

Cllr Richards advised that he had carried out several pre-application discussion meetings recently, at the Code of Conduct training it was advised that a Councillor should not carry these out on their own, they needed to be with at least one other person (ie. the Assistant Clerk and/or members of the Planning Committee) and notes of the discussion kept. Cllr Andrew advised he felt it should be the Clerk or Assistant Clerk who gives the advice, rather than a Councillor, however it was noted that this would only be appropriate if sufficient training was given to the staff. Cllr Richards said he was happy to monitor the situation for the next few months and then review the pre-application arrangements then.

Cllrs Carter and Chamberlain left the meeting at 9.30pm.

15. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP

The Chairman advised that the next meeting was planned for mid November when the budget for 2015/16 would be drafted, the budget would be recommended for approval by the full Council at the December meeting. The last meeting was held on 25th September and it had been agreed to contact our tenant above the office regarding contributions to a sinking fund. The small office off the main Council office had been sublet for an initial trial period of 6 months to two local businesses. The Clerk is reviewing the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to bring them in line with the model versions recommended by NALC/CALC.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK CONTACT OUR TENANTS REGARDING THE SINKING FUND, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING, WITH TWO ABSTENSIONS.

A new reserve account would be opened with Aldermore Bank which paid 1.1% interest compared to 0.05% we were currently receiving with Lloyds, the money from the reserve account would be transferred to this

new account, together with the bond which was soon to mature. Money from this account could only be transferred back to our Lloyds current account.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT AN ACCOUNT BE OPENED WITH ALDERMORE BANK, AND MONEY PLACED ON DEPOSIT UP TO THE FSA LIMIT OF £85K. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

The partial repayment of the Public Works Loan had been investigated, however it was not presently worth repaying this due to the large redemption penalty.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BE GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AGREE A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT TO INVEST MONEY FOR UP TO 2 YEARS TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RETURN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING WITH ONE ABSTENTION

Cllr MacDonald left the meeting at 9.50pm.

16. PROPERTY WORKING GROUP

No meeting of this group had been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

17. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

No meeting of this group had been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

18. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Clerk advised that the survey report was in the process of being written and she would then obtain prices for repairs to the quay. The planning permission to replace the concrete block wall had been submitted.

19. FEOCK ACCESS+ PROJECT (OUR PLACE FUNDING)

The Clerk advised that 3 excellent candidates had been interviewed by herself, Cllrs Shankland and Johnson for the position of Project Officer. Amy Nettley had been appointed and would be attending the South West Peer Learning Hub with herself on Thursday to meet with other organisations who had also received this funding.

Cllr Andrew advised that there was shortly to be 'Better Places' funding available (£150M in total) which he hoped we would be able to access.

20. PROPOSED MERGED OF PROPERTY & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUPS TO AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Clerk advised that if these working groups were merged to a Committee, as well as managing amenities, the committee could act as the Steering Group for the Our Place projects for their duration.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THE PROPERTY & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUPS BE MERGED TO FORM AN AMENITIES COMMITTEE. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING WITH ONE ABSENTION.

The group would meet quarterly, but initially this may be more frequent for the Our Place projects. The new Project Officer would take the minutes of these meetings whilst she was employed and this would therefore not immediately impact on the Clerks' workload.

It was agreed for the two working groups to meet as soon as possible to agree who would form the Committee and elect a Chair and Vice Chair. The Clerk would arrange the meeting.

UNDER THE S100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (as amended) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LEFT THE MEETING

The members of the public present left the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 7.15pm at The Market Hall, Devoran

FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL POLICE REPORT 07/10/14

There were 6 reported crimes within the Parish for September 2014;

1. This crime relates to harassment, this crime is currently under investigation.
2. A cannabis warning was issued to an individual caught in possession of a small amount of cannabis.
3. Threats to destroy or damage property resulted in the offender being dealt with by means of restorative justice.
4. Burglary to a dwelling- with intent to steal, however please note that nothing was stolen from this property in Penelewey. PC Sophie Curtis and I carried out a follow up visit after our colleagues and we have carried out footpatrol in the area, it would appear that someone entered a property that was insecure and they left within seconds having stolen nothing.
5. On Saturday 13th September between 15:00 and 19:00 hours a small patch of the field at Devoran school, approximately a metre in diameter was set alight. At this time the offenders have not been identified and following this arson several fires have evidentially been lit along the footpath that links Carnon Downs and Mid Devoran farm.
6. Between Thursday 11th at 18:00 hours and Friday 12 September at 15:00 hours a large amount of copper wire was stolen from the house being constructed at the top end of Old Carnon Hill. The offender/s for this crime is still outstanding.

During September the police received 21 calls from within the parish, there were 2 reports of anti-social behaviour one has been recorded as crime number 3 above and the other relates to poor driving on the A390.

September has seen a variety of crimes, the most concerning to the neighbourhood team is the arson that occurred at Devoran school. Hopefully with the recent rain it will now be more difficult for the would be offenders to perpetrate these crimes, as the offenders picked spots where there was dry grass and also areas well away from prying eyes.

Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan Report

As members will know, our Neighbourhood Development Plan was launched in late April 2013, just a couple of weeks before the elections which saw an almost entirely new council and administration within Feock Parish.

It was a brave decision of the new council to take the NDP forward with so little experience of general council management but it was a decision which was to prove the worthiness of the new administration to listen to and serve the Parish.

We have now reached the stage where the draft Plan is ready for acceptance and adoption by the full council.

It is a stage which has been reached after countless hours of hard work and dedication by a large number of people.

Council members and parishioners on the Steering Group and Focus Groups have generally worked very well together and we also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Katie Cooke, our Consultant for her dedication, tremendous hard work and often late hours in guiding us through a maze of legislation and technical detail and bringing together all the policies and other documentation after consultation with the various groups. As with any major project there have been differences of opinion which led to one or two deciding to leave the process and also times when it seemed that the whole process was grinding along at an exceedingly slow pace but out of it all has come an extremely robust set of policies and supporting documents, all of which have come about as a result of the interaction between the Steering Group, Focus Groups, Working Parties and a host of individuals from all corners of our Parish.

The response to our formal exhibitions, more informal events at local village markets, questionnaires and responses from every age and grouping we could think of within the Parish and beyond has been excellent and well above that which is normally expected of an exercise of this sort.

To me that reflects the true feelings of those who live within Feock Parish, that they know they live somewhere quite special and they want to see it remain special, unspoilt by excessive development and a place where they and subsequent generations can live and work with a good quality of life. Much of the Parish is officially recognised as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which should not be ruined by outside forces and our Plan aims to keep it that way.

“Our Plan Our Future” was our slogan and so it should be.

We have read as recently as last week in the local press about some areas in Cornwall where Parish and Town Councils do not see eye to eye with central administration. I am glad to report that we are not one of those areas and that we have generally excellent relationships and understandings with those who serve us at County level in planning and other departments.

It is my sincere belief that with the evolution of our NDP these links and understandings will be strengthened and that we will be listened to as a coherent and strong council and our policies and proposals for the future of our parish will be noted and enforced by those in higher authority.

I have no hesitation in proposing the adoption of our NDP by this council and recommending that it now be taken forward to the next phase of formal consultation, examination and adoption.

Cllr Bob Richards

Chair of Neighbourhood Development Plan

Carnon Downs Ward report, October 2014

The proposed building of new dwellings at Trevince has taken a fresh turn, there is now a large sign at the site entrance proudly declaring "Taylor Wimpey coming soon". We are aware that Taylor Wimpey now have an interest in the site and have submitted formal pre-application details to Cornwall Council and expressed a desire to meet with the Parish Council and the local community to explain their intentions. So far we have not been able to fix a firm meeting date but hope to do so very soon. The emerging involvement of Taylor Wimpey throws a whole new light onto this scheme which this administration and the previous administration have been dealing with now for about six years in total since I first attended a site meeting with former councillors and other interested parties from Cornwall Council.

To erect a notice saying "coming soon" is in my opinion rather premature, optimistic and even presumptuous. I feel that there is a great deal of water yet to flow beneath the proverbial bridge before any development commences and it is also my firm opinion having considered the situation in some detail and taken some informal advice from others that this represents a totally new application rather than an amendment to an approved scheme by a new developer and as such falls to be considered within the terms and policies currently in force, the major one of which is of course our draft Neighbourhood Development Plan which has the potential to substantially affect the desire to build up to 45 dwellings on the site. There are also questions of existing Section 106 agreements which have been signed to provide recreational space within the site and other commitments by the original developer within their permission and there is also a mounting local campaign to resurrect all the former objections to the size and type of dwellings being proposed.

In short, "coming soon" is, as I say not as I would normally understand the phrase.

As Chair of our Planning Committee I will offer my services to become directly involved with the site owners when we are officially approached but feel that this is a matter of huge importance to the whole Parish Council and indeed to the whole Parish in terms of its potential impact upon a host of issues in our Neighbourhood Plan, school, shops and other local services. We should all, particularly Carnon Downs Ward members, keep ourselves up to date with any developments on these proposals and I am sure they will rumble on for quite some time rather than be resolved "soon".

Other news within the Ward is quite routine.

The extension to the Village Hall is nearing completion and those directly involved appear to be reasonably pleased with progress. I had a very brief guided tour of the building a couple of weeks ago when I visited the site to resolve an issue over a water leak and the new extension has been built to a very good standard although personally, I have some reservations over some design features. That is however a personal opinion and it remains to be seen how the changes are accepted by the community in the future.

The independent inspection of play equipment in the playing field took place a couple of weeks ago and the inspector's report highlighted the need for additional bark chippings around the swings and climbing frame. This was just a few days after this same issue was raised to me by a concerned resident. I have as a result and with the consent of the Parish Clerk, added more chippings in the relevant areas and also made a repair to a broken piece of the wood surround to the swings area where a couple of rusty nails were protruding.

The Carnon Downs roundabout has again been used in recent weeks by boy racers trying their best to wear out their tyres and cause a nuisance to residents and a danger to other road users. The skid marks are evident here and at the Devoran roundabout but as on previous occasions, before the Police can arrive the offenders have had their "fun" and moved on.

The Tresithick finger post is still not back on site despite a Cornwall Highways assurance that it would be back a couple of months ago. Perhaps their definition of "soon" is in line with that of Taylor Wimpey. I have asked the Clerk to contact Highways to get an update on this issue.

CLlr Bob Richards

Planning Sub-committee, October 2014

The planning sub-committee met on Monday 6th October with a total of 14 applications to consider. Most of these were straightforward and full details are available in the minutes of that meeting.

Members of the public attended to speak to and listen to the debate on three applications as follows:

Tregye Meadow:

This application has been submitted following formal pre-application discussions with Cornwall Council which concluded that the development was contrary to aspects of the Cornwall Draft Plan and NPPF policies. It also disregards the policies within our draft NDP relating to sub-division of plots outside the settlement boundaries and building in the open countryside.

As a result, members agreed to object strongly to the application and our formal response is available on the Cornwall planning website.

Despite our objection and the opinion of the Case Officer, our Cornwall Councillor, Cllr Chamberlain stated at the meeting that he would be prepared to call in this application for discussion by the full planning committee if it appeared that the application may be refused as his opinion on aspects of the grounds for refusal did not concur with those already stated. Should this occur, I feel that the Parish Council should be prepared to vigorously defend our NDP policies as granting this application will severely challenge the work which we have done on our NDP and set a dangerous precedent for future indiscriminate and inappropriate development.

It is to be hoped that Cllr Chamberlain, in his capacity as the representative of Feock Parish at County level will accept that our policies are based on majority opinion within the parish, other current legislation and guidance and also the overall Cornwall Draft Plan.

Ashleigh, Tregye Road:

A total of 8 letters of objection have been received on this application and representatives from three neighbouring properties attended the meeting and spoke of their opposition. These views were taken into consideration when deciding to strongly oppose this application and our full decision is available in the minutes of the meeting.

Land off Mount Agar Road:

The applicant and agent attended to speak to this application for an agricultural building and the committee could find no reason to object, on condition that the building was used solely for agricultural purposes related to the owner's business.

Details of other applications are available in the minutes.

Taylor Wimpey's apparent takeover of the Trevince site was discussed and we await a meeting with them to discover their full intentions. This has been set for Monday 13th October at 6:30 in the Parish Office. Council will need to be mindful of existing S.106 agreements and our new NDP policies when considering Taylor Wimpey's proposals.

The Carnon Downs Design Guide was officially adopted as a supplementary document within the NDP.

Tree Warden, this needs more discussion and consideration before a proposal can be made to full council.

Drafts have been prepared for information relating to speaking at planning meetings and also on the informal pre-application advice which we offer as a Parish Council.