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From Penpol looking towards Devoran

Welcome to the Parish Council's Annual Update 24/25

I have been very honoured to have been Chair of the Parish Council for the last two years. We have the four yearly elections coming up in May 2025 and I really hope to see a full complement of Councillors elected as for quite some time now the Parish Council has had a number of vacancies in the various wards.

Being a Parish Councillor is very rewarding, contrary to popular belief the Parish Council is not like the 'Vicar of Dibley'! We discuss a wide range of issues, amongst other things discussed recently are health provision, pollution of our waterways, potholes, play parks, signs, promotion of the areas history, community events, trees, footpaths, grants for local groups and of course Planning applications, so you can see it is very varied.

If you're interested in standing as a Councillor nomination papers will be available from 14th March, more details later on in this newsletter about the election process.

The Parish Council has been successful in the last year in securing two awards of funding from the Community Capacity Fund. The first award paid for the Active Feock Feasibility Study to be carried out on improvements people would like to see on our public rights of way network, cycle paths and in general to how we get around locally. The second award of funding has paid for 8 new bench seats which have been installed around the Parish as places for people to rest when out for a walk and were one of the actions to come from the Feasibility Study. Further funding has been applied for to fund the installation of bike racks at bus stops and for creating Feock Strolls short walk leaflets to complement our very popular longer Feock Trails walks, again identified from the Feasibility Study. Another funding application has been made to GWR for a project to highlight the history of the railway in the parish so we have our fingers crossed we will be successful.

I hope you find the newsletter interesting and maybe even consider putting yourself forward to become a Councillor in May. Finally thank you to all the Councillors for all their hard work who have been on the Council since I have been Chairman.

Cllr Richard Brickell, Chairman

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Council Tax Precept 2025/26

The Parish Council receives the majority of its funding from Cornwall Council as part of the Council Tax residents pay to Cornwall Council called the precept. You will see on your bill a separate line for the Parish Council and that is the amount we receive from your household. As for everyone, costs are also rising for the Parish Council and as much as the Council try to avoid increasing the precept as we are very aware of the impact of this on residents, this is unfortunately unavoidable if we wish to continue to provide the same level of services.

The Parish Council have decided to increase the precept for the coming year, to cover the Employers NI increase, together with amongst other things increases in the cost of rubbish bin emptying, additional grass cutting, national staff NJC salary scales and the forthcoming elections. The elections alone could cost the Parish Council just over £6000 if they are contested and just over £800 even if they are not contested.

Last year the Parish Council's precept was £146,377 and for the year 2025/26 the Council have requested it is put up by 3.73% to £160,000. This equates to an increase on a Band D property of £2.66 for a year or 5p a week, the total annual payment from a Band D property towards the Parish Council precept will be £73.94, a 3.73% increase. Band A properties will have an increase of £1.77 a year and Band H of £5.32 a year.



Parish Community Emergency Plan

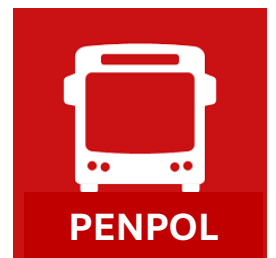
The Parish Council has started to put together a Parish Community Emergency Plan to be activated in events such as adverse weather, a lengthy power cut, trees down blocking road access etc. to provide help to residents before the Emergency Services are able to assist.

We are looking to develop the Emergency Plan with help from residents and have started to build a list of volunteers who may have the skills to help in an emergency - for example you may be able to use a chainsaw to remove a fallen tree, have a 4x4 vehicle, pick up a prescription or you may be able to go and check on a vulnerable neighbour and collect supplies for them or take them round some hot water or soup in a flask.

If you would be willing to volunteer please email or phone Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01872 863333 with your contact details and skills you can offer.

New bus route for Penpol

From 1st September 2024 the Travel Cornwall bus number 493 is serving Penpol as part of the Truro to Feock route. The online timetable can be accessed via this link <https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk/services/TFCN/493>. The addition of the 'loop' to Penpol has been hard won by local councillors and will be withdrawn if not used adequately, it is very much a case of 'use it or lose it!'



Walking on History - Railway 200

The Parish Council has submitted a bid to the GWR Community Fund for support to help us celebrate Railway 200. If successful we will work with Devoran School to create a children's guide to the railway and signpost the Mineral Tramway from Perranwell Station.

The Redruth and Chasewater Railway established in 1825 was one of the first railways in the country and therefore the world and features of the railway remain in Devoran as well as the track bed providing one of the most attractive walks in the parish.

Enquiry and Support Line: Parish Council Office 01872 863333

We receive general enquiries requesting information come from a wide range of residents seeking reassurance and advice from a 'human' often following attempts to gain facts from online and digital sources. 'Chart toppers' include overgrowth of hedges and trees where this is impeding safe walking or likely to cause damage to property, boundary disputes, access lanes, inadequate signage, footpaths and rights of way issues. Streetlights and problem with the defibrillator phone boxes, moorings queries, ongoing foreshore issues, and annual forms for proof of residency are also things we deal with. Supporting drop-in and phone callers with reporting incidents such as fly tipping, graffiti and potholes with online reporting on behalf of non-digital residents.

The Transport Lift Service has made 59 journeys this year so far since April 2024 around the parish with the most popular destination being Perranwell Wellbeing Club, followed by Carnon Downs and Devoran surgeries. Although the numbers of our residents using this service has reduced recently, the availability of the facility is always welcomed with relief and gratitude by those who find themselves suddenly requiring this support. We also have a FAQs page on our website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/councilfaqs

Community Speedwatch and Vision Zero

At the November 2024 Parish Council meeting Parish Councillors asked Cllr Martyn Alvey our Cornwall Councillor questions regarding speeding fines after the article on Radio Cornwall and numerous posts on social media about the Vision Zero van and Community Speedwatch volunteers presence in Carnon Downs. The Vision Zero van attends locations where Community Speedwatch monitor provides evidence of frequent speeding in 20mph limits.

Cllr Alvey advised that when a driver gets notice of intended prosecution having been caught over the speeding limit, they may be offered the option of a Speed Awareness Course as an alternative of a fine and points on their licence. Such an offer will depend on the individuals driving record and the amount by which the speed limit was exceeded (no more than 31 mph in a 20mph limit). These courses are organised by the Police and run across the country. The fee paid goes towards the course delivery costs and in Devon and Cornwall, the remainder goes to support Vision Zero South West (the local road safety partnership covering the Devon and Cornwall policing area). If you do not attend the course but pay a fine and get points on your driving license, this money goes to the 'Consolidated fund' in the Treasury and the Department of Transport can apply for grants from this fund for road safety projects.

The 20mph scheme is being rolled out across Cornwall by Cornwall Council with the aim to reduce both death and serious injury by 50% on our roads by 2030, 20mph limits will support this. Research provides a strong link between traffic speed and the severity of injury when a collision occurs. If someone is struck at 20mph they have a 90% chance of survival compared to a 50% chance if struck at 30mph. In Cornwall, each 30mph speed limit is being assessed on a case by case basis, this exercise was completed in Feock Parish in 2024 and added additional areas to the existing 20mph limits already introduced by the Parish Council in Devoran several years ago. However, not every road is appropriate for 20mph so some still remain at 30mph which some residents have expressed unhappiness about and we are also aware that some residents feel that not all those roads reduced to 20mph should have been. It has certainly been a polarising project but one that it is hoped will reduce injuries and deaths on our roads.

On a similar note, after numerous complaints about speed on the B3289 at Penelewey and evidence gathered by Community Speedwatch, Feock Parish Council persuaded Cornwall Council to install a new Vehicle Activated sign (VAS). This sign will remind drivers of the speed limit when they are exceeding it. The portable VAS will also be located around the parish at various locations, again as a reminder of the speed limits.

New Rubbish & Recycling Collection Service

The way our rubbish and recycling in the parish is collected is changing from **10th March 2025** and everyone should now have received their new bins and caddies.

Representatives from Cornwall Council's Rubbish and Recycling team will be attending our Repair Café on **Tuesday 25th March 2025**, 10am to 11.30am The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church to answer any queries residents may have as the scheme will have been running for a couple of weeks.

You can find out more about the new collection system on Cornwall Council's website

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/>

Once the new service is in place only rubbish placed in the new bin or seagull proof sack will be collected.

For your recycling you can carry on using your coloured bags and box, and don't forget to start recycling your food waste using your new caddies.

For the rubbish bin you're currently using, you might want to keep it and repurpose it but if you no longer have a use for it Cornwall Council can collect it for you and recycle it, book this via this link - as garden storage perhaps, or as a water butt – or donate it to a community group.

If not, Cornwall Council can collect your old bin once your new service has started and recycle it for you. To get your old bin collected, book a collection when the booking service opens from February 10 onwards, deadline for booking a collection is the 12th March <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/recyclemybin>



Volunteer Walk Leaders wanted



Our brilliant Walk Leader, Mary Weston is retiring from being a walk leader from March. Mary has been leading our fortnightly 'Walk & Talks' around the parish for the last 3 years. The Walk & Talk group meet fortnightly on a Tuesday at 10am for a walk either in the Parish or nearby, usually following one of our Feock Trails walks or our new, shorter and less strenuous Feock Strolls walks. Jacqueline Davey has very kindly volunteered to take over from Mary but it would be nice to build up a team of walk leaders to help cover in the event of holidays or illness.

The walks are free to attend and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome, the walk will go at the pace of the slowest walker so no one should feel rushed. It is a chance to get out and meet new people, get some exercise and explore our beautiful countryside. If you'd be interested in volunteering to help lead a walk please get in touch with Cathy Whitmore, our MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Adviser, weekday mornings on 01872 863333 or email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to Mary for all her hard work getting the walks going and we wish her a very happy retirement from her walk leader role.

Services available from the Parish Council Office

We offer a number of services from the Parish Council Office, some are supported by volunteers and we are always looking for more to help with these.

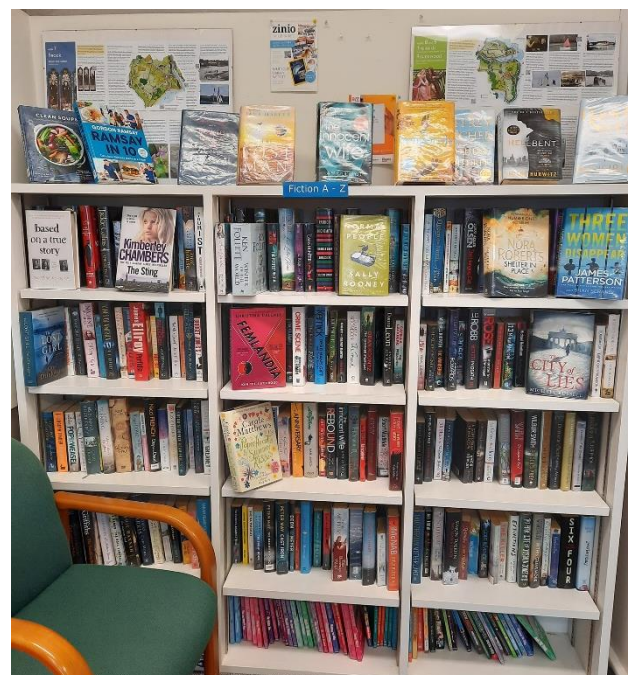
- MyFeock enquiry and support line (01872 863333), Cathy will be available weekday mornings to signpost you to services and provide help and contacts for local groups, activities, assistance etc.
- Volunteers to give residents lifts to appointments locally and collect prescriptions in the parish, usually to the Doctors or Village Halls (details of how to use this service are below)
- A collection bin for blister pack pill packets is located in the Devoran Community Library at the offices in Devoran and we need a new volunteer to collect them when the bin is full and take to Superdrug for recycling
- We also collect batteries (domestic) in the library, these are then taken to the Recycling Centre by us (they are very heavy!)
- Devoran Community Library is open weekday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon, this is a mini Cornwall Council library and you can order books online via your library account to be delivered to the library once a month to save a trip into Truro or Falmouth. The library also has a large noticeboard to display posters for local events and groups and has a range of information leaflets available to pick up.
- We have a Local history Reference library in the office, books can be viewed in the office, please contact Cathy (details below) to make an appointment.
- Walk & Talk regular guided walks, details available on MyFeock and Parish Council website, contact Cathy to book your spot (it just helps us to know how many people to expect)

The phone line to book a lift through the Transport Scheme is **07904 547822** and is manned by Cathy our Information & Wellbeing Adviser on weekday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon.

If possible please give 48 hours notice of lifts to enable time for us to arrange a volunteer driver. We just ask for a donation towards running the cost of the scheme to cover the volunteers petrol.

If you're interested in getting involved with volunteering (or need to use one of our services) please contact Cathy, Information & Wellbeing Adviser on the booking line 07904 547822 (weekday mornings) or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Full training provided and mileages costs paid to volunteers to cover petrol for the Transport Scheme.



Scam Alert Text Service

Local residents may also be interested in signing up to the Trading Standards Scam Alert Text Service via the link below. This is designed to help fight against scams and also to give warnings about rogue traders relevant to a local area. The service will send text message warnings about any current scams or rogue trading activity that might be targeting Cornwall residents. These will also provide information on what to look out for, and how to report any suspicious activity.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/business-trading-and-licences/trading-standards/scams/trading-standards-text-sign-up

Active Feock – Places to sit

People may have started to notice new bench seats appearing in different parts of the parish. These are the product of Active Feock, a Parish Council initiative to support the health and well being of our community.

In 2024 a Feasibility Study funded by the Governments Growth Fund identified the need for places for people to rest to encourage people to go out on walks. Partly funded by the Parish Council and with further support from the Community Capacity Fund we have placed seats in Dysons Field on the Tramway and on various pathways throughout the parish. Eight of the seats are made from 100% recycled mixed waste plastics.

One seat of particular interest is situated near the school in Devoran where in a joint project with the school we have placed a 'listening post' where people can listen to new shanties created by professional musicians and the children, based on memories of the local community. The Parish Council was pleased to support the school during the HAIRE project and it is hoped that residents will enjoy sitting and listening to music whilst enjoying a beautiful local view.



Areas around the new seating will be planted wherever possible with shrubs and trees (unless already there of course!) to encourage pollinators and birds as well as making points of interest for people. People are already using the seats which is good to see and it is hoped to add additional seats from time to time as funds permit.



The new seats are located in the following locations:

On the bus lane between Carnon Downs and Playing Place (see photo), on the path between Carnon Downs (Carnon Crescent) to Devoran which runs down beside the bypass, at Penpol Pond, Devoran Village Hall, by the bus stop at Harcourt and just past the underpass on the Mineral Tramways Cycle trail at the Devoran end. We are currently looking for locations for the remaining two benches and hope to install them soon.

As we speak we are applying for further Community Capacity Funding to install six bike racks around parish, mainly by bus stops and have the Feock Strolls walking routes printed up into leaflets for residents to use.

You can keep up to date with Active Feock on our website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/activefeock

MyFeock Repair Café @ The Hub Carnon

Community Methodist Church

Repair Café reaches a milestone: Tuesday February 25th, 2025, will be the **25th session** of the Repair Café! We have reached this wonderful achievement thanks to the brilliant teams of community volunteers from the Parish and beyond! Our hosts at The Hub Carnon community Methodist Church enable us to provide refreshments and plenty of space to house our eight regular repairers and three information advisors, and our lovely visitors with their various items, vintage curios, and fascinating histories.

The Repair Café volunteers hope to fix your garments, textiles, mechanical clocks, soft toys, woodwork and much more! Pop in for a cuppa and get something repaired at the same time! If you have a skill you'd like to share or you would like to volunteer to help out please pop along or get in touch with Cathy in the Parish Office - 01872 863333 or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk



If you have an item for repair, you just pay for the cost of any parts required and a small donation which goes towards paying for the hall rent for the Repair Café to be held. You can also have a cup of tea or coffee whilst your waiting to see one of our volunteers.

As well as having items repaired, we have Darren, Customer Liaison Officer from South West Water to give residents advice on billing and water saving, a Customer Adviser from [Community Energy Plus](#) and one of your Parish Councillors to chat to about concerns you might have in the local area.

Over 300 items have been brought in for attention with a very high repair and reuse rate of 90%. Replacement zips, patches, alterations, and jewellery repairs, are highly popular, as are the hardware section of CD players, vacuum cleaners and clockwork treasures.

The most popular items for repair are electrical/electronic items with a whopping 143 electrical items being brought for repair since we started the Repair Café including Kenwood Chefs, CD players, video players and sewing machines! Other popular items for repair are textiles, clothing and jewellery totalling 65 items, 27 vacuum cleaners and 19 clocks.



Support from Cornwall Council and Truro Repair Café enabled us to plan well and create a group of talented volunteers which has grown into a wonderful monthly event with a high 'feelgood factor' for all involved. Thanks go to The Hub Carnon Community Church and volunteers Ann, Kate, Andy S, Andy W, Derek, George, Jake, Darren, Suzie, Ann & Ian, Gill & Chris and Adrian.

The Repair Café repairs treasured items, offers advice, passes on skills, provides a social event with stories to tug the heart strings accompanying every item: teddy bears given in the war as comfort, leather suitcase used by parent making a new start in life, original wedding present - a Kenwood Chef, sentimental family jewellery and our very own Cathy's first piano (a Pixiano)!

The donations for refreshments, given and received with gratitude, have enabled The Hub to provide support to groups, toddler groups, community breakfasts and seasonal events for the whole community.

Next Repair Café dates: Tuesdays 25th March, 29th April and 27th May from 10am to 11.30am

Outdoor Gym Equipment in beautiful settings

We have two wonderful sites in the parish - **Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area, Bissoe Road, Carnon Downs** (what3words ///obstruction.spillage.glosses) and **Retallack Park, Feock** (what3words ///cyclones.landlady.crowd) - where high quality Proludic Urbanix Outdoor Gym Equipment is situated for use by all residents and visitors, the suggested age for use is starting from 14yrs.

The equipment is non-weight bearing so will remain in place and not fall or move if let go of. The resistance levels can be adjusted to suit personal requirements by hydraulic controls on each piece of equipment. There are hydraulic, static, and cardiac stations that allow users to exercise all core muscle groups.

Each piece of equipment has a QR code displayed linking to the Proludic Sport App – a digital partner to support a positive workout experience if required, such as creating a personal workout tailored to individual fitness goals. The Chest Press and High Pulley are suitable for wheelchairs to be positioned facing the seat and work in the same manner as for a seated equipment user.

Pengelly Recreation Area: Chest Press, The High Pulley, The Stepper, Rower and plus table tennis table

Retallack Park: The Spinning Cycle, Chest Press, High Pulley Hydraulic Squat, Elliptical Trainer

Visit www.proludic.co.uk for more information on equipment specifications

The equipment is useful as an outdoor option for regular gym attendees who fancy an additional session in good weather as well as for those who are curious about starting strength and conditioning training and want to explore more. Groups can request an introduction session demonstration with personalised tips through our MyFeock Wellbeing Adviser, Cathy Whitmore on myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01872 863333



Small Grants Scheme – Funding still available

The scheme is primarily aimed at community organisations based or working in the parish. The Parish Council budget for the current financial year is £2000 and some funding has already been awarded to groups but some is still available to be applied for. MyFeock the wellbeing arm of the Parish Council is keen to enable groups and organisation to ‘make a difference’ within the parish in their provision of social and leisure activities that enhance residents lives. Grants are available up to £200 per group.

Application forms include the full criteria and guidance information specifying the conditions and process and are available from our website, by email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or Cathy on 01872 863333.

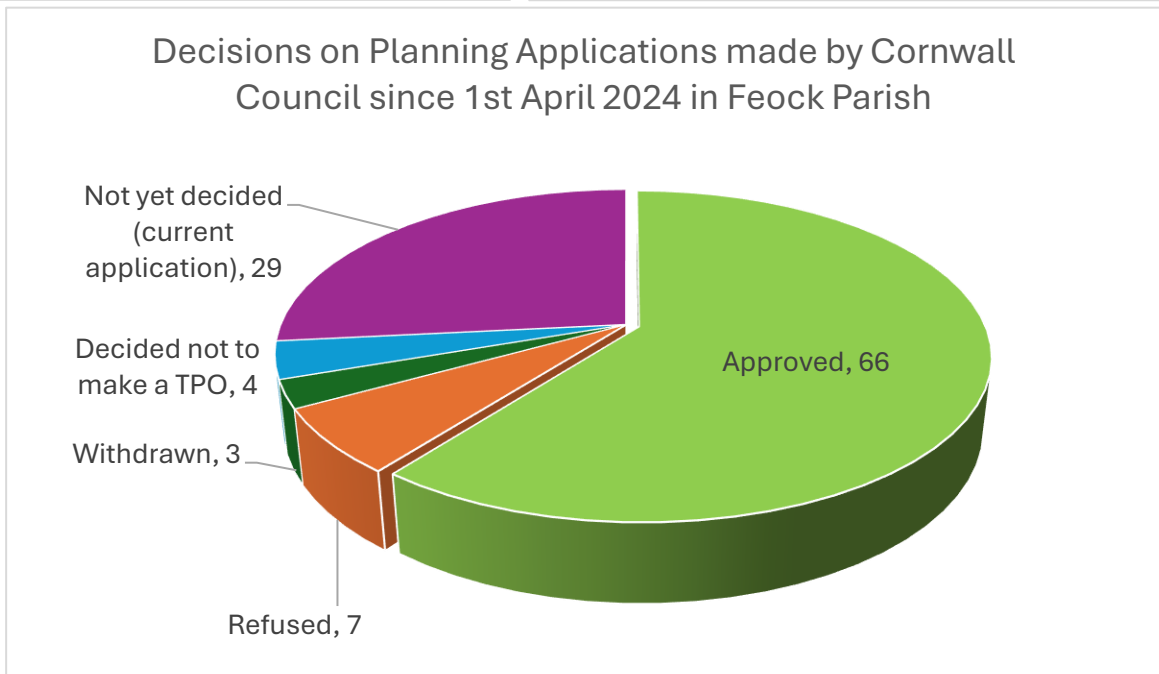
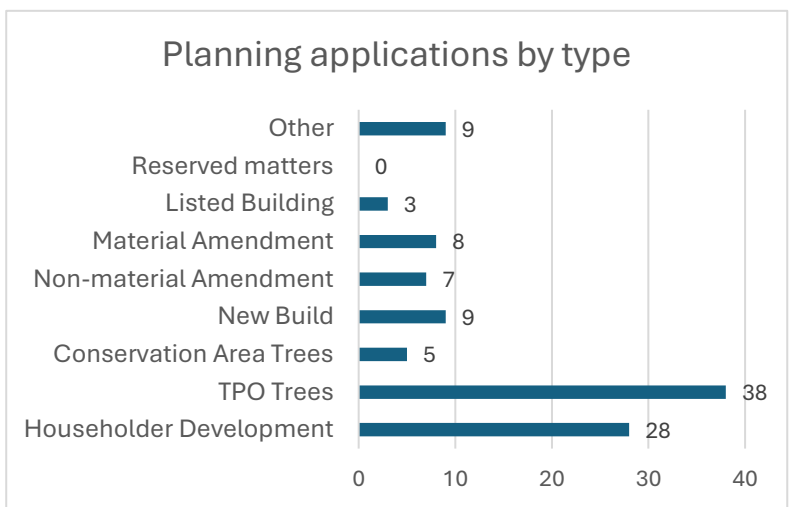
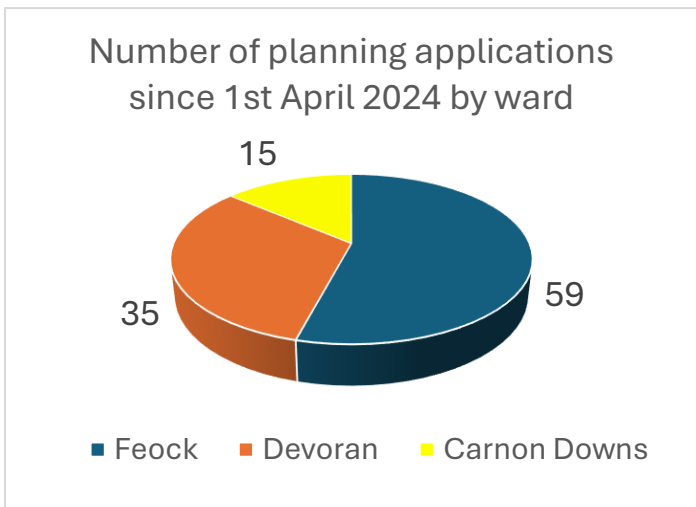
Planning in the Parish and planning changes

The Parish Council submit consultee comments on planning applications in the Parish in line with our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and taking into consideration any comments received from neighbours or interested parties. Details of any planning applications received from Cornwall Council for consultee comment are posted on the Parish Council's website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/current-planning-applications and also on our Facebook page.

Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee it is Cornwall Council that decide whether to approve or refuse every planning application based on relevant planning policies e.g. the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Cornwall Local Plan (CLP), and also for Feock Parish our NDP.

The Government’s new NPPF came into force on 12th December 2024 which sets out revised guidance and policies for planning across the country. The Government also published a standard housing method to be used alongside the NPPF. This is the method that Cornwall Council must now use to understand how many new homes should be built each year in Cornwall. In light of this, Cornwall Council have stated that some of their policies in the Cornwall Local Plan will be considered ‘out of date’ for decision making and is now consulting on an Interim Policy Position Statement, which outlines how planning decisions will be made during this time. A copy of their statement can be found on their website.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/rdja1xeh/interim-policy-statement-final-draft.pdf and paper copies of the plan can be viewed at New County Hall. We upload details of planning decisions made by Cornwall Council on applications in the parish to our Facebook page on a weekly basis. *NB: Figures below as at 14/02/2025*



May 2025 Town and Parish Council Elections

Would you like to make a difference?

All Cornwall Council, Town and Parish Councillors terms will end at the start of May 2025. Local elections across Cornwall are due to take place on **Thursday 1st May 2025**. The prospective timetable can be viewed online, beginning with the publication of notice of election on Friday 14 March through to polling day on Thursday 1 May. Below is a brief outline of the election process but you can find out more information about how to stand as a Councillor on Cornwall Council's website and also on the Parish Council's website.

You can find out more about the work of Feock Parish Council on our website or contact the Parish Clerk or an existing Parish Councillor, contact details are on the website.



The process to stand for election is relatively easy, but it is important to follow the correct procedure to ensure that your candidacy is accepted. Even those who have stood as councillors before may forget what the process was like 4 years ago! The rules are there to ensure that only those who are eligible to stand for election in the community are considered and that those put forward have agreed to stand for election. Parish Councillors are elected by the public and serve four-year terms in office.

If you wish to stand as a councillor, you must satisfy these requirements:

- You need to be over 18 years of age
- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- On the Electoral Register for the council area for which you wish to stand,
- A local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; or has, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof; or has during the same period, had a principal or only place of work in that area

You will need to get a nomination form from the Cornwall Council Elections Office, the packs will also be available to download from Cornwall Council's Parish and Town Council elections page and will be available from 14th March.

You will need to fill in all your personal details and those of the people nominating you.

You must get your form completed and signed by those nominating you and it will help to copy the numbers of those nominating you when you obtain your own Electoral Register number.

It is imperative that you submit your forms in accordance with the Timetable of Proceedings. Failure to do so will render your application null and void! The forms must be delivered in person to the nominated office for your area. Complete instructions will be available in your candidate pack. Please do not ask the Parish Council Clerk to accept the forms on your behalf.

More information available online <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/the-council-and-democracy/elections/elections-and-referendums/2025-cornwall-council-and-parish-and-town-council-elections-1-may-2025/>

Defibrillators in the Parish

There are a number of public access defibrillators around the parish, most of which are maintained by the Parish Council, these are automated, anyone can use one, training is not necessary. The defibrillator will talk the user through how to use it and will not allow a shock to be given unless it detects that the heart is in a shockable rhythm.

The defibrillators are located as below.

If you have cause to use/collect a defibrillator please return it to the phonebox you got it from or back to the Parish Council Office (open weekday mornings) so it can be checked and then put back into service and notify us that it is back. We automatically get notified by the online Circuit system when a caller to 999 has been directed to collect one of our defibs.

We understand that there will be times that someone may need to go and collect a defibrillator without being told to by 999 but if you do please can you tell us asap (by email to clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk is best). This is so that we can mark the defibrillator as 'unavailable' on The Circuit system, otherwise if someone phoned 999 and were directed to collect a defibrillator and got there to find it missing then precious time could be wasted and lives put at risk.

- Phonebox on Market Street, Devoran
- Phonebox on Forth Coth, Carnon Downs (nr Dentist)
- Phonebox on Point Green
- Outside wall of reception building, Ferris Garage, Feock
- Loe Beach, Feock (not maintained by Parish Council)
- St Feock Church car park, Feock* (not maintained by Parish Council)
- Outside wall of "Twitterings", Trolver Croft*
- Outside wall of the Punchbowl and Ladle* *phone 999 for the code to open the cabinet

The British Heart Foundation have an excellent video which tells you all about defibrillators and how to use them which you can watch using the link below.

Our defibrillators actually talk you through how to use them if you need to use one in an emergency. <https://youtu.be/H4FiPn48aG0?feature=shared> but please note it is not essential to have watched this video: **the defibrillators are automatic and will tell you exactly what to do.**

Parish Council Meetings

Agendas for all Council meetings are displayed on our website and also the noticeboards around the Parish. Details of items being discussed including Planning Applications are also listed on the agendas.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council and Committee meetings, if you wish to attend please let the Parish Clerk know via email or 01872 863333 to enable numbers to be accommodated. Questions can also be submitted to the Clerk to be asked on residents behalf if they are unable to attend the meeting but still wish a question to be asked. It is also helpful for the Council to have notice of questions to be asked prior to the meeting to enable a full answer to be given at the meeting, if notice is not given we cannot guarantee an answer on the evening but will answer in writing following the meeting.

The Parish Council Facebook page is regularly updated with local news and events, links to planning application links etc. www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil/
A calendar of meeting dates for 2025 is on our website, together with Committee Meeting dates.

The next meetings of the Full Parish Council are being held on:

Mondays 10th March, 14th April and 12th May 2025.

The May Meeting is also the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council where the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Council will be elected and will be the first meeting of the new Council who will be elected in early May, more details later in this newsletter. The Electors Meeting will also be held on the evening of the 12th May before the Annual Meeting and this is a chance for the Parish Council to update residents on what they have been doing over the year and for residents to have the opportunity to tell the Council their priorities for the coming year.

Unless stated on the agenda all meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Parish Council Office in Devoran.

Is our world going full circle? *By Cllr Richard Brickell, Chairman*

A politician just before the start of World War Two had been negotiating with the Germans and came back from these meetings with a piece of paper saying he had an appeasement. 80 years ago today we were still at war. The world I am living in has done a complete circle and I hope that we can find a little bit of Winston somewhere out there. Politicians should remember not to underestimate the intelligence of the British people.

As a child I saw American GIs that has been posted nearby, pulling out of Britain. The only sad thing about this was we lost our supply of Wrigley's American chewing gum and liquorice which later did quite a lot of damage to my teeth! I was living in Berkshire near to Brize Norton and Fairford American Airforce bases. The American GIs were very generous to us children. The Government were concerned re the nutrition of children and we were given supplements

Food was still being rationed in the 1950s. The government said that we would never ever let Britain be starved or held to ransom, as we had been reliant on imports. Farmers stepped up and produced the food the nation needed. Food security was a number one priority. Again another full circle may happen within my life, as our food security is being put under strain. Last week beef reached a record price of £6.20 per kilo dead weight, as there is a shortage of beef

We may have to return to keeping a pig and chickens in the back garden to eat the food waste!

Parish Council contact details

Councillors contact details available online:

<https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors>

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