

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SIGNAGE ON FOOTPATH & BRIDLEWAY 305/46

The Chair said that issue was to discuss the complaint from a resident about the use of the PROW by electric bikes and lack of signage.

There needed to be a balance between too many signs and not enough signs and the signs not being clear enough.

It was suggested that a 'No through road sign' at the entrance to the lane, to include 'vehicle access for residents only' if possible, this would discourage people mistakenly using the PROW in vehicles.

The existing signage is confusing, and needs an additional 'footpath' green arrow sign as this seemed to be missing, at Penolva it needs a sign saying 'footpath' as it is too late to put it by the stile as people would have already cycled on the footpath to get to that point.

It was suggested that it would be useful to send a letter to all residents to explain the PROW status and how difficult it is to get the status changed from one status to another and the legal process and the length of time this takes. The current different status of the PROW did not make any sense as it changed from one status to another but this had been to a public review back in the 1980s and the Inspector did not agree the changes which is why it is as it currently is.

It was felt that additional signage was needed to make it clear that the status changed part of the way along so people were aware of this.

Cllr Brickell felt that we should check with the PROW team at Cornwall Council before putting up any additional signage and we shouldn't be incorrectly signing the PROWs.

Cllr Bowers felt that as a courtesy, we should speak to the landowner before putting up any new signage.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT HIGHWAYS ARE ASKED TO PUT A NO THROUGH ROAD SIGN AT ENTRANCE TO HARCOURT, CONTACT COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS TEAM TO ASK FOR PERMISSION TO PUT FOOTPATH ONLY SIGNS AT EITHER END OF THE FOOTPATH FROM TROLVER CROFT TO HARCOURT, AND ENSURE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS TEAM ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE ASKED HIGHWAYS FOR A NO THROUGH ROAD SIGN, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerks report had been circulated to all members.

7. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The MyFeock report had been circulated to all members. It was noted that a nice thank you had been received from the Village Hall for the grant towards the new projector.

8. SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received for consideration.

9. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO NT TRELISSICK

The Chair read out the comment the Council had made on the planning application for the new car park and access. Cllr Dyke said that the amended application included a footpath but she was concerned that if the Appeal failed that the footpath would be lost and the Parish Council should push for improved pedestrian access and a footpath, or even if the Appeal was won this stay may not happen.

Cllr P Allen said that although the NT had provided a cycle route around Les Escop the cyclists may not use this route and safety wouldn't be improved.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that at the National Trust AGM a resolution was passed about improving cycling and pedestrian access to their properties.

It was noted that the Planning Appeal and Parish Council's comment would be discussed again at the Planning Committee shortly so any additions to the comment to be sent to the Inspector could be agreed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT WHATEVER THE APPEAL OUTCOME, THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE NATIONAL TRUST TO PUT IN A ALLWEATHER FOOTPATH AND SAFE CYCLE WAY FROM WRINKLING LANE TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO TRELISSICK, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

The Chair said that this item was about looking at improvements to the surfaces at footpaths at Harcourt and Penpol footpath opposite the stepping stones as comments had been made to the Council about these (paths numbers 305/46/1 and 8 and Penpol 305/46/4)

Cllr Bowers said that he understood that the landowner at the Harcourt footpath did not wish to see any improvements to the surface of the footpath so felt this was best left alone and it was a very difficult problem to solve. There were strong feelings locally about any works to the footpath. Cllr Dyke said she felt that if the footpath could have the top layer of leaf mulch scraped off then it would improve the surface without doing anything too drastic and maybe the local residents would be happier with this approach.

Cllrs P Allen and Bowers had met with Penny Hodgson from Cormac regarding putting chippings on the footpath at Penpol. Cllr A Allen said she did not wish to see this footpath widened and made to look like a lane as this would encourage vehicular access, it was grass and had been cut regularly. The path had already been badly damaged by a tracked vehicle but it was now improving slowly and growing back.

There were suggestions about how the chippings could be delivered and spread to avoid causing too much damage to the land.

Both these routes were identified in Active Feock as priority routes for promoting to residents to get out and use them.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT HE LIAISE WITH PENNY HODGSON AND LEAH THOMAS AT CORMAC TO ORGANISE A VOLUNTEER GROUP TO LAY SOME AGGREGATE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PETER ALLEN TO IMPROVE THE FOOTPATH BY THE BONE MILL POND, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. PARKING AT ENTRANCE TO DYSON'S FIELD

There have been problems with people parking in the entranceway and blocking it. An idea had been suggested to put a bollard in the entrance, not too close to the road so that a car could still pull in if necessary. It was noted this should be brightly coloured/reflective so that it was easily seen and vehicles not hit it. It was agreed that this should be one that could be lifted in and out due to the steepness of the slope coming out so it did not foul the bottom of vehicles. It was also agreed to install one of the bins (both litter and dog waste) that had been purchased previously and pay for emptying, this would cost approx. £100 a year in emptying.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK SOURCE A BRIGHTLY COLOURED/REFLECTIVE METAL POST TO BE SET ABOUT 4' BACK FROM THE ROAD THAT COULD BE LIFTED OUT WITH A COMBINATION LOCK AND CLLR BRICKELL WOULD INSTALL THE BIN, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. KING HARRY FERRY ROAD SURFACE

A complaint had been received about the surface of the King Harry Ferry road. It was felt that we should encourage residents to report pot holes as well as the Parish Council reporting these as it seemed to help the more people that report pot holes the more quickly they are attended to.

14. CONDITION OF SURFACE OF TROLVER CROFT LANE

Cllr Bowers had spoken to the Chair of Trolver Croft Residents Association who did not feel this was the right time to be discussing the very complex issues relating to this private lane. The Chair said that she would like to know more details about how the TCRA subscriptions were used. Cllr Bowers said that resurfacing of the road was being considered by the TCRA and would ask the association for a break down for the Parish Council. Cllr Bowers said that there were committee meetings during the year but not all members were on the Committee but all members were invited to the AGM.

15. FEOCK PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Bowers would like to resurrect the Emergency Plan for the parish and felt that a Working Group was needed to manage this as it was quite a lot of work. He was happy to lead this but would need assistance. As it was a Working Group then non-Councillors could also sit on it if they had the necessary skills. There were questions around insurance, liability, risk assessments etc. that needed to be answered as part of this project.

It was agreed for the working party to comprise of Cllrs Bowers, Hambly-Staite, Newman and other members of the public who would be identified as having useful skills.

The Clerk had circulated details of the template and how far we got before with the plan.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT THE WORKING PARTY BE RESURRECTED TO CONTINUE WORK AND COMPLETE THE EMERGENCY PLAN, THIS WOULD BE LED BY CLLR BOWERS, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. LITTER BIN PROVISION

The Chair said that the cost of a bin was £99 plus £100 a year emptying. One at Dyson's Field had been agreed but there had also been a request to have a bin in the layby near to Ferris Garage. It had been suggested that a 'take your litter home' sign may be the first step and it was noted that there was a bin already the other side of Ferris Garage so not far away. It was agreed for the time being for Councillors to monitor the litter in the layby.

It was noted that the bin at Retallack Field needed moving as it blocked the Parish Council noticeboard.

17. RISK ASSESSMENTS

There had been no risk assessments completed since the last meeting for review. The Clerk had created a monthly maintenance checklist as suggested at a previous meeting which had been circulated.

There was a discussion regarding whether both risk assessments and maintenance checklists were needed as some felt that the risk assessment covered all these areas . It was noted that we may need a larger maintenance budget in future years if we were picking up on more maintenance issues.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST BE ADDED TO THE RISK ASSESSMENT FORM AND THIS BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT A FUTURE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.09pm