

## MEETING NO. 1107

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	I MacDonald	V Gordon	C Johnson
	B Richards		R Andrew
	P Allen		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor C Johnson

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Cllr MacDonald as a new member of the committee.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Shankland and Blake had given their apologies for the meeting.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present.

Cllr Johnson had asked Sue Loydell to come along regarding the suggestion that Devoran have a Diary Dates list and that the Parish Council might want to be involved with this. The various groups in the village would like there to be a joint list put together so that they could all work together and avoid clashing event dates.

Sue suggested that perhaps a Google Calendar could be set up and a representative from every organisation who might need to add dates to have their own log (an administrator role) to add their individual events to list, anyone else would be able to view the diary dates list.

The Community Association already had permission for a noticeboard next to the phonebox in Market Street and this would be installed asap. The diary dates list could also be displayed on the noticeboard.

Cllr Johnson suggested that if everyone was in agreement that herself, the Clerk, Sue and other representatives from the various village associations meet to arrange this diary dates list.

Cllr Gordon would investigate the arrangements other villages have regarding having a central village website/point for signposting to the various village groups.

#### 6. CARNON DOWNS TRAFFIC FORUM REPORT

Cllr Richards gave a brief report on this meeting, this had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting (attached at Appendix 1). This was a forum for members of the public to come along and give their views on traffic related issues in Carnon Downs. Around 100 households had been represented, 75 comments left as well as several left as messages with the Parish Council Offices.

Cllr Richards said he would like to take these issues forward at the same time as the Traffic Regulation Order for Devoran which it was hoped would be at the end of September. The issue of the Snack van in Devoran had been raised again by several members of the public.

Cllr Allen said he is keen to establish a cycle route from Devoran into Truro and would like to see the designated cycle way from Devoran going up the side of the main road A39, then up the sliproad and then up Forth Coth, this would also mean that people could not park on one side of the road as it would be a cycle way (which would help to alleviate the parking on pavements issue). Better signposting of the route would be needed as well.

Cllr Richards would be meeting in Carnon Downs to go through traffic issues with Cllrs Chamberlain, Allen, Johnson and Shankland, as well as Viv Bidgood from Cormac.

#### **7. DEVORAN TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT**

Cllr Johnson, Richards and the Clerk had met with Glyn Stanley regarding Devoran traffic calming proposals in Devoran and this had been a very positive meeting. A virtual pavement had been suggested, to start at the roundabout end of Greenbank Road, as well as a new 20mph limit to start there as well. Glyn was unsure if a pinch point or any other traffic calming would be needed and would look into this as part of the feasibility study. The feasibility study is also going to include the proposal for a virtual pavement going up towards the school on the A39, the Tram Road being classed as a Quiet Lane and the remaining 30mph limits in the village to be changed to 20mph. The cost of the feasibility study is a maximum of £2642.90 but we will be charged an hourly rate so it may not be as much as this depending on how much time the study actually takes. The Clerk would check that the costs of the options are included in the feasibility study and how long a TRO is valid for.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL BE ASKED TO AGREE THE COST OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY UP TO A MAXIMUM OF £2642.90, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

#### **8. CARNON GATE ROUNDABOUT REFURBISHMENT**

Cllr Johnson summarised the current situation with the roundabout scheme, two schemes had been put forward to Cormac for pricing, but Cormac had now asked for another meeting to ensure that any scheme that may be put in is successful and the trees or planting does not fail due to not being suitable for the location. The number of trees proposed has been reduced, some suggestions had been put forward for planting. The Cormac Tree Officer would come back to us on suitable species of trees. Cllr Allen would meet with the landscape designer to ensure that an historical context was kept in any amended design. Debra to send Caroline's description to Cormac on Thursday for pricing for the PC meeting on Monday. The revised design would then be submitted to Cormac for pricing and for this to be considered by the Parish Council.

#### **9. DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT PROJECT**

Cllrs Gordon, Shankland and the Clerk had met with a local company regarding the access project work and would be providing a price for this work. The Clerk had drafted the lottery bid regarding for the play equipment and was waiting for confirmation from Cornwall Council if planning permission was required or not due to the park being in a conservation area.

#### **10. SIGNS FOR PARISH COUNCIL LAND**

The Clerk read out a list of the land that the Parish Council was responsible for or owned. Cllr Allen felt that only 4 of these pieces of land needed signs. The history sign at Carnon Mine needed replacing as it was very faded and this new sign could incorporate ownership details. Cllr Johnson felt the sign at Penpol Pond needed replacing as the one there is damaged.

Cllr Richards felt that we needed a warning sign at Penpol Pond as it was not public access land so this sign required different wording.

Cllr Johnson suggested that we purchase 5 signs so we had spares, plus a possible different sign for Penpol Pond and Penpol Car Park.

The Clerk would ask those companies who had provided quotes if the signs quoted for were guaranteed for any specific period of time outside.

It was agreed that the sites that required signs were Carnon Yard, Restronguet Point, Carnon Mine (with history details) and Chycoose Beach.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR GORDON PROPOSED THAT THESE 4 SITES HAD NEW SIGNS PURCHASED, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Cllr MacDonald and Allen will investigate the wording of the Carnon Mine history sign, also the wording of the signs at Penpol Car Park and Penpol Pond.

**11. DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS & AGREE DATE FOR GRAND OPENING OF DEVORAN PHONE BOX**

Cllr MacDonald provided the prototype of the sign which all agreed looked excellent. Cllr Johnson asked Cllr MacDonald to pass on the Committee's thanks to the gentleman who had provided these.

It was suggested that the grand opening of the defibrillator phone box be held during the Devoran Railway Centenary weekend in September and the Clerk would contact Ann Cunningham to see if they would be in agreement with this and if so when it would be best to fit it into their schedule.

**12. FOOTPATH ROUND WALKS PROJECT**

Cllr Allen said the Clerk would complete the other 5 walks this year. Cllr Allen would like the Parish Council to pay for printing these leaflets or fund through sponsorship. He hoped that these would be produced by the next Roundwalks Day in Spring 2016. It was suggested that all the walks be incorporated into one booklet. Cllr Allen and the Clerk had today met with the Cormac Footpaths Officer regarding various footpath issues.

Everyone at the meeting was in agreement in principle for the Parish Council to fund printing of the leaflets rather than seeking sponsorship.

Cllr Allen would seek quotations for printing and these would be discussed at the September Parish Council meeting.

**13. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LAND AT CARNON VALLEY**

The Clerk and Cllr Allen were meeting with the Environment Agency (EA) next week. Cllr Allen commented that two things have happened recently in the valley. Pellow's have purchased land from the EA and are now developing this. The department of the EA that we had been dealing with were not aware that this land had been sold off. Pellows have been advised by Cornwall Council that they need planning permission and will be applying for this retrospectively.

Cllr Allen commented that if the Parish Council do acquire this land we need to ensure some revenue from the land to pay for maintenance and this may be in the form of leasing out some small areas of land.

Cornish Concrete Products had bought some land in 2013 and are now bulldozing this land and they had applied for planning permission at that time, but the works that have been done appear may not be in accordance with the planning permission. Kea Parish Council are aware of this and are investigating.

**14. DEVORAN DIARY DATES**

This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting under Public Participation.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.00pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015, 7PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

APPENDIX 1

**Carnon Downs Traffic Issues**

## Report of open forum on 9<sup>th</sup> June held at Carnon Downs Methodist Chapel

The event was well advertised with about 150 flyers delivered house to house in the main core of the village, notices were also put on parish notice boards and the event was publicised on the parish website.

The aim of the forum was to gauge local opinion on any perceived traffic relate issues and to seek local opinion on potential solutions to some or all of the problems.

Attendance was very good with probably close to 100 households being represented and a total of 75 “post-it” notes being left for action.

Additionally others have contacted the parish office in the past couple of weeks since the forum was advertised giving their points of view.

What follows is a summary of the “post-it” notes and expanded detail on the main issues raised.

The summary has been arranged by areas within the village for ease of understanding and to highlight the main areas where problems are perceived.

The number of notes left for each area was:

Forth Coth, 26

Old Carnon Hill, 11

Bissoe Road, 10

Quenchwell Road, 3

Slip road, 3

Bypass, 3

Gig Lane, 1

Shop, 1

General comments and others outside the village, 17

**Total, 75**

Although these results may reflect a bias towards the areas in which those attending the forum live, it is also felt that it is a fair reflection of the relative depth of feeling and seriousness of the problems raised in those areas. Taking each in turn the main areas of concern are:

**Forth Coth:**

20 of the 26 notes relating to Forth Coth specifically mention car parking and other issues directly associated with the dental practice.

3 relate to the excessive speed of traffic along the road.

2 relate to the parking of the fish and chip and pizza vans.

1 relates to parking in the existing lay-by.

**Old Carnon Hill:**

5 notes relate in some way to restricting through traffic up Old Carnon Hill or closing it completely to through traffic.

Others relate to the provision of a pavement along the whole length of the road, reducing the speed limit to 20mph, visibility for traffic approaching the build out on the bend, pedestrian warning signs and more full width speed ramps.

**Bissoe Road:**

5 notes relate to the provision of a continuous footpath as far as Knight's Meadows.

4 relate to parking near the junction of Bissoe Road and Forth Coth.

1 suggests a weight limit on vehicles using the road.

**Quenchwell Road:**

2 relate to provision of a pavement to the Garden Centre.

1 relates to slowing heavy lorries which are a perceived danger.

**A.39 slip road**

All three suggest restricting traffic on this road to "access only". Two also mention lowering the speed limit or other speed restricting measures.

One states that three of her cats have been killed here in the past three years.

**Bypass:**

All three of these relate to speed of traffic approaching the Carnon Downs roundabout, with two suggesting lane markings making the outside lane right turn only and the inside lane for traffic going straight on or turning left into the village. One is also concerned about the dangers of crossing the road here from the Caravan Park to get to the Carnon Inn.

**Gig Lane:**

Again here the problem is speed of traffic and difficulties experienced getting a disabled child into a car.

**Shop:**

Surprisingly perhaps just one note mentions parking at the shop, which is considered dangerous for pedestrians by the complainant.

**General issues: quoted in full**

“Improve the road from Bissoe Valley to the main A.39 and make it the priority route for all through traffic.”

“Volunteer community speed check, as in Perranarworthal.”

“The rights for pedestrians.”

“20mph limit throughout the village with pinch points as in Mylor.”

“Use of trains to remove use of lorries.”

“Can the increase in traffic be considered when giving planning permission for new houses.”

“Public transport between villages (Transition Villages)”

“Remove all white lines from the middle of the road when resurfacing. Visually this narrows the road for motorists. White line edging would help even more. Traffic would travel more slowly.”

“Is there a place for a car park in the middle of the village. What about the village hall?”

“Pony/horse and trap.”

“People speed on Tresithick road, can we have speed bumps.”

“Bus fares, pensioners could pay something.”

“20mph speed limit in Carnon Downs as well as Devoran.”

“Reduce our reliance on cars and encourage public transport with clear timetables and reliability.”

“All trains between Truro and Falmouth stop at Perranwell station.”

“More houses = more traffic.”

One other issue was raised which relates to a location well outside the village:

“Any chance of a “Beware Horseriders” sign near the bridleway coming out opposite Punch Bowl, very dangerous. It is one of the very few bridleways in Feock (goes from Come to Good to Punch Bowl) and speed through the village is horrendous.”