

MEETING NO.

**Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 7th September 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		K Gason	M Steel	C Blake
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
		P Lightfoot	A Allen	H Freeman
		R Brickell	S Parker	B Robson
		P Allen		

In attendance: 1 member of the public in attendance
Professor Kate Leyshon, University of Exeter
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Lightfoot

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Andrew and Alvey.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6th JULY 2020

RESOLUTION: CLLR ROBSON PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JULY 2020 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

It was noted that Cllr Kemp was not present for the whole of the July meeting due to problems with her laptop.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident from Devoran spoke about the trees in Devoran park, he felt that they would obstruct views from houses on St John's Terrace up the creek when they grew. He was concerned that they were lime trees and felt these were an inappropriate choice of tree for the park. He would prefer to see temporary sails to provide shade instead of trees. He did not recall any consultation about the landscaping being carried out when this was done a number of years ago. The Clerk confirmed that there was consultation carried out at the time, all houses on St John's Terrace had letters hand delivered to them about the changes in the park. There had been opposition to the initial idea of a shade sail which had then been replaced in the scheme with trees to provide shade.

Cllr Kemp said that as there seemed to be a difference of opinion regarding what type the trees were and that needed to be established first. She felt that they should be managed to ensure they did not block views and did not wish to see trees removed from the park.

Cllr P Allen suggested that this item is discussed further by the Access & Amenities Committee, the Clerk would put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. UNIVERSITY OF EXETER PRESENTATION ON HAIRE PROJECT

Professor Kate Leyshon gave a presentation on the HAIRE Project which the Parish was a pilot site partner for and the University were the lead partner.

7. CLERKS REPORT

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

8. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Brickell had attended a Tree Officer Meeting and also a meeting on the new Planning Reforms, both remotely. He gave a brief overview of the new planning reform document that had been issued.

Cllr Freeman had also read the document, areas would be identified for growth, renewal and protection, she felt it as important the Parish Council had as much input as possible to get the best we could for the parish.

9. CURRENT REPORTS

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk advised that a Police Parish Liaison meeting was being held remotely and she would circulate the details to Councillors so that someone could attend. The crime figures page on the Police website was still on hold due to Covid.

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey had given his apologies for the meeting.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Blake said the no parking cones to help control parking appeared to have worked, there had been one complaint via the Church but no other complaints had been received by the Parish Council. The fire brigade were very pleased when they did a dry run recently that they could access the village without obstruction, the bus company were also pleased as the buses had been held up a number of times recently due to badly parked cars.

Cllr Hambly-Staite Keith said the temporary cones had worked at Loe Beach but unfortunately at Trevilla it appeared to have not been so successful as some cones and signs asking people not to park there as it was a bus route had been moved to accommodate car parking. The problem at Trevilla appeared to be caused by the need to book parking spaces at Trelissick in advance. Cllr Gason said there were two parking bays where the bus could get by and she did not think we should stop people parking in those areas. Cllr A Allen said she had received some comments that there were too many cones at the top of Loe Beach hill. The Churches cones had been put out as well to ensure the pathway down into the Churchyard by the belltower, the access to Orchard Cottage, the bookswap phonebox and a driveway was maintained as all these had become blocked recently by cars.

Cllr Blake said there was still problems with highways drains blocking regularly, there had also been a lot of animosity caused in the village by a planning application in Pill Creek.

Cllr Robson asked if any planning applications had been received recently for holiday lets at Roundwood. Cllr Freeman confirmed no applications had been received. There were also two long

piles of loose earth on Mount George Road where the verges used to be which made it difficult to walk in the area as you could not walk where the verges used to be as the soil was so soft.

There were also problems at Roundwood Quay due to the condition of the road and vehicles were again refusing to make deliveries down the byway. The road was getting overgrown down to Roundwood by weeds growing in from the side. These issues would be discussed at the Access & Amenities Committee.

Cllr P Allen was attending the Countryside Access forum tomorrow and he would be campaigning for verges to be kept clear where they are commonly used as footways where there is no pavement.

Trolver Hill – the hedges need cutting back where they have grown out over the verges and this has been reported to Highways.

Devoran

Cllr Parker asked if there was a date when the bypass verges would be cut. The Clerk confirmed this would be carried out between the 7th and 9th of September.

School Gardening club area – this was looking very untidy, if the school were unable to maintain it due to Covid restrictions it was agreed that the Clerk would request our contractor tidy it up.

There were issues with people parking and blocking the bus stop near to Yummy Scummy so that they could use the cycle trail.

Carnon Downs

Cllr Kemp suggested the Council write to Sheila Sleeman who had organised the scarecrow competition to thank her for her efforts and to say how nice it was to have an event that people could attend safely.

Cllr P Allen said that there was no movement on the installation of the footpath near to the new housing development on Point Road which the Council understood should have been installed before the houses were occupied. The Clerk would contact Cornwall Council Planning to find out what was happening with these works.

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting.

A bank reconciliation had been carried out and all was in order, the bank balances matched the balances on the electronic banking system.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk advised that due to changes in legislation in relation to Covid 19, there was no requirement to hold an Annual Meeting this year where the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council would usually be elected. The Clerk had put this item on this agenda so that elections could be held.

RESOLUTION: CLLR FREEMAN PROPOSED CLLR P LIGHTFOOT BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR FREEMAN PROPOSED CLLR THOMAS BE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED CLLR FREEMAN BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR LIGHTFOOT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED CLLR DR BLAKE BE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED CLLR P ALLEN BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE BE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR LIGHTFOOT PROPOSED CLLR PARKER BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020/21, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. VILLAGE HALLS UPDATE

The Clerk advised that she understood that both Carnon Downs and Devoran halls were re-opening shortly. The structure of Carnon Downs was changing to a CIO, to remove liability from the trustees. Devoran Village market will continue as an outside event for the foreseeable future rather than being held in the hall.

14. WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Keith Hambly-Staite gave an update on HAIRE, this was now moving into the next phase of the project where we would recruit volunteers to be interviewed and also volunteers to carry out the interviews. The Council had agreed a 6 month extension to Community Connect with a break clause at 3 months (end of August) to cover any Covid related issues.

Cllr Hambly-Staite proposed that the 3 month break clause be implemented and the remaining budget be ring fenced in the event of a Covid spike where additional support was needed.

Neighbourhood Analysis meetings had been held outside at the tea rooms in Penelewey which were held as part of the HAIRE project and these had gone very well and developed the mind maps which would help inform neighbourhood analysis.

PROPOSAL: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE 3 MONTH BREAK CLAUSE BE IMPLEMENTED, AND THE REMAIN 3 MONTHS MONEY BE RING FENCED IN THE EVENT OF A COVID SPIKE, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

Cllr P Allen said there had been a Climate Emergency feature in the recent newsletters, the next edition would be out at the end of October, if anyone wished to write an article please could they let him know.

16. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cllr A Allen said that now that bird nesting season has passed he would like to request that a contractor cuts our hedges on the Tram Road again. Devoran Quay Preservation Society has been requested to cut their hedge but unfortunately it appears due to their financial situation have not been able to do so.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL PAY FOR QUAYS HEDGES TO BE CUT BACK THIS YEAR ONLY, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED.

Carnon Valley land – the Coal Authority have requested the Environment Agency hold onto the Carnon Valley land as they may wish to use it to offset their carbon footprint.

Carnon Valley Woodland – we were waiting for Cornwall Council to come back with a proposed Heads of terms for the management of the old waste tip land.

The Clerk would arrange for a new contractor to quote for the works to Tank Hill pathway to resurface it and remove the trip hazards caused by old tree roots.

Carnon Downs Roundabout planting – this would be discussed further at the Access & Amenities Committee.

17. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Freeman said she felt the current system of agreeing consultee comments via email was working well although it was time consuming she felt it was the only way this could be managed effectively at the moment. Cllr Freeman gave an overview the current planning applications in the parish.

It was agreed to invite the Estuary Officer to come in and speak to full Council about the marine consultation currently being carried out.

An enforcement case had been opened on a property in Feock where an extension was being built without planning permission. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Alvey for his support with planning enforcement issues in the parish.

Cllrs Blake and Freeman would meet to discuss the proposed new Planning Reforms and form a response on behalf of the Parish Council

18. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There had been issues in Feock and also Devoran over the Summer period with inconsiderate parking causing obstruction for buses and emergency vehicles. Cones had been used as a temporary measure and it was agreed now the holiday season had passed that these could be removed from around most areas with the exception of opposite Loe Beach Hill.

The Clerk would speak to Cormac regarding the options available to help control parking.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE CONSIDER CARRYING OUT A CONSULTATION IN FEOCK WITH RESIDENTS AND REPORT BACK TO FULL COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED. CLLRS A ALLEN AND PARK ABSTAINED.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04pm.