

MEETING NO. 1224

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 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	H Freeman
			M Bearcroft	C Blake
			C Johnson	K Hambly-Staite

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Ross Ferris, Rhoda Mary Project
Sharon Nettleton, Community Navigator
Paul Braddock, resident

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves to Sharon Nettleton who was the new Community Navigator. Sharon gave an overview of her background and previous employment.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Allen, Morgan-Lundie and Lightfoot.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2018

It was noted that in the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November that the previous minutes resolution incorrectly recorded that Cllr Hambly-Staite had seconded the minutes but he had given his apologies and was not present at the meeting, the minutes had been seconded by Cllr Andrew.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2018 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING WITH THE AMENDMENT TO THE SECONDER FOR ITEM 9, 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"

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present.

Paul Braddock had attended to speak about speeding vehicles on Point Road. He felt that during the time he had lived there the speed of traffic had increased, especially commercial vehicles. Point Road is the only road into the Village apart from the Tramway, there is a footpath that comes out of a hedge onto this road and is quite blind, the speed limit is 20mph but vehicles travel at significantly faster speeds than that and this was very dangerous. It was noted that 20mph zones require traffic calming to force down speed. Mr Braddock asked if it would be possible to consider the installation of chicanes or some other form of traffic calming on this stretch of road at the top of the road before it meets with the junction with Point Road.

The Chairman apologised to Mr Braddock for omitting him from the meeting where the position of additional Share With Care signs on Point Road was discussed. The Chairman advised that we had planned to put up more Share with Care signs. We would also be asking for the position of the 20mph sign near to the junction as you turn down to Point from Point Road be improved as it was difficult to see, we were also requesting '20' be marked on the road to highlight the speed limit.

This would also be put on the agenda for discussion with Highways at our January meeting to see what else could be done to help keep speeds down on that stretch of roads.

The Chairman also advised that we had agreed with Devoran School for the year 5 and 6 children to design posters after Christmas to be put around the parish to help highlight the issue of speeding. We would also be putting in a piece in one of our future newsletters on speed and traffic issues.

It was agreed to bring forward Item 17 Rhoda Mary Project Signage.

17. RHODA MARY PROJECT SIGNAGE

Ross Ferris was attending the meeting as he was part of the Rhoda Mary project which was set up to try to rebuild and commemorate the Rhoda Mary that was built at Carnon Yard. The project was also to commemorate the 150 years anniversary of her build. Ross and representatives had attended previously to outline the project to the Parish Council. They group had been looking at various funders for the new history plaque which they wished to install at Carnon Yard to replace the existing plaque. The granite would cost up to £500, approximately £1000 for the engraved plaque and a £500 contingency.

ClIrr Alvey has offered the possibility of £250 from the Cornwall Council Community Chest, the Rhoda Mary project would put in up to £800, and Ross asked if the Parish Council would be willing to put in some funding towards this together with Restrouguet Creek Society. Ross gave an overview of the ideas to be included on the sign. It was noted that the Parish Council owned Carnon Yard and the existing Parish Council placed sign there was in need of replacement.

ClIrr Hambly-Staite said he thought this was an excellent idea and should be the start of putting history signs around the parish to explain the historic sights.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT WE AWARD FUNDING OF UP TO £750 TOWARDS THE NEW SIGN AT CARNON YARD, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE, CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

Ross would update the Parish Council as to progress with the project and he would also involve ClIrr Allen in the design and wording to be included as he would like to tie this in with our Feock Trails project and the QR code.

It was agreed to bring forward item 13 Wellbeing.

13. WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that our Community Navigator, Sharon Nettleton had now started in her new role. Oli Sleeman (Wellbeing Project Manager), Roger Gazzard (Truro City Clerk) and Cllr Hambly-Staite would manage Sharon on a day to day basis. The Feock & Truro Wellbeing Advisory Group would be co-chaired by the Mayor of Truro and our chairman, together with involving health representatives and others who had been involved in the project to date. There would also be a Steering Group set up comprising of Cllr Hambly-Staite, Cllr Bearcroft, Dr Margie Shaw, Dr Ed Ffrench-Constant and Victoria Lock (Head of Devoran School). Discussions had been held with the Duchy Health Charity with regards to the possibility of them carrying out analysis for us to establish the social impact of the project as well as the wellbeing impact.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk gave the following update on actions from the previous meeting.

Defibrillator for Point

The defibrillator had arrived, we were just waiting on cabinet.

Seed fund – planting beside footpath in Devoran

Highways had advised that they could not authorise the request to plant cherry trees along the verge due to issues with spreading crowds and surface roots and had suggested an alternative location in the vicinity where they felt the issues highlighted would not be an issue.

Sarah Newton attending Parish Council meeting

Sarah Newton had been invited and would be attending our Parish Council meeting on Friday 11th January 2019. It was agreed to bring the start time of the meeting forward to 6pm.

Feock Connect

The newsletters had now been delivered to all households.

Share with Care signs

The Chairman and Cllr Thomas had visited Point Road and were establishing locations/poles for additional signs.

Footpath at Feock

Cllr Blake had reported a tree was down, our contractor had looked at this and confirmed it was the landowners responsibility to deal with this.

Mis-use of Bus lane in Devoran

This had been reported to 101. The Police would be monitoring the situation.

Bissoe Road pavement

A meeting had been held with Jason Hoole-Jackson from Cormac. New plans for the pavement were being drawn up and it was hoped these would be ready for consideration by the Parish Council in January.

Potential new footpath at Point Road

The Clerk has contacted the landowner with regards to the preferred method to establish a new footpath.

Retallack Playing Field

The Solicitors had been contacted to advise them we do not wish them to proceed any further with any further advice.

Pengelly Meadows recreation area land transfer

The dispute about the wording of the land transfer document had now been resolved, the documents were ready for signing and returning.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Brickell and Cllr Thomas had attended the new Mining Trails Partnership Meeting to discuss if they need further investment as Cornwall Council's contribution was less than previously and to enhance their value for tourism, health and wellbeing and historic value and to reinvigorate the partnership. The next meeting is being held here in our offices in February. The Clerk would put this on the next Access & Amenities Committee meeting agenda.

Cllr Brickell had attended the Police Liaison Meeting, the Police are hoping to employ more Special Constables. All crimes locally were up but followed a similar pattern, one big problem that was raised was speeding but they still had problems with being underfunded.

Cllr Brickell had attended the Community Network Meeting last month and the Making Every Contact Count conference today.

The Chairman, Cllrs Thomas, Blake, Bearcroft, Hambly-Staite and Alvey had attended a meeting at Trelissick with the National Trust with regards to their plans for the future.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council – Cllr Martyn Alvey

Cllr Alvey had attended Full Council all day today and had raised the issue of GDPR and the impact of this on enforcement cases and the information given to Cornwall Councillors. It was hoped that Councillors would now get full visibility of enforcement cases but would still be limited on what could be shared with Parish Councillors due to GDPR.

There was ongoing enforcement action at Penpol Boatyard. The planning application for Topsails had been refused at Planning Committee. The Boundary Commission has today announced the new boundaries for Cornwall Council from 2021, we would be included in one area which was the whole of Kea Parish and Feock Parish and did not now include part of Truro as previously thought.

There was a vote at Cornwall Council today as to whether we should have a People's Vote on Brexit, it was supported by 47 in favour of requesting a People's Vote, with 41 against with 3 abstentions.

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk advised the crime figures for September were as follows. There had been 8 crimes in total.

Feock x3 crimes

Wellington Plantation – Anti-social behaviour x 1

Near to parking area/Church – x 1 violent and sexual offences

Near to Green Close - Anti-social behaviour x 1

Penpol x 4 crimes

Trolver Hill – 3 x anti-social behaviour

1 x Violence and Sexual Offences

Carnon Downs x 1 crime

Burglary on Gig Lane

Devoran

None had been reported for September however it was noted that last week a car had been broken into and a handbag stolen in the cycle path carpark in Devoran.

9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk had circulated the Accounts for Payment for November 2018 to all those present and gave a summary of the financial position. It was queried why we were paying to advertise in the Feock Parish magazine when we were not a business. The Clerk to make enquiries.

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

10. AGREE PRECEPT LEVEL FOR 2019/20

The Chairman said that the budget had now been updated to include the finalised local maintenance partnership figure, the West Briton and cost of the quarterly newsletter. The Clerk advised that the Council need to set our precept and notify Cornwall Council of this by the end of December.

The Chairman advised that the Finance & General Purposes Committee had deferred the decision on the precept to the full Parish Council as the up to date taxbase figure had not been available when they met. The up to date figure for 2019/20 was 1945.74.

The current precept for 2018/19 is £106,080. For a Feock band D property the total Council tax bill is £1,953.12 per annum per property, of this £54.82 is the amount per property the Parish Council receive via the precept.

The Clerk advised that the budget that has been agreed for 2019/20 leaves the Council with a deficit of outgoings over income of £7722.46, this does take into account staff pay increases and also the Public Works loans repayments and Connect newsletter costs (this is based on keeping the precept the same as last year).

This budget does not include any enhancement projects (refurbishments of parks, highways improvements etc.) and I would suggest that the Access & Amenities Committee consider potential projects in January with a view to recommending a list to Full Council. These projects can be paid from the reserves.

The Clerk advised to balance the budget an increase of £7722.46 on the precept would be needed which would add £3.97 to a Band D properties bill compared to last years, giving a total payment of £58.79 for a band D property per year, compared to last years £54.82 and giving a total precept of £113,802.50.

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that he wished to request that £2K was included in the budget for Wellbeing for miscellaneous projects under the Community Navigator role.

The Clerk confirmed this would mean a precept increase of £9722.46 and the total precept would be £115,802.50 which was a 9.1% increase.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT £2000 BE ADDED FOR WELLBEING TO THE BUDGET FOR 2019/20 AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK AND THE TOTAL PRECEPT FOR 2019/20 BE £115,802.50, SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Blake said that drainage problems were ongoing. The Clerk would request that the drains were cleared. There was a problem with a large puddle that during times of heavy rain formed by Ferris Garage. The Clerk would send out the link to all Councillors so they could report highways issues immediately they became aware of them. It was acknowledged that pot holes were being fixed more quickly and when reported these photographs were useful to show the extend of the problem.

Devoran

There had been a car broken into in the cycle path car park near to the A39 which was very concerning. There was fly tipping, around a car boot full of builders rubble near to the car park, the Clerk would report this.

Carnon Downs

Cllr Kemp commended the Carnon Downs Community Association on the Christmas Lights display and the switch on night which had been very well attended despite the wet weather.

12. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

There had been no meeting held since the last Parish Council meeting.

Update on dedication for land for a footpath off Point Road

The Clerk had contacted the landowner to explain the various ways the land could be dedicated for a footpath and was waiting to hear back.

Forth Coth parking issues

The parking issues on Forth Coth were ongoing, the Chairman had spoken to the Practice Manager of the Dentist following an incident and subsequent notice being displayed to explain the Parish Council's position and the inconvenience that was sometimes caused by Dentist staff and patients parking on the pavement, as well as by local residents.

Community network area highways budget

The Clerk was waiting on confirmation of costs of maintaining speed cameras from Cornwall Council.

The Chairman advised that John Lanyon, the Head Gardener from Trelissick was willing to give us advice on planting for the roundabouts and around villages.

The embankment by footpath that runs up the side of the old A39 was getting overgrown with oaks which were unsightly, the Clerk was asked to find out who owned this land.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The appeal for 38 houses at Valley Lane is being held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at the Health & Wellbeing Centre, Treliske. Cllr Alvey said he would raise the issue about the location for this meeting with Planning as there were concerns about it not being held in Carnon Downs which was affected by the development and felt that this would make it difficult for members of the public to attend.

15. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS REPORT

A successful Community Emergency Plan meeting had been held. There had been a discussion about the installation of additional grit bins around the parish. A list of 8 locations was agreed and the Clerk would contact Cormac to seek permission for these locations.

RESOLUTION: CLLR PARKER PROPOSED 5 ADDITIONAL GRIT BINS BE PURCHASED, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. PENGELLY MEADOWS RECREATION AREA LAND TRANSFER

As mentioned earlier in the meeting the dispute about the wording of the land transfer document had now been resolved, the documents were ready for signing and returning.

18. CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS DEVORAN CHRISTMAS TREE COSTS

Cllr Kemp said that a Christmas tree has been sourced for Devoran Park and the cost of this has been covered by the Pre-school, she asked if the Parish Council would consider funding the cost of delivery of the tree which was £30.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL FUND THE DELIVERY OF THE TREE UP TO £30, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.