

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 11th May 2020 at 6.30pm held remotely via Zoom meeting

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

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Debbie Searle, Assistant Parish Clerk
Mr & Mrs Rogers, members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Lightfoot

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Andrew and Steel. It was noted that Cllr Freeman and P Allen had to leave the meeting early.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2020

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 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 HAMBLY-STAITTE AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in Item 8 Planning due to the applicant of one planning application being a member of the Devoran Pre-School Committee where she was the Manager.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from a resident in Devoran regarding their planning application and this had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Mr & Mrs Rogers attended remotely regarding their planning application on St John's Terrace, Devoran. The statement they had submitted had been circulated to all the Planning Committee and they read this out to those present outlining their reasons for their application for a garage and studio in their garden.

It was agreed to bring the following items forward to enable the Councillors who had to leave the meeting early to participate.

6. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE (ITEM 12 BROUGHT FORWARD)

Cllr P Allen advised that a remote FACT meeting had been held in May via Zoom which was attended by 8 people. The next meeting is being held again by Zoom this Wednesday.

7. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT (ITEM 13 BROUGHT FORWARD)

Cllr P Allen had circulated his report on Verges and the use of them for footways. He asked that the Council support his view so that more informal footways can be provided on highways where there are no pavements for pedestrians.

Cllr A Allen was concerned if our view would extend to all verges within the Parish as there were a lot of stones on verges all over the Parish which had been placed there for a variety of reasons. Cllr Gason felt this needed further investigation as it was a very big issue and not just one for our Parish.

The Chairman felt we should continue with our efforts to ensure safe pedestrian access around our villages.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AND SEND TO CORNWALL COUNCIL AND THEIR MEMBERS WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING AN IMPROVED POLICY WITH REGARDS TO IMPROVED AND SAFER PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ON HIGHWAYS WITH NO FOOTWAYS BUT WHERE THERE ARE VERGES, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH 2 ABSTENSIONS.

Cllr P Allen said Cllr Gason had been looking at issues with the lane at Tresithick and it appeared that we needed to register this under the PROW legislation. The Clerk would chase up the Tank Hill application.

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (ITEM 14 BROUGHT FORWARD)

Cllr Freeman ran through the report on applications locally (a number were for tree works) that the Assistant Clerk had put together and the process for producing consultee comments at the moment was working well, the Assistant Clerk put together a summary of all comments received from the public so that members of the planning committee were aware of all comments before making their consultee comment. A list of planning applications was included on our website, on our Facebook page and in the weekly newsletter.

Cllr Kemp said that the development on Quenchwell Road has now started.

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that some TPOs were out of date and needed reviewing after the lockdown has finished. He suggested all Councillors look at the interactive mapping to view all the TPOs currently in place. The Clerk would circulate the link.

Proposed name for Quenchwell Road new housing development

The developers had proposed Ash Tree Close which was linked to the Ash tree on the Trafalgar Way which still stood outside Kiddlywinks in the centre of Carnon Downs. There were no alternative names suggested and the Clerk would go back to the developers to advise them that the Parish Council were in agreement with the suggested name.

9. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk gave the following update.

Retallack park – pedestrians in road sign currently being sourced

Dog fouling – this has been reported to the dog warden and appeared to be a whole parish issue. The Clerk and also Cllr Alvey have requested that the Parish is part of the second phase of the 'you're being watched' campaign.

Village Halls support – the Clerk has contacted Devoran and Carnon Downs Village Halls to offer support.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORT

There were no matters to report.

11. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported as follows. He had been contributing weekly to the Parish Council's weekly newsletter. The first use of the new protocol on controversial planning applications didn't work as well as had been hoped, this application would be coming back to full Planning Committee in the future. The first remotely held Planning Committee of Cornwall Council would be held on Monday, members submitted their comments so that these could be taken into account by the Chair, Vice Chair and a Senior Planning Officer to enable a recommendation to be made. There are only two ways that a planning application can be decided is either under 'delegated powers' or as a decision in a properly constituted meeting, the latter has not until now been possible and this was important it was carried out correctly in the event of a judicial review or appeal. Microsoft Teams would be used to hold Cornwall Council Committee meetings remotely.

The Cabinet have invoked the emergency plan for the Council which involves emergency powers which delegates the whole of the running of the Council to the Chief Executive.

There was a lot of pressure on Cornwall Council to reopen the household waste and recycling centres and a date was awaited on when these would reopen. The bulky waste collection service had restarted. Cllr Alvey confirmed that there were no additional kerbside collections but it had been noted that there had been an increase in the amount of general waste and recycling being put out during the lockdown due to people having time to 'clear out'.

The issue of the tyres on the verge opposite Mount George Farm has been dealt with by Highways and Environmental Health and the resident has now removed the tyres as there were environmental concerns. Kevin Bryant is the Cornwall Council link to Cormac with regards to this type of issue.

Cllr Freeman left the meeting at 7.45pm.

Cllr Thomas said he continued to be very impressed with the service still being provided by the refuse collectors and wished our thanks to be passed on to the workers.

Devon & Cornwall Police Report

The Clerk advised the 'Your area' crime mapping page had now taken down to allow the Police to concentrate all their efforts on the issues caused by the Coronavirus.

Cllr Blake said it was good to see the Police patrolling locally and this was being done daily.

12. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Blake said that there was a lot of annoyance locally with the number of second home owners coming down to the area and also parties being held with people from outside of their household which was breaking the lockdown rules. There were a large number of over 70 year olds who were trying very hard to protect themselves from the virus. Social distancing is not being observed. There had been workers witnessed not observing social distancing at all, it was advised that it would be up to the HSE to enforce this.

Devoran Ward

Cllr Thomas said that traders were still visiting the Village Hall car park and this was providing an excellent service and also supporting the local traders.

Cllr Parker asked if the Devoran to Portreath run was still going ahead. The Clerk would check if this was still going ahead.

Carnon Downs Ward

Cllr Kemp had been contacted by a resident who was very upset about social distancing not being observed on Point Quay and the Old Tram Road. Cllr P Allen said that he had been approached by a resident suggesting that the car park at Penpol should be closed to discourage heavy use of the Old Tram Road.

Cllr Alvey said that if people were in crowds and not observing social distancing should be reported to the Police.

The Chairman said that residents had commented positively on the bunting that had been displayed around the village and Methodist Chapel for VE Day.

Cllr Gason said she had been contacted by a resident regarding access at Tresithick Lane, this is a gap in the public rights of way system but it now seems that we will need to register this and seek witness statements.

Cllr Gason would like to see more permanent signs on the cycle trail and footpaths about social distancing as it was likely we would need to follow this for some time. Cllr P Allen was unsure if this was necessary but he felt that the temporary signs that we had put up at the start of the lockdown were very good and felt this helped ease some residents anxiety.

13. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk had circulated to those present, prior to the meeting, 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 KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk had circulated the insurance policy quotation which was due on 1st June, three quotations had been received. There was an option to enter into a 3 year deal, although this may not be any cheaper it would mean we would know the cost for each year and this would be fixed and not rise.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BLAKE PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL ACCEPT THE QUOTATION CIRCULATED AND AGREE A YEAR 3 DEAL, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite's report regarding the extension to Community Connect had been circulated as had the final Community Connect project report.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT CLLR HAMBLY-STAITES PROPOSAL AS SET OUT BE APPROVED, THIS WAS TO EXTEND COMMUNITY CONNECT FOR 2 DAYS A WEEK FOR A MAXIMUM OF 6 MONTHS, INITIALLY FOR 3 MONTHS WITH A REVIEW AND A BUDGET OF £4900 BE ALLOCATED, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Hambly-Staite, Blake and Allen for their work on HAIRE.

15. CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE & VOLUNTEER HELP

The Councillors thanked the Clerk and Assistant Parish Clerk for all their hard work in providing the help service to residents whilst still continuing to provide the usual Parish Council services.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm

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