

**MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th APRIL
2025 AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN**

Councillors present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Yates	J Newman	R Brickell
	C Kemp	A Allen	R Bowers
	A Avar		K Hambly-Staite
	P Allen		
	J Allen		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey

Chair: Cllr Brickell

1. MEETING PROCEDURES & INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded both members of the public and Councillors of the Civility and Respect Pledge.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Steel and Dyke.

3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2025 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK WITH THE AMENDMENTS AGREED BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITHE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT

Devoran Park Tidying

Clerk has spoken to contractor today (25/04/25) and he still has some works to do around tidying around the benches but hopes to do that next week, together with

cutting Dyson's Field when the weather is drier. Contractor will contact Edwin again before cutting to check exactly how it needs to be cut.

Quenchwell Road highways works

Clerk has contacted Highways today (25/04/25) to find out why there are still temporary traffic lights. Response is below:

Whilst the majority of the scheme is complete, there are still some electrical works to complete relating to the bollard on the build out. There is an open excavation close to the carriageway which cannot be filled in until the electrical work is completed and is unsafe to leave without traffic lights in place. We anticipate that Nation Grid will be on site during the first week of May to complete their works.

VAS at Penelewey

Clerk has written to Highways asking them to cut back the branches near to this as the residents felt this had not been done when it was installed but they were happy to keep the cut back in the future.

Nature Recovery Strategy

Cllr Alvey attended the March Access & Amenities Committee meeting.

Point & Penpoll CIO / PQA Lease amendment

This is still to be progressed.

Energy Audit

One quote has been received for replacing the front door of the office and further quotes are being sought.

Redruth Town Council

Clerk has responded to Redruth Town Council with the Parish Council's decision regarding the second homes tax.

Churchyard Maintenance Grants

The Clerk has written to both St Feock and Devoran Churches to advise them their grants for the year 2025/26 will go up to £500 each.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllrs Hambly-Staite and P Allen attended a meeting about a footpath project in the Mabe area, this looked at priorities around footpaths, encouraging people to use them. There may be funding available to help improve signage and for maintenance of footpaths. Cllrs Hambly-Staite and P Allen would find out more information about the funding when it was available and suggested that we make a bid for money, this

could go along with the GWR project and help with signposting from Perranwell Station to the Tram Road.

Cllr Avarð updated the meeting on her conversation with Carnon Downs Surgery and promoting the outdoor gym equipment at Pengelly Meadows, a list of social prescribers for her to contact has been provided.

8. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Devoran

Cllr A Allen said the bench at Penpol Pond was regularly used which was good to see. It was requested if the bamboo around the 20mph sign at Carnon Mine could be cut back. The Clerk would contact our contractor.

Carnon Downs

Cllr Kemp reported as follows. Residents were requesting a cycle rack be installed at the Spar shop. There were complaints of damage to a Cornish hedge at Valley Lane by the new housing development. There were also complaints about length of time the traffic lights and roadworks have been on Quenchwell Road, the Clerk had now provided an update to Councillors on this. Also complaints about buses not adhering to the 20mph limit in the village.

Cllr Avarð reported that the bookswap had been overrun with books and items being dumped again recently. A new bookcase was needed as the current one was damaged, the Clerk would arrange this.

Feock

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that two bus shelters need attention. The slates at Fourturnings have been repaired but the hole in the wood still remains and needs repairing. The Porthgwithen roof/barge boards has been hit by a vehicle and needs repair. The Clerk would contact our contractor.

Trelissick are signing an agreement with Fal River regarding transport but they are struggling to engage with the bus company. It was disappointing that there was no bus timetable and bus stop sign displayed at Trelissick.

It was felt by a number of Councillors that the new bus timetable styles/format were confusing and hard to read. Cllr Hambly-Staite said he felt we needed another meeting with Cornwall Council when the new Council was in place. The Clerk was asked to arrange this for June or July to discuss with Cornwall Council the bus timetable format.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that it was felt that the VAS at Penelewey was making a difference to driver behaviour but the trees needed cutting back to ensure the sight sensor was not obstructed.

9. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

Cllr Alvey gave an overview of the election process for Cornwall Council and the first meeting of the new Council would be on the 20th May when the Leader would be elected.

The Casework Assist system which Cllr Alvey uses to help manage queries and this has now been switched off for new enquiries until after the election. Any outstanding queries will still be worked on, if the Councillor who raised these is re-elected then this will just be re-activated after the election, if a new Councillor takes up that seat then the support team would go back to the resident who had raised the query to ensure they were happy for their query to be passed to the new Councillor.

A resident of Carnon Downs had contacted Cllr Alvey about parking outside Carnon Downs Spar and how people parked made it difficult to access her driveway and had requested yellow lines being put down opposite the Spar. The Clerk would put this on a future agenda for discussion as it was not on the agenda.

Cllr Kemp proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Alvey for all the work he has done for the Parish Council over the last 4 years.

10. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT

The Clerk had circulated the crime figures from the Devon & Cornwall Police website for the parish for February.

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk gave a financial summary for the last month and had circulated to Councillors the accounts for payment list received since the last meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation and this was signed by the Clerk and Chairman as correct.

Cllr Yates asked how often the bus shelters were cleaned and when they were next due for cleaning. The Clerk would check with our contractor.

12. CREEK SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON ACCESS POINTS TO THE CREEK

The Clerk advised that at Access & Amenities Committee it had been mentioned that Restranguet Creek Society would like to put up a '5 knot' speed limit sign at Carnon Mine for people entering the water.

Concerns had been raised about this and if this was necessary at this spot as craft capable of going at 5 knots were not launched from here and there were also concerns about the impact on the listed building. It was noted that the Port of Truro are responsible for enforcing the speed limit. New buoys at The Gut with the speed limit on were also being installed.

Cllr Newman had spoken to residents at Carnon Mine who felt there were enough signs and it was not an entry point for motorised craft. Cllr A Allen felt that as motorboats were not launched at Carnon Mine there was no need for a sign there but that signs should be out on the water instead and be clear to those using the water.

RESOLUTION: CLLR NEWMAN PROPOSED THAT WHILST THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT THE APPLICATION OF SPEED LIMITS ON THE CREEK IT IS NOT FELT THAT CARNON MINE IS AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR A LAND BASED SPEED LIMIT SIGN, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS, CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

The Clerk would respond to Restranguet Creek Society with the Council's view.

13. ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BINS

Cllr Yates was asked by a resident to a bin between the Spar shop and bottom of Old Carnon Hill and it had also been mentioned about installing one at Dyson's Field.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT TWO BINS BE INSTALLED AND EMPTYING COSTS BE BUDGETED FOR, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Yates would advise the Clerk where the bin should be located.

Cllr Brickell would source an additional bin.

The meeting moved into confidential session and Cllr Alvey left the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm