

Footpath surface issues

As requested, the Clerk has asked the Countryside Access team to survey the condition of the surface of the footpath near to Loe Beach and contact the landowner if works are required to improve this. Footpaths team have surveyed the path and advised it is not an immediate health and safety issue. Comments from path users that it is very slippery and welly boots needed to use the path.

Removal of hoop at top of urban path that runs down side of A39

Clerk has contacted Highways to request this is removed to make access for mobility scooter users easier. Advice is that these stop motorcycles using the path but if the Parish Council wish to remove them they can do so at their own cost and will have to be responsible for any future issues. Cllr P Allen said he would raise this issue at the Countryside Access Forum. The Clerk would seek prices for removal of the hoops.

TPOs on Pengelly Meadows trees

Clerk and Assistant Clerk to visit to check species of trees for TPO application.

7. HEALTH & WELLBEING 30 MINUTE WALKS

Cllrs Hambly-Staite and P Allen had met but had not yet been able to cost or prioritise the walk project. It was agreed for a Working Group to be set up to include those Councillors who had tested the walks and also at a later date a local walking group to get their input.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

The Chairman advised the Feock road resurfacing/patching should have been completed today, this had been slightly delayed to bad weather at the end of last week.

It was agreed to add to the Annual Meeting agenda the issue of the road noise from the Carnon Downs A39 bypass and the request for a quieter surface when the road was resurfaced as it was felt that the noise was certainly getting worse from both engine noise and the road surface. The Parish Council would like to see an assessment of the surface condition, speed, noise pollution and air pollution.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THE ISSUE OF THE A39 NOISE BE PUT ON THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

Enhanced LMP Footpath project update

The Clerk confirmed that there was £1332 remaining from the Enhanced Local Maintenance Partnership funding for the footpaths work and the Parish Council had been reimbursed for the money spent out to date. A meeting of the working group and our contractor was needed to establish the works now completed and still outstanding and to prioritise work for the remainder of the funding.

It was noted that the path at Chycoose had now grown in a lot and badly needed cutting out but this would not be done until the wildflowers had finished. Due to it becoming so narrow it was now also muddy due to users all walking on the same narrow part of the surface. The Clerk would arrange a contractor to cut this out later in the year.

Penpol Pond footpath registration

Cllr Fitt outlined the steps we needed to take to have the track there added to the Definitive Footpath map as a public right of way.

10. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

Penpol Pond Common land issues

The Clerk had submitted an application to Land Registry to register ownership of Penpol Pond (the Parish Council had already claimed the land back in 1970). The Clerk would also be registering the other pieces of Common Land with Land Registry and provide a list to Councillors.

It was noted that the system for the Council to risk all their land holdings needed to be resurrected. The Clerk would send copies of the last Risk Assessments to Councillors and a list drawn up of which ward Councillor would be responsible for monitoring the land in their area. The play parks were inspected monthly by a local company and reports provided.

Urgent footpath issues

There were no urgent footpath issues raised.

Update on Cherry Tree planting on Carnon Downs bus lane

The Clerk advised that 5 people had now volunteered to adopt a Cherry tree (3 Councillors and 2 members of the public). Unfortunately she was having trouble sourcing the species needed and planting would now be delayed until the Autumn as it was getting too late to plant.

Carnon Valley Woodland

A meeting of the working group had been set up on site for 6.30pm on 24th May 2023.

Cornwall Council land for biodiversity

A meeting had been held with Cllr Alvey to establish the pieces of land Cornwall Council owned in the Parish, there were very few but did include a piece near to the entrance to the cycle trail, a piece at the bottom of the A39 bypass. The Carnon Valley area seemed to be the best area we may be able to influence biodiversity and Cllr P Allen hoped to continue his discussions with the EA with regards to improvements to be made to this area. The Climate Change DPD was now adopted and should be taken into account when decisions were being made on all Planning applications.

Tram Road hedges

Councillors had met to survey the land the Parish Council was responsible for cutting along the Tram Road and the best way this could be done to help wildlife. The Feock Eco group would be writing up a report for the Council on land management for the Council to consider. It was agreed to put this item on the next Access & Amenities agenda for further discussion together with an item on Nature Corridors. The Feock Eco Nature Recovery team were working with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to establish the extent of the County Wildlife site.

11. MYFEOCK WELLBEING PROJECT

HAIRE Legacy

The Chairman advised that we had met with Carnon Downs Surgery about working more closely together in the future and especially with their Care Co-ordinator. It was hoped to also work in future with Chacewater & Devoran Surgeries.

Cathy Whitmore (Information & Wellbeing Adviser) would be keeping in touch with the local groups and the Chairman would like the Council to allocate funds to help support these groups, who would be for all ages. The Clerk advised that a policy/process needed to be drawn up to manage these funds.

Cllr J Allen felt that funding should be allocated to make improvements to play equipment in our parks. The Clerk advised that a meeting would be held in the Summer where the Councillors could look at re-allocating reserves and this could be included in this as well as the request for funding for local groups.

The Clerk would speak with Cathy to request that she produces a report for each Access & Amenities Committee on contacts received and her work for the month.

The Chairman advised we were still waiting on the final HAIRE report from the University of Exeter.

Welcome Pack

The Chairman said he would like the Council to provide a Welcome Pack for Estate Agents to give to people moving into the area to tell them about the Parish Council, MyFeock services etc.. The Clerk would arrange this in the form of a letter with links to online information.

12. CYCLE RACKS

A request had been received from a member of the public for more cycle racks in the parish. The Committee were supportive of this and asked the Clerk to get prices and this would be included in the reserves discussion.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th June at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.36pm.