

What is Feock Parish Council's view on climate change and how do they intend to facilitate active travel in Feock over the next three years? And in particular, what is the status of the Harcourt link now that you have all had a few years to think about it? In other words, can we expect a change in attitude to these issues and if so what changes might we be able to look forward to? What is the Feock Active Travel Plan?

Mr Gillard said he understood some money had been allocated to look at Active Travel in Feock. He raised a question about the stile on footpath 41 at Trolver Croft/Harcourt and extending the bridleway that had been previously been discussed but not progressed. Mr Gillard wanted to see footpaths that were easily accessible all year round and able to be used by people to actually get around and link to public transport, lots of the paths were currently very muddy. This was about accessibility and inclusion. Many stiles across the parish were difficult for people to use.

Cllr P Allen said that the Active Feock project would be looking at improving surfaces of the paths but this also needed negotiation with landowners. The Parish Council recognises that there is a lot to do to improve the footpaths and they need to come up with a comprehensive plan but it would cost a lot of money to make improvements and this would require the Parish Council securing external funding. The Parish Council had made improvements to a number of paths and stiles across the parish so it was not correct to say they had made no progress at all.

It was agreed to bring forward item 11 Planning.

**11. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTEE COMMENT
Parish Council to consider and agree consultee comment on following planning application.
PA23/10329 - Construction of five two-storey detached dwellings. Land Off Quenchwell
Road Carnon Downs Truro**

Cllr Kemp agreed that the derelict land was an eyesore and understood the residents who lived on the developments feelings. The reason Burringtons secured permission on this site was because it was an exception site and affordable led and also met the ECON 1 NDP policy in relation to providing commercial space. The site originally had permission for 14 dwellings but a subsequent application was made for an additional 2 which took the total to 16 dwellings, one over the 15 in the NDP policy. A planning application had been submitted for a tailor made children's nursery building which now appeared to be not happening. There was a lot of chat on social media regarding the commercial elements the residents would like to see in place here for the village ranging from take aways to vets. Cllr Kemp felt this application did not comply with our NDP policies as it was for open market housing and she felt it should remain as commercial which the area currently had permission for.

The developers said in the appendices submitted with the planning application it showed evidence in the Statement of Case of the efforts to secure commercial occupation for this area but there had been no interest shown and this was commercial area was not viable. They felt the NDP policies did not restrict development outside the settlement boundaries to only exception sites, this application should be classed as infill/rounding off. They felt it was in accordance with the NDP and local plan policies as the site is enclosed by development.

Cllr Kemp said that these appendices were not on the Planning website so the Parish Council had not had sight of these. The developers said they were happy to provide these to the Parish Council and it maybe because they were Commercial in Confidence that they were not available publicly on the website.

Cllr P Allen said that the exception site (Burringtons) does not extend the settlement boundary and in this case rounding off/infill is not applicable. The developers disagreed with this interpretation of the policy.

Cllr P Allen said that this area of the site had permission for commercial and the Parish Council needed to be persuaded that the commercial element was now not needed. The Council wished to see Carnon Downs as a sustainable village and for this additional commercial provision was needed instead of more additional housing. Carnon Downs has lacked commercial development to make it a sustainable village and the Parish Council needed to see evidence of this part of the site being advertised and proof that it is not viable or needed.

The developers said that the site had been marketed through Right Move and in the application there was a statement from the Chartered Surveyors saying that it was never commercially viable. If there was a demand for commercial they would be building them. There is a housing crisis and they are building houses for families who want to live here.

Cllr A Allen said she felt 5 was too many for the site, the houses had a larger footprint than the amenity space around them, she also wished to see the evidence of marketing.

The Chairman said that he would prefer to see more smaller houses for young people as first homes rather than large family homes, although he understood the commercial side of this but these would not be homes for young people.

The developers said they were open to a mix of housing and were led by Cornwall Council as to the type of housing they wished to see built.

There was a question asked regarding the sale price for these houses when built. The developers said if they were currently built their price would be in the region of £550K.

The Clerk commented that the deadline for the Parish Council's comment was today but she could request an extension of time from the Planning Officers. The developers said they would not object to this extension of time by the Parish Council.

Cllr Griffiths said that if evidence was provided that the commercial element was absolutely not viable then the Parish Council should look again at their position.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THEIR CONSULTEE COMMENT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL TO ALLOW EVIDENCE TO BE PROVIDED OF THE SITE NOT BEING VIABLE FOR COMMERCIAL USE, IF AN EXTENSION OF TIME WAS NOT GRANTED THE COUNCILS CONSULTEE COMMENT WOULD BE THAT THEY WISHED TO SEE THE SITE DEVELOPED AS PER THE EXISTING PLANNING PERMISSION FOR COMMERCIAL USE, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

Cllr Kemp reminded Councillors that the Assistant Clerk needed responses to her emails regarding planning comments from Councillors to help form the Council's responses.

7. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions on this.

8. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllrs Brickell, A Allen, Johnson and Griffiths had attended online Planning training via CALC.

Cllr P Allen sat on the Mining Trails forum who were working with Cornish Lithium on improved signage for the trails.

9. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Martyn Alvey reported as follows.

The Spring Ball licensing application for the site at Killiow was going to a virtual hearing on 6th March. Cornwall Council Full Council were meeting tomorrow to set their budget.

Cllr Alvey had attended the site visit with the Cornwall Council Planning Committee Trelissick regarding their application. This had been very useful and all Councillors agreed it was important as it made the detail of the application much clearer seeing the actual site and road layout. It was hoped the application would be on the March Planning Committee agenda but this had not yet been confirmed. Cllr Hambly-Staite had concerns that the crossing point details had been designed by Cormac who were owned by Cornwall Council.

Cllr Kemp asked about the new rules regarding planning permission for Air bnbs. Cllr Alvey confirmed that if a property was already a holiday let then this would not need permission for change of use. Any new holiday lets would need to apply for change of use. It was unclear at the moment if this was across the board and clarification would be given.

Police Report

The Clerk said that online figures were still not available.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Clerk had circulated the list of accounts for payment and gave an overview of the various payments.

RESOLUTION: CLLR STEEL PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS CIRCULATED, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk said she would set up a meeting after year end for the Finance & General Purposes Committee to look at reserve levels and allocations.

In response to a question, Cllr Alvey said that the Cornwall Council core settlement is set and is not dependant on any change of government that may happen during the financial year.

12. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock ward

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he was concerned that surface patching was again being carried out in Feock village due to the surface breaking down when the patching hadn't been carried out very long ago at all and asked who was footing the bill for this.

Devoran ward

Cllr A Allen said that Penpol Chapel were applying for defibrillator and identifying a location this could be mounted, they thanked the Clerk for her advice about funding. Cllr A Allen was going to the Devoran Village Hall planning meeting next week regarding their centenary celebrations.

Carnon Downs ward

There was a lot of concern about the state of the A39 road surface and potholes between Carnon Downs roundabout and Playing Place. The Clerk said this had been raised with Highways and we were advised this had been prioritised for repair early in the new year.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite as Chair of Access & Amenities Committee ran through the draft minutes which had been circulated to all Councillors.

Council to consider and agree new Terms of Reference for Access & Amenities Committee

The Clerk had circulated revised terms of reference for the Committee, the main changes were increasing the Committee number to 9 members and delegating authority for spending the Parish Maintenance – Miscellaneous budget to the Access & Amenities Committee to try to enable decisions made to be enacted more swiftly.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE NEW ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE ADOPTED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council to co-opt new Council members to fill vacancies on Access & Amenities Committee

The Clerk said that two members had expressed an interest in filling vacancies on the Committee, these were Cllrs Griffiths and Johnson.

RESOLUTION: CLLR STEEL PROPOSED THAT CLLRS JOHNSON AND GRIFFITHS WERE ELECTED TO THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. FEOCK ECO GROUP REPORT

Cllr Bowers said that work on the encroachment at Penpol Pond was now with Cornwall Council who had sent out questionnaires to residents. The Clerk and Cllr Bowers had visited residents to explain the issues.

Feock Eco group status

The Clerk said that there had been some questions raised about if the Feock Eco group were a formal working group of the Parish Council or a separate informal group.

Cllr Bowers was concerned about discussing this item without input from Feock Eco members. The Clerk had circulated the resolution passed in March 2019 when the climate emergency declaration was made.

Cllr P Allen said his recollection was that it was not a working group of Council and it was an informal group who the Council hoped would encourage as wide a range of residents as possible to join and not just Councillors so it was not seen as a 'Council thing'. His understanding was that the group would take issues to the Parish Council for discussion.

Cllr A Allen said she felt they were a very enthusiastic group and should bring issues to the Councils attention for discussion and decision.

Cllr Bowers felt the group would rather operate independently but may wish to come to the Parish Council with ideas and suggestions for changes to how things were done.

Cllr Steel said that he felt it was important to look at any proposals or suggestions but that the Council had to consider all the issues around a suggestion which may result in not everything suggested being put in place.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT IT WAS RE-CONFIRMED THAT THE FEOCK ECO GROUP WERE NOT A FORMAL WORKING GROUP OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE RESOLUTION MADE IN MARCH 2019 STANDS AND THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL APPRECIATE THE RESPECT THE WORK OF THE FEOCK ECO GROUP, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

climate emergency/ecological emergency is very important part of council and we need wider input from the community on this.

Anne may be that we ask the Feock Eco group to look at specific issues.

15. ANY URGENT HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that there was a drainage issue at Restranguet Point where highways drains weren't working correctly, this was causing water to flood down the driveway of a property, to try to resolve this the resident had dug a trench on the common land. The water was also running down the footpath to the common land and eroding the surface. The Clerk had set up a meeting with the resident to discuss the issue with Highways. Highways had confirmed this was not their responsibility but would allow the resident to redirect the drain to a soakaway, the resident would pay to repipe from the highways drain under their driveway and pipe will go along the wall of the common land and go into the soakaway and reinstate the surface of the Common Land.

The Parish Council agreed to these works being carried out on the Common Land on the understanding that the surface would be reinstated. The Clerk would advise the resident of the decision.

16. REPAIR TO PARISH COUNCIL OWNED LIGHT ON CARCLEW TERRACE, DEVORAN

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council owned a number of streetlights in Devoran and these were not the responsibility of Cornwall Council as they were not on the highway. One of these had now broken and as it was so old was not able to be repaired. The Clerk had got a price from Enevero to replace this with an LED unit which could be set to switch off from midnight in line with the Cornwall Council lights, the cost was just over £1K.

Cllr Bowers was concerned about the brightness of the light and the impact on wildlife. The Clerk said she would check that the specification was the same lumens etc. as those put in by Cornwall Council.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED ON THE BASIS THAT THE SPECIFICATION WAS THE SAME AS THE CORNWALL COUNCIL INSTALLED LED STREETLIGHTS THE CLERK ARRANGE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THIS LIGHT, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting closed into closed session and members of the public left.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.