

MEETING NO. 12 ..

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		R Brickell	S Parker	R Andrew
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
			C Johnson	L Morgan-Lundie

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Sue Cooper (resident)

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Councillors introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Freeman, Blake, Lightfoot and Allen.

It was noted that Cllr Morgan-Lundie had to leave the meeting at 7.45pm and Cllr Hambly-Staite had to leave at 8.30pm due to other engagements.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2019

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2019 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW 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. I am currently seconded part-time to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and due to this declare an interest in Item 12 Planning Committee".

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present.

Sue Cooper lives locally and was very interested in the issue of Climate Change and local solutions and would very much like to see Parish Council's take a more active role in reducing the effects of climate change and encouraging people locally to take action. Sue very much hoped that the Parish Council would declare a climate emergency in the near future. A Climate Conference is being held at Tremough Campus on 9th March which all Councillors were invited to attend and this would focus on what Parish Council's can do and Neighbourhood Development Plans.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Share with care signs

Additional signs had now been put up on the road up from Point Green to Point Road.

Bissoe Road pavement

The plans had now been received from Cormac and would be discussed at the Access & Amenities Meeting on Thursday before being brought back to full Council.

Pengelly Meadows recreation area land transfer

A contractor had been asked to dig the trial pits to establish the condition of the ground and establish how much landscaping would be required.

Grit bins

New grit bins sited in the last 2 weeks (in the Parish Council Office car park, at the junction of Quenchwell Road with Forth Coth, part of the way down Old Carnon Hill and on the main Feock road. The Clerk was seeking permission from a landowner in Come to Good to site another bin on a grass verge that was not owned by highways and had permission from St Feock Church to site a bin in the church car park.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllrs Brickell and Hambly-Staite had attended the Community Network Meeting. There was a presentation from Inclusion Cornwall on fuel poverty. The Highways budget was also discussed and the money, if not spent, would be carried forward into next year. We had applied for money for a mobile flashing speed warning sign. Litter was also discussed and it was agreed the Parish Council would like to be involved in a national spring clean this year, the Clerk would circulate details.

Cllr Brickell said he had spoken to Trading standards who had attended an issue with tree works in Carnon Downs and he was very impressed with the staff who had stopped a resident being overcharged for the work.

Cllr Thomas said that a meeting had been held with Highways and the issue of the overgrown passing places on the road between Carnon Gate and the bottom of Old Carnon Hill was raised. The Parish Council were very pleased that these had very quickly been cleared by Cormac. It had been recommended that we carry out a feasibility study on the options to improve this road and what could be done to encourage people to use this road and the A39 rather than up through Carnon Downs via Old Carnon Hill which was currently used as a 'rat run'.

A petition had been received from residents regarding pedestrian safety on Old Carnon Hill and this would be discussed further at the Access & Amenities Committee meeting on Thursday.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey would be attending the Valley Lane development appeal hearing tomorrow, he would also be attending a meeting at Trelissick with regards to their proposals for car parking in the future. An Emergency Tree Preservation Order had been put in place on the land at The Stitch on the Tram Road.

The application for a dwelling at Caloundra at Ropewalk would be going to Central Planning Committee on 18th March 2019. A 5 day protocol would shortly be received on the application at Chyreen, Restronguet Point.

The Cornwall Council budget setting process would be starting shortly, it was looking likely that a 3.99% precept increase would be proposed, this included 2% ring fenced for social care.

There were concerns raised by Councillors about the limited amount of information now available to Councillors on planning enforcement cases in their areas. The Clerk advised that enforcement cases should be viewed in a similar way to a police investigation, this information was not in the public domain which was where enforcement differed to planning applications. If residents asked Councillors for information about an enforcement case the Clerk recommended that Councillors advise the resident to contact Planning Enforcement and be added to the list of complainants and they would then be able to be advised of the stage any enforcement action was at.

Cllr Brickell would like to attend Planning enforcement training and the Clerk would request this from CALC.

Police report

The Clerk reported the latest police figures for December were as follows.

Feock x 5

Gwel-an-scol 1 x Violence and sexual offences
Elm Grove – 1 x antisocial behaviour
Kelliwith – 1 x violence and sexual offences
Trolver Hill – 2 x antisocial behaviour

Carnon Downs x 7

Quenchwell Road x 4 including
2 x Burglary
2 x Violence and sexual offences

Park an Gwarry – 1 x criminal damage/arson
Forth Coth – 1 x Violence and sexual offences
Smithy Lane – 1 x criminal damage/arson

9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk had circulated the Accounts for Payment for January 2019 to all those present and gave a summary of the financial position.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Payments for approval since the last meeting totalled £6,887.76.

Income received was the usual rent from the office and from the Pre-school.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that some of the roads have been swept of leaves but there remained substantial amounts of leaves on the King Harry Ferry Road and Trevilla Road. He also had concerns about the state of the main road which was very muddy and caused by tractors. There was a drain by Trevilla House that was getting choked up with mud and this also needed cleaning. The two local cafes have now re-opened for the Spring.

Devoran

There had been complaints about the speed of the Penair bus in the village. There had also been complaints about the amount of dog fouling in the village, this would be discussed further at the Access & Amenities Committee meeting.

Carnon Downs

Cllr Thomas said there had been major flooding at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill again recently, this came from the stream that comes down the bridleway. There were works being carried out there to alleviate the flooding issue but it was felt this would not resolve this specific issue. Around 600 letters had been hand delivered by Councillors to residents to make them aware of the current planning applications in the village.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to see if she could set the website so that 'alerts' popped up when people accessed it with information regarding important items such as the Planning Appeal for Valley Lane.

11. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clerk advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 7th February at 7pm and the minutes would be circulated to all members of the Council following the meeting.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Valley Lane appeal public hearing is being held tomorrow, 6th February at 10am in Truro.

The Clerk advised that a resident had phoned today and wished to pass on to the Parish Council how disappointed she was about the Parish Council's method of communication with residents with regards to the current large planning applications in Carnon Downs. The Clerk had advised her that Carnon Downs residents had been hand delivered a letter about the developments and the Parish Council's position and comment submitted on the larger application, the details of the application had been listed on the Planning Committee agenda which was displayed on the noticeboards, on our website and Facebook page, there was also a poster on the noticeboard advising how residents could keep up to date with planning applications and the alerts able to be set up via Cornwall Council's website. It was noted that the Council were always looking for volunteers to help with delivery of letters such as this and felt that they had done everything they could to ensure people were aware of the current applications and what the Parish Council were doing.

13. COMMUNITY CONNECT PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the project was progressing well and the Community Navigator was busy contacting local groups and making links and putting together case studies. There was a need for work to build community resilience and strengthening organisations.

A meeting had been held this morning with a local software company who were working with Age UK and the Cornwall Link website and work was being carried out to get the database that the Clerk had compiled onto the Cornwall Link website. The Clerk would contact CALC to request a meeting with regards to building community resilience.

The project is working with Devoran School to connect the children with older residents in the community.

14. YOUR CHOICE FUNDING 2019/20

The criteria for funding was discussed and it was agreed for the Clerk to check which groups had received funding for 2 consecutive years and advise Councillors of this, preference would be given to

groups who had not previously applied. It was agreed to include in the criteria that the Council would encourage projects that contributed to the wellbeing of residents and also environmental sustainability.

15. REQUEST FROM CARNON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO USE PARK AN GWARRY PLAYING FIELD FOR EVENT ON SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019

The Clerk advised that the Community Association wished to hold a Party in the Park for the whole community which would include, refreshments, a brass band, traditional fair games etc. They had their own insurance to cover the event.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THE REQUEST TO USE THE PARK BY THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.45pm

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