

MEETING NO. 1184

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 28th September 2017 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Thomas	No members present
	B Richards	S Parker	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
2 members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Johnson, Blake, Hambly-Staite, Brickell and Andrew.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2017

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2017 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr May attended regarding the footpath that runs between Bissoe Road and Knights Meadow. It has been dug up by contractors on behalf of SWW, in Mr May's opinion, Glanville's the contractor have not reinstated the path correctly, a manhole cover had not been put back correctly or the surface reinstated in the same condition as before they dug it up. Mr May had been in contact with the Parish Clerk who had reported this as well to Cornwall Council who advised they would check that the path had been reinstated satisfactorily. Mr May would also like the designation on the footpath to be reviewed as he felt this should be a Gold status footpath. Mr May asked if the Parish Council could take up this issue with Cornwall Council on his behalf.

Sally Brown had come to speak regarding the environment. Sally commented as follows.

"I have looked up the dictionary meaning of "access" which includes the right or opportunity to use or reach, to visit, a passage. I now understand that we communicate along corridors or channels, as do all forms of life. There are ancient pathways all over Cornwall, created by our ancestors and monks, eg. "The Saints Way" and now many of our roads follow those same routes. My concern is the environment and feel technology needs to slow down, allowing us time to appreciate it. Walking is best, for our health and safer, especially for our children. We must stop building roads, we have enough. It's just they are full up! In order to do any of this, we must get out of our cars more and lower car emissions. Some suggestions: 1. Create more

access to walking in our communities (which is starting to happen) and strengthen communities. 2. Get out of our cars more. 3. Car share schemes. 4. More buses, especially have all buses stop at the slip road in Devoran and more shelters. 5. Car free days. 6. School bus. No one can deny we have not got transport problems. Lets be imaginative, get schools involved, our environment is suffering and it concerns me that the legacy we are leaving for our children and grandchildren, who knows? Peddle powered cars could be the future, using human fuel!"

The Chairman thanked Sally for taking the time to come along and said that the Parish Council were working on better pedestrian access for residents, Cornwall Council were also working on a large project to improve bus links with other forms of transport, there was also a campaign currently underway to improve cycle routes in and around Truro and out to the outlying villages. We also have the local transport scheme which gives lifts to people who struggle to get around so it was something high on our agenda.

6. FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to bring this item forward to allow the member of the public to listen to the discussion as he had come to the meeting to raise an issue with the footpath.

With regards to the problem with the Knights Meadow/Bissoe Road footpath, Cllr Richards felt we should chase the contractor and Cornwall Council to ensure that the path was reinstated satisfactorily.

RESOLUTION: CLLR RICHARDS PROPOSED THE CLERK CONTACT GLANVILLES AND CORNWALL COUNCIL TO ENSURE THIS FOOTPATH IS REINSTATED SATISFACTORILY, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

The Chairman felt it would be a good idea to review all our footpaths and review their priorities to ensure they were categorised correctly.

7. U1 & U2 ROUTE BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION

The Clerk circulated a copy of a presentation which had been given to her by David Edwards and Lee Quinney from the transport team at Cornwall Council regarding the "One Public Transport System for Cornwall" project. Money had been awarded to Cornwall Council from central government to improve links between all forms of public transport in Cornwall. Amongst other items, this would involve aligning the train and bus times, the production of a mobile phone app to enable transport users to book transport, book one ticket for trips using multiple forms of public transport, see live bus times, car park charges etc. The scheme would enhance the facilities on the main bus routes, two of these ran through the Parish which were the U1 and U2 routes. This would involve the installation of display units at bus stops which would give live arrival times for the next buses, it was hoped these could be installed at the slip road bus stop in Devoran (however this was dependant on the mobile signal strength) and at one of the Forth Coth bus stops in Carnon Downs.

8. FAST PROJECT & HIGHWAYS PROJECTS UPDATE

Planters for Forth Coth

The Clerk advised that from the public consultation the most popular design was the black and gold cast iron design. Comments received were that these would be more durable and require

less maintenance and that if we could give the black and gold bollards a coat of paint at the same time then these would match in with these.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK OBTAIN PRICES/DESIGNS AND BRING THIS TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

Devoran 20mph zone update

The Clerk advised the latest update she had on this project was that the package of works had been completed and is going through all the checks for before it issued for construction as soon as a date for works is know we would be advised.

Carnon Downs Highways update

The Clerk advised that we had now been allocated a new contact for the Carnon Downs project and she had been advised that the consultation for the scheme would be taken forward shortly and within the next week or so the consultation plans would be drafted and forwarded to the Parish Council for approval prior to starting the consultation.

Grass verges ownership, footpaths and cycleways

The Chairman said this had been raised by Cllr Hambly-Staite who wished to improve pedestrian access between the Punchbowl and Fourturnings. Cllr Allen asked if this was something that we wished to take forward as part of our business plan. After discussion it was felt that this would be extremely expensive and very difficult to achieve due to some stretches having verges and some not and other practical issues.

Drain and mulch clearance

The Chairman said this was discussed at this morning's Highways meeting. The road at Tregye had been cut out and this was very much improved, he would like to see a virtual footway installed there. Viv Bidgood from Highways had read out the criteria for the installation of a footway and this did not match this road, it was felt that this type of footway would be unlikely to work on this road. It was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss with Truro College what they felt were the current safety issues before we did anything further. Cllr Richards suggested that it be investigated if there were any traffic management agreements in place when planning permission was granted for the College. The Chairman said that within the parish there were around 6 road drains that during heavy rain they got choked up with leaves and caused flooding and it was agreed for the Clerk to obtain prices for clearing these drains more regularly that caused the flooding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT COUNCILLORS BE ASKED TO PROVIDE LOCATIONS OF DRAINS IN THEIR AREAS THAT WERE REGULARLY BLOCKED TO ENABLE PRICES TO BE OBTAINED FOR EXTRA CLEARING, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

The drain on Forth Coth which appeared to be blocked had been cleaned and this has still not made any difference to the drainage, Cormac had advised that they would be carrying out a CCTV survey to establish the problem.

Old Carnon Hill pedestrian access

This had been requested to be put on the agenda by Cllr Brickell who unfortunately was unable to attend.

HGV's in Feock

The Clerk advised that previously there had been concerns raised about the number of HGVs using Harcourt and the damage they had caused to the old fingerpost when they turn around at Porthgwidden as they cannot go any further. Recently there had been another incident of the fingerpost being damaged and it was hoped that Cornwall Council would be able to find the funds to repair it. Previously Cormac had provided a price of £197.85 to install an 'Unsuitable for HGV's' sign by Ferris Garage. The Clerk asked the Committee if they would like to take this forward and have this sign installed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL TO SPEND £197.85+VAT ON THE INSTALLATION OF A 'UNSUITABLE FOR HGV'S' SIGN TO BE INSTALLED BY FERRIS' GARAGE IN FEOCK, SECONDED BY CLLR RICAHRDS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. HEALTH & WELLBEING SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PROJECT

The Clerk had circulated a report from Cllr Hambly-Staite. Cllr Richards advised that this had been discussed at the Truro & Roseland Community Network meeting. We are looking to set up a partnership with Truro City Council to start a pilot social prescribing scheme in the Truro and Feock. The proposal was to have a full time Project Co-ordinator/Manager to map the services available. The cost to the Parish Council would be £5000 in the year 2018/19 and £5000 in the year 2019/20 to support the employment of a Project Co-ordinator. There would also be funding from Health and Truro City Council. Adult Social care were also involved. The Committee had some concerns around the Parish Council's liability for ongoing costs after 2 years when Peninsular Community Health withdrew from the project.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL PARISH COUNCIL THAT £5K BE ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET IN EACH OF THE NEXT 2 FINANCIAL YEARS 2018/19 AND 2019/20 (A TOTAL OF £10K), AND THE SCHEME SUPPORTED FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE PILOT, SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CLARIFICATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE PROJECT AFTER THE PILOT ENDS, SECONDED RICHARDS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

The Clerk would try to obtain a copy of the presentation from the Community Network Meeting and circulate this to the Council.

Devoran Lunch Club

The Clerk advised the first Devoran Lunch Club would be held on Wednesday 1st November, there were 5 volunteers who would cook meals in their own homes and then these would be served at Devoran Village Hall. The Clerk and the volunteers were meeting with an Environmental Health Officer early in October to go through the health and hygiene requirements. The Clerk had registered the lunch club with Cornwall Council.

10. FORESHORE OWNERSHIP, LAND REGISTRY & COMMONS REGISTRATION

The Parish Council registered all our land holding ownerships in 2012. The Common Land had not been registered. Following our resolution at the previous meeting that these Common Land holdings should be registered, the Clerk had contacted the Land Registry to arrange a meeting. The Land Registry however had informed Council that they could not meet with us or advise on the matter but could only determine any application we wish to make.

The Chairman proposed that we gather our evidence regarding title and adverse possession in relation to the creek in order to proceed with our application and we may need to take some legal advice regarding this.

The Chairman read out an email that had been received from a resident regarding his ownership at Trolver Croft. The Chairman confirmed that he would contact the resident if any of our land registry work conflicted with his ownership.

11. CHYCOOSE BEACH WORKS

The Chairman reported that Cornwall Council and Cormac would be repairing the culvert and also erecting fencing to the edge of the road by Chycoose Beach. The Chairman had asked if was possible when they were doing the work that they put in a concrete plinth that we could then possibly in the future put a bench there. The Chairman would contact Cornwall Council to see if any funding was available for this enhancement.

12. REPORT OF JOINT HIGHWAYS MEETING

The Chairman advised most of the items raised had been covered earlier in this meeting. It was unfortunate that when the maintenance work on the bypass was carried out the trimming we had requested to be done on the Carnon Downs roundabout had not been done, we had been advised that Road Safety were quite happy with this and it was in accordance with the Highways Maintenance Manual and the sight lines for pedestrians crossing were sufficient. The Chairman expressed his disappointment the work had not been carried out as members still felt that it would improve safety at the crossing and the next opportunity would be in a full years time.

13. WEED CONTROL

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Truro City Parks department regarding their new weeding machine and would be going along to a demonstration of steam killing of weeds in October which any Councillors would be welcome to attend. Truro City Council would be happy to quote for weed control for in the parish if we wished them to do this.

14. RESTRONGUET POINT LAND TREE WORKS

Cllr Allen had been to see a resident of Restronguet Point who had requested we carry out some work to a large Acer which is on our land at Restronguet Point but overhanging his garden. Cllr Allen would investigate further what could be done as the tree is within a TPO area.

15. CARNON VALLEY LAND

A letter had been received from Gwennap Parish Council regarding their concerns about safety issues of the Carnon River and streams. We had met recently with the Environment Agency (EA) who were still working on a draft lease for the Parish Council on the basis that we would form a partnership with them regarding the future of the valley, within the terms of the lease the EA

would retain responsibility for much of the liabilities but the Parish Council would be able to make enhancements in the valley.

It was agreed for Cllr Allen to contact the Clerk of Gwennap and the Chair to go through their concerns and explain our position with regards to taking over the land.

16. TRANSPORT SCHEME UPDATE

The Clerk advised that a positive meeting had been held with our neighbouring parishes to tell them about our scheme and hopefully some of them would also be setting up their own schemes, it was noted that more and more often we were taking people to the Doctors etc. who did not live in Feock parish but lived in our neighbouring parishes.

17. MICRO LIBRARY EXTENSION

The Clerk advised that we had now been given Building Regulation permission as well as Listed Building consent to expand the area of the library and she would now ensure we had 3 quotations for the work before going ahead as this was a requirement of our financial regulations and audit.

18. PARK AN GWARY PLAYING PARK SLIDE REPAIRS

The Clerk advised that the safety inspection had advised that the slide needed urgent repairs as the supporting legs were rusty, the Clerk had closed off the swing and was waiting for a price to be provided for its repair. She would ensure this was repaired as soon as possible.

19. REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEE

The Clerk requested that the Committee review the terms of reference to update to them and for recommendation to the full Parish Council. These were reviewed and changes agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm