

Clerks Report and Supporting Information for Access & Amenities Committee on Monday 25th November 2024

Update on actions from the last meeting

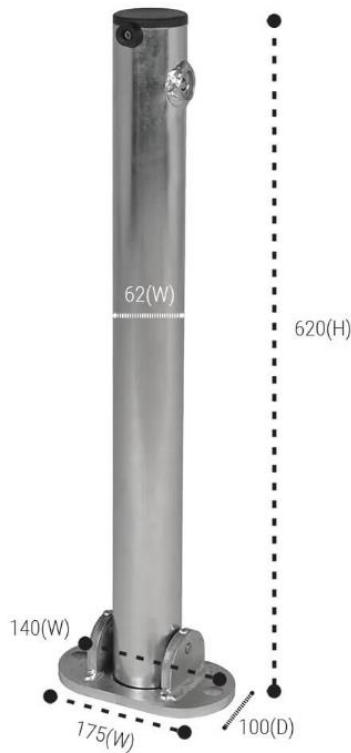
Dyson's Field

Additional temporary signage has been put up to try to encourage more use of the field.

Post mounted litter bin - £99 plus around £100 a year emptying cost to Biffa (**Item 16 on agenda**)



Folding no parking bollard - £29.99+VAT (**Item 12 on agenda**)



Overall Dimensions

↕	OVERALL HEIGHT	620 mm
⊕	POLE DIAMETER	62 mm
↔	BASE WIDTH	175 mm
⏏	BASE DEPTH	100 mm
⊕	BOLT HOLE DISTANCE	140 mm
⚖	WEIGHT	3.0 kg

Parks and Recreation Area Maintenance

Inspection checklist drafted (copy below)

Contractor has started work on tidying Devoran Park and has some work left to complete. Contractor asked to carry out further work at Feock park, waiting on confirmation of date when this will be done.

Contractor asked to carry out works to Park an Gwarry as well.



Name of area:



Councillor inspecting:

Date of inspection:

Please check the following and note if any maintenance/action is needed.	Tick when checked
Benches Any broken slats, cleaning needed, varnishing/staining, brambles/weeds to be cut back around seating Action needed:	
Pathways Check surface in good condition, <u>pot holes</u> , vegetation overgrowing path Action needed:	
Hedges Cutting back required to keep clear of equipment, pathways or benches Action needed:	
Litter bins Any damage, need emptying? Action needed:	
Play equipment damage or any other issues noted that need attention. Note here any obvious damage at time of inspection in case this has happened since monthly play inspection carried out.	

Please return a copy by email or hard copy to the Parish Clerk.

Supporting information on items on the agenda

Item 7 – MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Advisers Report

Small Grants Scheme:

Report received from Carnon Downs Village Hall, noting thanks for the how the funding has been spent, going towards a new projector, which is now in use.

Face to Face with Feock Parish Council:

Thanks go to Cllr Corine Dyke who attended the Repair Café on 29th October to meet and greet visitors to the Repair Café and answer any enquiries regarding Feock Parish Council business. The relaxed environment and presence of Southwest Water and Community Energy Plus Advice desks created a positive dynamic of helpful advice, and practical assistance from our repair team. We plan to make this a regular feature to encourage community engagement and advertise what we do and how we can help.

Walks & Talks:

Mary Weston has assisted in the redesign of the poster, which now incorporates mention of our Feock Strolls shorter walks. This will be used to promote our offer across Mid-Cornwall, in a smaller flyer version, through Mary's contacts.

Mary has also contributed to the Active Feock project with practical assessments of the Feock Trails and where adaptation can be made to provide a Feock Stroll element. Cllr Rick Bowers has also provided a detailed report of the first Feock Stroll on 12th November 2024 in Carnon Downs, Feock Trails Walk 2, Tregoose & Tresithick section. Suggestions from participant is very helpful on these occasions as they offer practical insight to various mobility and stamina issues.

Support through changes to new weekly and fortnightly rubbish collection service:

I have approached the Cornwall Council Community Engagement Team to attend our Repair Café on 28th January 2025 to offer tips and advice on how to manage the new system and equipment, alongside our usual advice teams from Southwest Water and Community Energy Plus. It seems an appropriate event as we already 'save' many items from the waste collection through our talented and dedicated Repair Team.

Cathy Whitmore – MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Adviser 21/11/2024

Item 8 – Small Grants Applications

No applications received since last meeting.

Item 9 – Pedestrian Access to NT Trelissick

Discussion on background to this issue and Council's wishes expressed previously for Councillors who have not previously been involved (note: planning application now gone to Appeal).

[Link to application: PA22/10184 | Proposed visitor infrastructure development which includes change of use of land to provide increased car parking provision and improved sense of arrival for visitors including reconfiguration of existing main car park at Trelissick, works to the highway to create a safe crossing point and extended 30mph zone and creation of new 225 space car park | Trelissick Gardens Trelissick Feock Truro Cornwall TR3 6QL](#)

The Parish Council's comments on the planning application have been as follows:

Comment Date: Tue 17 Jan 2023

Feock Parish Council welcomes the intention of the National Trust to redevelop the Trelissick estate in the spirit of its 19th/20th century origins and development and to make infrastructure improvements to better accommodate visitors. We therefore agree in principle with the intentions of the National Trust to redevelop the Estate, however we must object to the proposal in its current form due to concerns as stated below.

We have significant reservations about road safety in the area and the absence of an integrated plan for access to Trelissick by foot, cycle, car, bus or boat. We would wish to see improvements in this area including new pathways for pedestrians and cyclists.

Speed has always been an issue on the road bisecting the Estate, pedestrian safety is obviously of paramount importance and we have grave concerns about the design of the proposed crossing from the new Northern carpark to the Southern carpark. We also have concerns that the current proposal could cause severe issues for traffic travelling to and from the King Harry Ferry. This could hinder the effective operation of this essential service which may also potentially impact on the speed at which emergency vehicles can get to their destination. We ask that alternative designs or options are presented following public consultation.

Residents have expressed concerns about the environmental damage that the proposals will make. We acknowledge these as realistic concerns and request that additional measures are taken to reduce the impact of any development. Having had the benefit of a site visit and seeing the exact location for the proposed new parking area, we are satisfied that it is in an area that, with further tree planting and screening to eliminate visibility and light pollution from the surrounding countryside, will not create any visual harm to the setting and the AONB.

Details of presentation to Planning Committee on 7th May 2024

The basis of Cllr Bowers speech to be that the Parish Council welcome the intention of the National Trust to improve the infrastructure of the Trelissick Estate for visitors, however due to the lack of a satisfactory safe cycling route along National Cycle Route 3 as it passes through the Estate the application currently fails to meet with NDP policy GA2. Councillors remain concerned over the safety of the proposed pedestrian crossing which we feel will cause hazardous conflict between pedestrians and vehicles and are further concerned that modelling shows a worrying peak delay which will be detrimental to the running of the King Harry Ferry, the Parish Council would prefer to see a bridge used for a crossing. On this basis the Parish Council maintain their objection to the application.

Item 10 – Public Rights of Way Signage on footpath and bridleway 305/46 at Harcourt

Copy of correspondence received:

I am writing to request the installation of footpath signs along the Harcourt to Trolver Croft footpath (as detailed on walk 7, of the parish’s Saints and Sailors walk). This, to discourage the use of electric bikes and other motorised vehicles on paths designated solely for pedestrian use. Recent observations, along with feedback from local residents, indicate that e-bikes and bicycles have increasingly been using these footpaths, resulting in significant damage to the surface and subsurface structure. This issue is compromising the quality and safety of these pathways, and I believe that installing clear signage could help preserve them for future use.

Recent studies have highlighted the detrimental impact of bicycles and, in particular, electric bikes on footpaths that are designed solely for pedestrians. Footpaths typically have a subsurface and surface structure intended for light foot traffic, with materials selected based on low-impact use. Research from various environmental studies shows that the additional weight, speed, and repetitive pressure applied by bikes and e-bikes can lead to surface cracking, subsurface compaction, and erosion. In turn, this damage exacerbates maintenance costs, increases slip hazards, and undermines the overall usability of the paths for walkers and those with mobility challenges.

Preserving footpaths is essential not only to protect the environmental value of these trails but also to ensure the well-being and accessibility of our community members. Footpaths offer residents a safe space for exercise, recreation, and social engagement, which has been shown to support both physical and mental health. Additionally, by keeping these paths in good condition, we promote sustainability and foster a greater appreciation for our natural surroundings—both essential to maintaining our area’s appeal and environmental health.

I urge the council to consider erecting prominent signs along this footpath to clearly communicate that the path is intended solely for pedestrians. With signage in place, we hope to both discourage inappropriate use by electric bikes and encourage responsible footpath use by all. In addition, enforcing these signs would significantly contribute to preserving the path’s condition and longevity, as well as reducing future maintenance costs. To be clear I am suggesting a “footpath” sign at either end of this section, and at the Harcourt end an additional clear sign of no access to bicycles or vehicles.

Examples below of signage available to purchase online for consideration.



[Footpath Only No Bikes, Horses Or Vehicles Sign Portrait](#)

£9.08+VAT



[JAF Graphics. No Bikes Footpath Only Signs - Pack of 2](#) From £12 for a pack of 2



[JAF Graphics. Footpath Arrow No Bikes No Horses](#)

From £12 for a pack of 2

[JAF Graphics. Footpath Only No Bikes sign](#)

From £14 various sizes



Item 11 – Footpath Maintenance

Committee to discuss issues with surfaces of PROWs and potential improvements specifically at Harcourt 305/46/1 and 8 and Penpol 305/46/4 – raised by Cllr Bowers

Item 13 – King Harry Ferry Road surface

Correspondence received from resident:

I am sending an email to ask for your, Parish and Cornwall Councillors support to resurface this road.

I regularly report pot holes and have even filled a few pot holes myself of late. The road surface is worn out and has many hundreds of minor repairs.

It really came home to me how dangerous this situation when i noticed a cyclist waiting for the ferry who had come off her bike just under the Trelissick footbridge. She was part of a group who had administered first aid by the time i got to them.

I recommended that she write to CC and Sustrans (the road is part of the National Cycle Way) I do not know if she did .

Please bring this matter to the attention of all or anywho might support the required works to make it safe.

Item 14 – Condition of surface of Trolver Croft ‘lane’

Referred from Full Council in November for further discussion. Raised by Cllr Bowers.

Item 15 – Feock Parish Emergency Plan

Referred from Full Council in November for further discussion. Raised by Cllr Bowers.

More information available online [Community Emergency Plan Toolkit - Cornwall Council](#)

Item 17 – Risk Assessments

No risk assessments received since last meeting.