

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm Thursday 2nd February 2022

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
K Gason	A Allen	C Blake	
S Cooper	L Fitt		
B Thomas			

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor K Gason

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hambly-Staite and P Allen.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2021

With regards to the verge on Tregye Road that has been used as a footway, statements had been submitted to Cornwall Council.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 7TH DECEMBER 2021 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE APPROVED AND SIGNED, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT

The memorial benches designs and locations were discussed. The Clerk would write to those who had expressed an interest with the designs, locations and costs and then bring back their choices to the Committee.

Cllr Gason would investigate options for fixing alternative to concrete.

The suggestion from a member of the public to put a bench on the verge at Quenchwell Road was discussed but it was felt this would obstruct the verge and it was not a road that people walked along and the few who did needed to use the verge to be safe.

7. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There were various issues with landowners hedges being overgrown around the Parish as follows which the Clerk would report to Cornwall Council.

By Little Inside on Harris Hill – branches sticking out and a bamboo clump, narrowing the road
Point Road – on the left hand side as you go up from Point to Carnon Downs
Past Tregoose the ditches have been cleared, there is a hairpin bend and brambles which is was felt were dangerous to cyclists when trying to keep in against the hedge.

8. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

Penpol Farmhouse DMMO decision

Cllr Gason said that the statutory period for representations for the Order at Penpol Farmhouse has now expired and there were no objections. The confirmed order will be advertised this week. Cllr Gason has raised the issue of who will maintain the byway and this was still being considered. In the next couple of weeks the landowners will be able to start the process to extinguish the bridleway across their garden.

Enhanced LMP Funding

The Clerk had drawn up a spreadsheet to keep track of the costs from this funding but there were still items to come out of the remaining funding such as the steps at Pill Creek, the surfacing of the pathway to Loe Beach plus other kissing gate installation. Cllr Gason would speak to Martin Davey the Churchwarden about tipping the 803 by the war memorial. Cllr Blake said that Dave Woolcock said he would repair the kissing gate at the far end.

Widening of Carnon Yard Footpath

Cllr Cooper felt it was best left as it was but it was agreed a site visit may be useful just to have a look at the condition. Ideally it should be 1m wide.

Any other footpath issues

Cllr Blake said that on the path from Harcourt to Penpol down through the woods, there was a hedge with a stile which was difficult to get over. Cllr Gason would speak to the landowner, it was felt the stile needed a handhold to help people get over it.

Cllr Thomas said how sad we are to hear of the death of Sally Austin Brown who had been involved with our environment projects locally. The Clerk would write to her husband to give our condolences.

The 'nip' between the Tram Road and up to Penpol Chapel needs work as it is getting badly pot holed and is dangerous for cyclists.

9. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

Trees in Devoran Park

The Clerk had not received a response from Nick Cooper, the Tree Officer and would chase him up to request he looked at the trees in the park and give us advice as to whether they were suitable for pollarding.

Work had started on installing the outdoor gym equipment at Pengelly Meadows and work would shortly start at Retallack Recreation Area as well.

10. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND

Cllr Thomas said that the group had now planted 100 more trees at the Community Woodland. The lease was currently with Stephens and Scown for review.

SWW Treatment Works

There had been no update on progress with the proposed new treatment works on the Carnon Valley.

11. JUBILEE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME 2022

It was felt that the community should arrange their own events if they wished too and the Parish Council would support and help promote.

13. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

The Clerk had circulated details of the Community Right to Bid programme which was to enable community assets to be protected from being sold and lost to the community. It was not felt there were any assets that were at imminent risk but this would be monitored.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm