

MEETING NO. 1108

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 6th July 2015 at Carnon Downs Village Hall at 7.15pm

Members Present:

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Shankland	C Shefford
	B Richards		C Blake
	M Kemp		A Hawken
	C Kemp		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
6 members of the public
Cllr S Chamberlain (Cornwall Council)

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Richards

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gordon, MacDonald, Johnson, Kerrison and Andrew.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 2ND JUNE 2015

RESOLUTION: CLLR C KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR SHANKLAND AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident from Feock attended the meeting to ask about the gateway entrance in Harcourt Lane, Feock which should have been closed up under the outcome of a planning appeal, this has been partially closed but left with a pedestrian access which was not in line with the outcome of the appeal. The resident said that he had spoken to the Chairman prior to the meeting and he understood that the issue was now with the Planning Enforcement team of Cornwall Council. The Chairman said the Assistant Parish Clerk would check on progress with this enforcement case.

Representatives from Pellows Septic Tank & Liquid Waste Disposal Services attended the meeting. They asked if the agenda item titled 'Land at Carnon Valley' referred to the works they had carried out on the land they had purchased adjacent to their premises. The Chairman advised that the item on the agenda related to the Parish Council's potential purchase of some of the land in the Carnon Valley and their ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency (EA). Pellows said that they had legally purchased the land and they are in the process of applying for retrospective planning permission for the works they had started on the land. They pointed out that the only access to this land was via their premises as the land was in the area fenced off by the EA.

The Chairman agreed to inform the Council's discussion for the item of Carnon Valley Land to be brought forward on the agenda.

Cllr Allen advised that himself and the Parish Clerk would be meeting with the Environment Agency tomorrow where they would be hearing more about the offer of land to the Parish Council.

There was a discussion regarding the disturbance of contaminated land on the site and Pellows advised that they had applied for the necessary licenses and done everything legally.

The Chairman thanked the Pellows representatives for coming along to the meeting.

6. CO-OPTION TO DEVORAN WARD VACANCY

The Clerk advised that no one had come forward to register an interest in the Devoran ward vacancy, left by Dominic Kiernander when he resigned. A resident, Paul Lightfoot had registered with the Clerk his interest in joining the Council. The Clerk read out an email from Paul outlining his background and his reasons for wishing to join the Council. The Clerk advised that as there was no set process for co-option she did not see why Paul could not be co-opted in his absence as he had confirmed in writing that he wished to join the Council.

RESOLUTION: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED THAT PAUL LIGHTFOOT BE CO-OPTED TO THE DEVORAN WARD VACANCY, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

7. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The read out her report that had been circulated prior to the meeting (copy attached at Appendix 1).

Cllr Allen queried that the Clerk had mentioned in her report that the Parish Council no longer wished to be involved with the Unknown Donors Charity and she had written to the Treasurer to advise them of this so that the Charity Commission could be informed. Cllr Richards explained that at present there were two ex-Councillors who sat on this charity who previously represented the Parish Council, technically they should no longer represent the Parish Council, however the Parish Council felt at the last meeting that they were happy for these two ex-Councillors to continue to sit on the charity and for the charity to continue to run as it had done previously.

Cllr Allen said that he was not at all happy with this decision and would speak to the two ex Councillors regarding this, he was of the opinion that the Parish Council should continue to be involved in this historic charity.

8. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Feock Hall Steering Group

Cllr Blake said the group met last week and were disappointed with the outcome of the previous meeting regarding the Albemarle Scheme. A letter was being sent out to the members of the Church (153) and the Steering Group had asked for several amendments to this letter to correct errors in it, however they were unsure if the letters had already been sent out before the requested amendments had been made. The first draft was unfortunately very negative towards the Albemarle Scheme proposal and contained several factual errors which it was hoped had been corrected.

Langdon family Contribution on the Parish Council Celebration

Cllr Allen said that this celebration had been held on Friday in the Parish Council Office and amongst others 6 previous Chairman attended and Cllr MacDonald attended, Cllr Richards was unable to attend due to a pre-application Planning meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Allen for arranging the event.

9. CURRENT REPORTS

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk read out the report from PCSO Thomas Care who was unable to attend. The report is attached at Appendix 2.

Cllr Chamberlain commented that a local gardening company had had a van stolen from Playing Place (Kea Parish). The Chairman advised that the burglar responsible for the multiple burglaries in Carnon Downs had now been sentenced to 30 months in prison.

Cornwall Council

Cllr Chamberlain gave the following report. He was heavily involved in planning applications for the last couple of months, it was becoming apparent that pressure was building on applications related to replacement of buildings in open countryside. There was an infill application at Tregye which Cllr Chamberlain had been in favour of but the Council Planners were against. There is now a similar application at Come To Good just down the road, which is in Kea Parish. Cllr Chamberlain was against this application as it was for a very large house and away from the previous chalet which had been occupied. Cllr Chamberlain had called this application in to Planning Committee and the application has now gone to appeal. He commented that this may have repercussions for applications in Feock parish. A Freedom of Information Act request has now been made regarding this application.

Cllr Chamberlain had attended the Appeal for the large housing development in Truro.

Regarding the Case for Cornwall the government has come back with a 'Deal for Cornwall' which does not bear a lot of resemblance to the Case for Cornwall that was made by Cornwall Council. It looked unlikely that to get the power to set own council tax. With regards to planning it was very unlikely that the NPPF would be abolished. Meetings had been set up to discuss the Case for Cornwall and the Deal for Cornwall.

There would be a new single budget for Adult Social Care and Childrens Social Care and the NHS. It is likely this budget will be managed by the NHS. It was hoped this would lead to more joined up working between these organisations.

10. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Clerk presented the Accounts for Payment for June to the Chairman for signature and this had been circulated to the whole Council before the meeting.

Total outgoings/accounts to be paid since the last meeting	£11,971.49
Includes repayment of unspent Our Place grant	£4915.67
Your Choice grants £250 x 8	£2000
Total income for June	£1,264.33
Normal rent from Pre-School and office.	

Current account bank balance and reconciliation - £67,656.30 as at 06/07/15

Cambridge Easy Access Saver (Reserve a/c) - £72,451.32

Profit & Loss report to date

Shows to date for the year 2015/16 for general/working account:-

Income	£55,344
Expenditure	£37,102
Balance	+£18,242

The Audit report had been submitted to Grant Thornton the External Auditors by the deadline of 22nd June and receipt had been acknowledged by them.

11. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Hawken gave the following report.

Cllr Hawken is going to put up the footpath sign which has been removed from Harcourt Lane. The old finger post at Porthgwiddden has been knocked over and damaged by a large lorry, it is hoping that this will be fully restored by Cormac via an insurance claim which it is hoped will also include the missing arm pointing to Truro.

The work with regards to a new or refurbished hall for Feock is ongoing.

The fencing at Restronguet Point needs repairing before the boating season starts. The Clerk advised she had received one quote for this work and was trying to get a second but had not been able to do so.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED WE GO AHEAD WITH THE QUOTE RECEIVED FOR NEW FENCING AT RESTRONGUET POINT, SECONDED BY CLLR RICHARDS AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

ACTION: CLERK TO CONTACT CONTRACTOR AND INSTRUCT HIM TO GO AHEAD WITH WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR GARDEN CONTRACTOR SO THE WORK CAN BE CO-ORDINATED.

Problems had been reported with regards to speeding vehicles on the King Harry Ferry Road. Cllr Richards had come up with a letter which if we were given permission from the King Harry Ferry Company could be printed by the Parish Council and handed out by their staff to users of the ferry to raise awareness of speeding on the road. A young girl had nearly been knocked down on the road by a speeding driver.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL PAY FOR A NUMBER OF THESE LEAFLETS TO BE PRINTED AND PERMISSION TO BE SOUGHT FROM THE KING HARRY FERRY COMPANY TO HAND THESE OUT, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr M Kemp said that the road that the Feock Reading Room was located on does not have a name and asked that this item be put on the September Parish Council agenda so this could be discussed further. He had spoken to the relevant department in Cornwall Council and it was possible to name a road, we would have to consult with residents on any suggested names and the majority would need to approve the name. There was a chance that the Post Office would issue a new postal code and the residents would then need to change this with their bank etc.

Cllr Stafford said she would like to suggest Hughes Lane or Hughes Road after a local Doctor and his family.

Cllr Blake commented that post code changes can cause problems as he had experienced in the past and he would like this to be clarified before we went ahead.

Devoran

Cllr Richards said the Snack Van issue had arisen again and there had been two further complaints. Highways, Planning and Environmental Health had all been involved and the snack van was doing nothing illegal where it was presently located.

Cllr Richards had drafted a letter to the owner of the snack van requesting that they consider these complaints and move further down the road. Cllr Shankland said that there were two new snack vans who had been operating further down the road and this hadn't caused an issued or any concerns so the snack van could be better sited on the same site as these others.

Cllr Richards read out the letter and all were happy with its contents, except the suggestion to go down the road by Devoran Car Sales as this was a bus and cycle lane and not for access back out onto the A39.

Cllr Richards said he would double check this before sending the letter and let everyone know the outcome.

Carnon Downs

Cllr M Kemp commented that he would write to Cllr Johnson regarding a traffic plan for Carnon Downs (to include Forth Coth parking, parking in Quenchwell Road, pedestrian access on Old Carnon Hill, closure of sliproad, and general parking in the village).

Cllr Kemp was unsure why parking for the general public was not available at the Carnon Downs Village Hall and he would like to investigate this.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

Cllr Richards report had been circulated prior to the meeting (attached at Appendix 4). Rob Lacey at Cornwall Council has been very helpful and provided us with good information about our plan, the information provided had been that it was not necessary for the Parish Council to complete a Strategic Environmental Assessment which had been requested by Natural England. The documents in our plan were up to date with a few tweaks needed to include this evidence. Once a final check had been completed we could go ahead with the 6 weeks public consultation which would also give more weight to the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to planning applications that it presently carried. It was likely that the Referendum would be held in Spring 2016.

Cllr Hawken asked when we would find out about the revised housing numbers for Cornwall. The Chairman advised that Rob Lacey had advised that even if the number increased he didn't feel this would affect the rural parishes such as ourselves and these numbers would fall on the towns.

Cllr Allen commented that our Neighbourhood Development Plan policy was that our housing numbers were based around the local need for social housing. Cllr Allen said he would like the criteria to be checked again for local housing need, if this was too loose we needed to ensure our policy was very clear and tight.

PROPOSAL: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT HIMSELF AS THE CHAIRMAN, TOGETHER WITH THE PARISH CLERK AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE, BE AUTHORISED TO CARRY FORWARD THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO FINAL PRE-SUBMISSION PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND ENSURE THE EFFICIENT AND TIMELY DELIVERY OF THE PLAN TO EXAMINATION AND REFERENDUM, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR M KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman said the draft minutes were available on the website, the next meeting was Wednesday 15th July.

Section 106 for Trevince

The Clerk has made enquiries regarding the Section 106 agreement for Trevince. A reply has been received from Cornwall Council Planning, Mark Ball who had said he was not able to support the suggestion of broadening the scope of the open space contribution to the rest of the Parish as the

contribution was for provision in Carnon Downs as this was where the new development was being built.

PROPOSAL: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION WORDING IN THE SECTION 106 AGREEMENT BE AMENDED TO COVER THE VILLAGE OF CARNON DOWNS ONLY, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

Cllr M Kemp would like the status of the land of the existing playground be considered as to whether it would be possible to redevelop this land. The Chairman said there was a covenant on the land which states that it shall be used as a recreation ground only.

Cllr Allen felt very strongly that this area should remain as a childrens play area and the recreation area at Trevince is kept as an open space for older children.

PROPOSAL: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE COVENANT BE INVESTIGATED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE SITE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CLLR C KEMP SECONDED THIS AND 6 WERE IN FAVOUR, 2 VOTES AGAINST INCLUDING CLLR ALLEN WHO WISHED THIS TO BE RECORDED.

Name of roads for Trevince development

The Chairman said that Trevince was the name for the area not the road. The Chairman suggested Pengelly Meadows or Pengelly Fields which is the name of the people who used to farm the land, there was some discussion regarding the names and that it was important there were two names as there were two entranceways to the site which if the whole site had one name could be confusing.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE AREA OF TREVINCE ACCESSED OFF BISSOE ROAD BE NAMED "TREVINCE ROAD" AND THE AREA ACCESSED OFF FORTH NOWETH BE NAMED "PENGETLY ROAD", THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR HAWKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

14. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Feock Reading Room Update

Cllr M Kemp advised that the Finance & General Purposes Committee had agreed to go ahead with 2 storey single dwelling, we were now at the next stage of submitting the planning application.

The planning application should be ready to submit by the end of July/beginning of August and it was hoped that it would be approved by mid September and then go out to tender for the building works.

As previously mentioned by the Clerk the Audit had been completed satisfactorily and been submitted to Grant Thornton by the deadline. The small office would continue to be rented out to the local businesses who were currently renting it, with an offer of indefinite occupation of office on basis of 2 months notice from each side.

Cllr Richards proposed a vote of thanks to the Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk for all their work on the audit and for ensuring this was submitted by the deadline.

Cllr Allen asked that the plans for the Reading Room were circulated to the whole Council before being submitted for planning permission. The Clerk would circulate the plans when they were available to the whole Council. Once the planning permission had been submitted the plans would also be displayed in the entranceway to the Parish Council Office and also on the Parish Council noticeboard by the Park in Feock opposite the Reading Room.

The Clerk said that repairs were needed to the listed stone boundary wall of the Market Hall, a quotation had been received to repair this for £600. The Clerk asked the council to authorise her to arrange these repairs and said that this would come from the maintenance fund for the building.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAWKEN PROPOSED THE QUOTE BE ACCPETED AND THE CLERK ARRANGE FOR THE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

14. ACCESS & AMENITIES REPORT

The Chairman ran through Cllr Johnson's report as she was not able to attend the meeting. The report had previously been circulated to the Council.

A meeting with Cllr Chamberlain had been arranged to have a 'walk around' Carnon Downs to look at traffic issues, the meeting point was outside of the Dentist at 4.30pm on Wednesday 15th July prior to the Planning Committee meeting, all Councillors were welcome to attend if they wished.

The Clerk advised that the price for the feasibility study into the highways safety improvements in Devoran had now been received. This would be a maximum of £2642.90 (charged on an hourly rate) The Council had already approved £1000.

RESOLUTION: CLLR PROPOSED THAT £2642.90 BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL TO SPEND ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR C KEMP AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

Defibrillator

The Clerk advised that the signs and cabinet will be installed shortly in the Devoran phonebox.

There had been several requests for one to be located in Carnon Downs. The Chairman suggested that the locations for Feock and Carnon Downs be considered by all. The Spar shop have been approached to see if they would be willing to have one installed on the outside wall and we are awaiting a reply.

Roundwalks

Cllr Allen advised that the Clerk was working on the remaining 4 walks and hopes to have these completed by the end of the summer. Cllr Allen said he would like to look into costs involved in printing these walks into a booklet. The Access & Amenities Committee have agreed this in principle but this needed approval from the full Council as the A&A Committee had no budget. It was agreed for Cllr Allen to find out prices for printing and report back to the A&A Committee.

Environment Agency Land

This issue had been covered earlier in the meeting. There were also some works being carried out in the Kea Parish area by Cornish Concrete Products. Cllr Allen would write a progress report on the Carnon Valley land and circulate to everyone following the meeting with the EA.

Devoran Diary

It was hoped to have a central online diary for all the events in Devoran so that these could be co-ordinated more easily. The Parish Council was happy to have a link from the website and add their own events to the diary but unfortunately the Clerk did not have the capacity to take this work on to create and the whole diary.

Micro library

The Clerk circulated the legal agreement for information to the Council. There was a query raised regarding having a public computer and how websites being accessed would be restricted and managed.

ACTION: CLERK TO FIND OUT RE SECURITY OF ACCESS ON PC AND INSURANCE QUOTATION FOR THE LIBRARY BOOKS AND CIRCULATE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

16. CARNON GATE ROUNDABOUT RENOVATION PROJECT

Carnon Gate roundabout

The Clerk advised that the Council had budgeted £5000 for this project, a price had now been received to clear the roundabout, improve the soil, lay a weed membrane and cover in pea gravel (no planting or features), the cost for this would be in the region of price is £12,500. When including planting this would mean the total for the whole project would be in the region of £15,000 to £20,000.

This was more than the Council had previously been advised and it had been suggested that we find out how much the traffic management would be and to get another local company to do the actual works. Cllr Allen said that the Parish Council had hoped that the additional cost over the £5K be found from sponsors but it now looked unlikely.

PROPOSAL: CLLR HAWKEN PROPOSED THAT WE REJECT THE QUOTATION OF £12.5k IN VIEW OF THE COST, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION: CLERK TO ADVISE CORMAC WE DO NOT WISH TO GO AHEAD WITH THE WORKS

17. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There had been complaints regarding HGVs using Feock village, the Council were unsure what could be done to restrict access by large lorries and felt it was Sat Navs that caused a lot of these problems. It was agreed to start a list of road issues for Feock as had been done for Carnon Downs and Devoran.

18. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council needed a new representative on the PQA as Dominic Kiernander has resigned.

RESOLUTION: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED THAT CLLR ALLEN BE THE PARISH COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PQA, THIS SECONDED BY CLLR RICHARDS AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

19. REQUEST FROM POINT & PENPOL WI TO USE POINT ORCHARD

A letter had been received from Point & Penpol WI to use Point Orchard for their Tea Party on 10th August 2015. The Parish Council had no objection to the WI using the Orchard for their event.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK TO WRITE TO THE WI

20. CARNON INN FENCING

Cllr M Kemp said that when the Carnon Inn was granted planning permission a condition on the permission was that fencing/shrubs would be installed to screen the outside area from the neighbouring Forge development. These shrubs had been subsequently removed and the Carnon Inn had been written to by the Parish Council advising them that they need to replace this as it was a breach of planning. This issue has now been ongoing for the last year and still has not been resolved. There had also been complaints from residents regarding noise from the Carnon Inn.

The Clerk advised that she had today received a message from the Manager of the Carnon Inn advising that the works would be completed within the next 7 days.

RESOLUTION: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED THAT IF THE WORKS ARE NOT COMPLETED IN 7 DAYS THEN THE PARISH COULD SHOULD RAISE THE ISSUE WITH CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING ENFORCEMENT, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR HAWKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ARE CONTACTED TO ASK THEM TO CHECK NOISE LEVELS FROM THE CARNON INN, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR C KEMP AND CARREID UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

- 21. LETTER FROM FEOCK PCC REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE**
The PCC had written to the Parish Council to request that they consider increasing the annual grant that they gave them for maintenance of the churchyard. This was currently £420 a year. The PCC had costs of £7800 a year for maintenance of the churchyard.

CLlr Allen felt that the Parish Council may have some responsibility towards maintaining churchyards, be them open or closed and he felt the Parish Council should consider increasing the grants given.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK WRITE TO THE PCC TO ADVISE THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE UNFORTUNATEY UNABLE TO INCREASE THE GRANT AT THIS TIME, BUT THIS WOULD BE REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR M KEMP AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015, 7.15PM – FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, DEVORAN**

APPENDIX 1 – CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 02/06/15

Annual Return 2014/15

This was submitted to Grant Thornton (External Auditors) by the deadline of 22nd June 2015 and they have acknowledged receipt of this.

Unknown Donors Charity

The Clerk has sent a letter from the Chairman to John Brock from the Unknown Donors Charity advising that the Parish Council no longer wish to be involved with the running of the charity and requesting they advise the Charity Commission of this.

Defibrillator cabinet

The Clerk has purchased a cabinet and this will be installed shortly, together with the 'Defibrillator' signage (will be done this month). The Clerk will publicise when the defibrillator is in place and ready for use. This will be ahead of the official opening in September.

NALC Star Council Awards

The Clerk has submitted our applications which have been acknowledged as received.

APPENDIX 2 – DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE REPORT

Only two crimes recorded this month, one was an assault following a collision between vehicles, the offender is from out of force but he is being dealt with and has admitted the offence of common assault. The other crime is the theft of a dingy, which occurred between 15:45 & 17:00 hours on Friday 26th June, it was attached to a yacht off of Restronguet Point. The dingy is the exact same as the one in the photograph. There were 16 calls to the police from within the parish during June.



APPENDIX 3 – ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Access & Amenities Meeting for Parish Council Meeting 06/07/15

Carnon Downs Traffic - BR reported issues raised by the public who visited the recent local forum. There were lots of concerns which the committee agreed would now be taken for discussion with Steve Chamberlain and Cormac for further consultation/feasibility. A meeting and site visit has been arranged for 15th July at 4.30pm.

Greenbank Road - Following the site visit by Cormac attended by BR CJ and DR and subsequent notification of feasibility study costs, the AA committee were in favour of asking the Parish Council to approve this expense. It was further agreed that it would be wise to carry out and complete traffic and pedestrian improvements in Devoran as a separate item before proceeding to tackle those in Carnon Downs as this was more complicated and would also need a feasibility study (and this would likely be at additional cost)

Carnon Gate roundabout - following a recent meeting between reps from Cormac, tree officer and Parish Council a new pared down design has been produced. We have now received an approximate cost of £12.5K for the initial work which does not include trees, planting etc. A decision needs to be made by whole Parish Council as soon as possible as to whether we proceed with sponsorship for this project.

Devoran playground - The lottery bid is on the point of submission and we are waiting a price from a company recommended by Mike Westley for the Access part of the scheme (to be submitted to Cory Environmental).

Parish Signage - A variety of prices and signs have been obtained. Further investigation into strength of materials etc to be made by IMc and PA. It was agreed that a max. of 6 signs are required.

Phone box defibrillator - IA showed a completed sign to be placed in the box (to replace the existing 'TELEPHONE' wording). He will convey our thanks to the maker. Dave Woolcock is installing the defibrillator cabinet in the box and the first set of training sessions has been completed with more to be arranged in August. The village hall committee have agreed in principal that a brief launch could take place during the celebratory weekend in September. DR and CJ to arrange.

Round walks - It was unanimously agreed that these should be published and if agreed paid for by Parish Council. PA to find suitable printer and costs.

Meeting with Environment Agency - DR and PA are to meet with them this week (Tuesday) for further discussion on potential purchase of land. Concerns were expressed about the expansion of Cornwall Concrete across the cycle route - Nigel Baker from Kea PC is investigating. More land has been purchased by Pellows adjacent to them (in Feock parish).

Devoran Diary - Sue Loydell from the Devoran Community Association attended the meeting on order to suggest the setting up of a new Devoran Diary which could coordinate all village events into possible a Google diary which could be viewed by everyone. There could be a link to this through the PC website. CJ and DR to arrange a meeting with other org. reps and approach a local IT expert volunteer. VG to investigate the methods that other villages use to co-ordinate dates.

Micro Library

Legal agreement being provided for PC to agree. Date for installation is end of October, with 250 books. Funding available up to £1000 to cover PC, shelving and necessary seating. Have launch end of October. Volunteers needed to come in and keep tidy, a CC Librarian will visit once a month. CC ideally would like to be open every other Saturday (again need volunteers for this). Liaise with CC re press release and publicity for launch, possibility of a CC funding a prize for children's competition.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Report, July 2015

APPENDIX 4

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan has now reached a pivotal point where we are set, with your agreement, over the next few weeks to commence the final pre-submission public consultation process.

Since my last report, a meeting has been held with Rob Lacey from Cornwall Council who has been giving much appreciated and free advice on the stumbling block of the Strategic Environmental Assessment issue raised by Natural England several months ago and on other relevant issues surrounding the Plan. Rob's help and advice and that of others within Cornwall Council cannot be underestimated or given a cash value and has been vital in some aspects of the success of our Plan so far. That said, he and officers of Cornwall Council do have full time jobs outside of their free advice role and are very much involved with progressing the Cornwall Local Plan. Added to this they are currently suffering serious shortfalls in some areas in their ability to deliver an efficient and effective service because of budgetary constraints and staff vacancies.

I am however very pleased to report that the independent legal opinion taken by Rob and Cornwall Council has confirmed that our Plan does not need the SEA and we are awaiting his written confirmation of this opinion.

Guidance has also been sought on the issues of settlement boundaries and sensitive settlement edges and this too is progressing. Unfortunately there has not yet been an opportunity to finalise any advice and guidance on this, again because of staffing issues and delays outside our control within Cornwall Council.

Despite this however, it is my opinion that we have sufficiently robust policies and evidence to defend our methodology in this area when the Plan reaches the inspection stage.

I am therefore proposing that the Parish Council authorises myself as Chairman, together with the Parish Clerk to carry out the review and revision work necessary to update and finalise the Plan to the stage where we can begin the final public consultation process within the next few weeks. We would of course call upon the assistance and experience of members of the former Steering Group and other Councillors who wish to be part of this process to ensure that we have everything in place which can be in place prior to taking this step.

It is, in my opinion, vital that we take this step at this time if we are to take our Plan forward to the final stages of examination and referendum. We have recently seen the Cornwall Draft Plan examination process delayed until at least February 2016 because of a lack of clarity and deficiencies in some areas relating to housing numbers and other matters and some quarters were suggesting that our own Neighbourhood Plan could not proceed until the Cornwall Plan was set in stone. However, the advice we have now received is that whatever final numbers are agreed on housing targets and policies in the Cornwall Plan, this will not critically impact upon our own Neighbourhood Plan within Feock Parish and the rural parts of our Community Network area.

I do not want to see our Plan delayed because of deficiencies and shortfalls elsewhere and if Localism is to mean anything at all then Parishes such as ourselves who have invested many thousands of pounds and many thousands of hours developing robust and sustainable plans and policies, which are wholly evidence based and led by community involvement and community aspiration, should not be held to ransom by issues outside our control.

The gathering of some final evidence such as the written confirmation on the SEA can, in my opinion, carry on in tandem with the pre-submission consultation and if our Plan is found wanting at the stage of inspection for any reason, we can address those concerns at that time.

This to me is no different from the situation we have at County level where the Cornwall Local Plan was felt, by those within the County set up who should know about these things, to be robust enough to proceed to public examination only to be found wanting at that final stage. Our Plan, if found wanting can, in the same way be recalled from examination for review should that be necessary.

However, it is again my opinion that we have covered all the bases and all the angles to a sufficient degree to test our Plan in public.

The alternative is to wait, indefinitely with no guarantee that the information or clarification we are waiting for will add any great substance or be of any useful benefit to the overall success of our Plan.

The proposal I am putting forward is that:

“The Chairman, together with the Parish Clerk and others as appropriate, be authorised to carry forward the Neighbourhood Development Plan to final pre-submission public consultation and ensure the efficient and timely delivery of the Plan to examination and referendum.”