

Minutes of Feock Parish Council Full Council Meeting

held on Monday 9th February 2026 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran

Councillors present:	Richard Brickell	Carnon Downs ward
	Brian Yates	Carnon Downs ward
	Cathy Kemp	Carnon Downs ward
	Alison Avard	Carnon Downs ward
	Julian Newman	Devoran ward
	Rick Bowers	Feock ward
	Corine Dyke	Feock ward
	Keith Hambly-Staite	Feock ward

In attendance: Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Councillor
Julie Goodwin, Head of Service, Children in Care and Care Leavers Cornwall Council
Dan Mitchell, Influence Planning
Jeremy Rowe, Volunteer Cornwall
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk
10 members of the public

Chair: Richard Brickell

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Allen and Scoltock

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2026 WERE APPROVED AS AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING WITH ONE AMENDMENT BEING TO REMOVE CLLR BOWERS FROM THE ATTENDEES LIST AND THEN SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Yates declared an interest in an item that a member of the public was coming to speak about relating to an industrial site on Greenbank Road in Devoran as he was a trustee of Devoran Gig Club who had a storage building on the site.

Cllrs Newman and Dyke declared an interest in item 12 Planning due to knowing the owners of the Ferris Garage site.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Goodwin from Cornwall Council explained that the Council wished to create two children's homes in Cornwall, these were planned for Tresithick in Carnon Downs and Liskeard. Children in care were best placed in their own local areas and kept in Cornwall. Children being cared for outside of the county was detrimental to their wellbeing and mental health. Care outside of Cornwall was also very expensive for Cornwall Council, this was at least £7000 per child per week, for some children the cost was £10,000 and others £15,000 a week. Cornwall Council spent in the region of £500K a week on care for children out of county. There was a very real need for Cornwall Council to open their own homes in the county. There were currently 73 children in care living outside of Cornwall. The proposal was for two very small children's homes with a maximum of 3 children in each, these were not remand homes or secure units and Julie wanted to reassure people that these homes were only for children who had experienced trauma, they need to be settled and receive therapy before returning to their families or foster carers. The home would be very tightly regulated and Ofsted registered, the children would be well matched to live together and the aim was to provide a family home environment not an institution.

Julie was aware of concerns raised by local residents about parking and issues this could cause on the narrow lane near to the proposed Children's Home but reassured residents that they didn't feel that the traffic and vehicle movements would be any more than the previous family who lived in the house.

Residents raised concerns about insufficient parking for staff changeovers and professionals visiting the home and their concerns regarding the statement in the application that further down the lane would be used for additional parking. The only space down the lane was a gateway and turning area which should not be blocked as this would cause issues for other residents who also lived along the lane. There were also concerns about anti social behaviour and Julie confirmed that children would be met from the school buses to ensure they safely returned to the home.

Julie reassured residents that no gateways, turning space or the lane would be blocked by vehicles related to the home and staff and visitors would be advised to park elsewhere in the village if there was not space on site and this could be made clearer in the application. Julie said that there was scope to widen the access to the property and maybe enlarge the driveway if this was needed for additional parking in the future but at the moment they felt it was sufficient.

Dan Mitchell on behalf of Influence Planning spoke about planning application PA25/09634 Redevelopment to demolish existing commercial car garage and two residential apartments and replace with five new residential dwellings at Ferris Garage, Feock. The site has been for sale since October 2023 as a going concern but there has unfortunately not been any interest in taking on the business. The owner wishes to retire and as he has not been able to sell the business wishes to built 5 individual dwellings on the site, one which would be self build for his own family. The street scene had been considered when designing the development and the height of the dwellings had been kept to a minimum. Consideration had been given to a part commercial, part domestic development but this was not viable due to cost and location.

The Chairman brought forward Item 6 Planning to enable residents and Julie Goodwin to listen to the discussion.

A resident of Devoran spoke regarding noise nuisance and a breach of planning at a commercial site in Devoran which he had been in contact with Cornwall Council about on behalf of his neighbours, a statutory noise abatement notice had been issued by Cornwall Council together with a Breach of Planning Condition Notice (BCN) to the landowners related to operating hours and storage of materials or goods. The Council was also at an advanced stage (Step 10) in relation to enforcement action related to other planning conditions.

The resident thanked Cllr Alvey for his support on the matter.

The Chairman thanked the resident for the update and advised that the Parish Council do not get advised of or kept up to date with Cornwall Council enforcement action but assured the resident that if there was a planning application for the site in the future this would be discussed at either a Full Council or Planning Committee meeting.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTEE COMMENT

PA26/00209 - Change of Use from Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to Class C2 (Residential Institution) to provide a Children's Residential Home for young people aged five to eighteen in care
Wayside, Tresithick, Carnon Downs TR3 6JW

Councillors understood the importance and benefits for children being in a home setting rather than an institution and in their home county and the cost of continuing to have children cared for outside of Cornwall. They shared residents concerns about vehicles blocking the lane and wished to have reassurance that this would not happen and parking would either be onsite or elsewhere or additional parking created on site if the current arrangements proved not to be sufficient.

Julie Goodwin advised that there would be no more than 4 staff cars at the site at any one time as staff would be encouraged to car share.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THE COUNCILS CONSULTEE COMMENT

“The Parish Council support this application subject to a condition that all parking is to be onsite within the curtilage of the property of Wayside, with no parking of related vehicles being allowed at the turning place further down the lane, in gateways or at the start of Tresithick lane (where it joins Point Road and is only just wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass). Visiting vehicles not able to be parked on the property should be parked in the village, and car sharing and cycling should be encouraged to minimise vehicles visiting the property and the impact on other properties and neighbours using the lane for access to their properties. The Parish Council request that serious consideration is given to widening the vehicle entrance to the property to allow easier access and provision of additional parking onsite to allow vehicles to turn on the property and drive out forwards onto the lane rather than having to reverse out into the lane.”

SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH 3 ABSTENSIONS.

PA25/09634 - Redevelopment to demolish existing commercial car garage and two residential apartments and replace with five new residential dwellings. Ferris Garage, Feock TR3 6RE

Councillors commented that they did not have an issue with the principle of development on this site but that access to the site from the village was not ideal as there was no pavement for pedestrians and wished to see provision for pedestrian access to the village as part of the development.

Dan Mitchell said that the owners were open to putting a walkway on the verge at the front of the site as this was in their ownership to link up with the public right of way and stile and this would be put in place if this was a condition of the approval.

Councillors felt that the speed limit on the bend needed looking at where it changed from 30mph to 40mph and wished to look at this again in the future.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THE COUNCILS CONSULTEE COMMENT

The Parish Council support this application subject to a condition that a pedestrian link/footway is installed on the verge along the front of the development site (which is within the boundary/ownership of the site) to provide safe access from the vehicle entrance to the proposed dwellings along to the existing public right of way/stile.

SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO COUNCILLORS NOT VOTING DUE TO DECLARING INTERESTS (CLLR NEWMAN AND DYKE)

The Chairman thanked the members of the public who had attended and advised them that they could stay for the rest of the meeting or leave now that their items had been discussed.

7. MYFEOCK COMMUNITY HUB

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Councillors to discuss the Community Hub concept with Jeremy Rowe from Volunteer Cornwall.

Jeremy explained the background and benefits to the Community Hub projects and the reason why the NHS fund these. Some Hubs are supported by Town and Parish Councils and staffed by volunteers but some are fully run and managed by volunteers, there were varying models across Cornwall. The Hubs were based around the NHS principles of Start Well, Live Well, Age Well and Die Well. £5000 funding was available to set up Community Hubs which Feock Parish Council had applied for and received. All the hubs looked different and it was for the Hub to decide what they needed to provide for their area based on need and how often the hub would operate. It could be the Hub funds other local groups to meet or an activity, such as Memory Cafes or the IT classes. It was hoped there would be some NHS / local surgery attendance at the hubs and also services like blood pressure taking available via an automated machine could be available. There were some concerns raised about volunteers providing health services such as blood pressure checks and how readings would be taken and referrals made if necessary by non-clinical staff or volunteers. Funding could be spent on providing activities/support for all age ranges and not just older people, youth provision came under this funding too.

Cllr Hambly-Staite was the Chair of the MyFeock Community Hub Steering Group and it was hoped that hubs could be established in Carnon Downs initially based around expanding the Repair Café but eventually also in Devoran Village Hall and St Feock Church Community Hall and support provided to existing organisations and groups.

The Chair thanked Jeremy for taking the time to attend and update the Parish Council.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

9. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Avard had attended the Police Parish Liaison Meeting and the minutes would be circulated to all when they were available.

Cllrs Bowers, Hambly-Staite and Brickell together with Cornwall Councillor Alvey had attended the Storm Goretta feedback session held by Jayne Kirkham MP at Trelissick.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Carnon Downs ward

Cllr Avard asked if the poor condition of the verge on Forth Coth where it had been damaged by vehicles removing the fallen tree could be addressed by Highways.

Cllr Yates asked if the broken branch hanging over the cycle path beside the A39 could be reported to Highways as there was a danger this could come down on a pedestrian or cyclist.

The Clerk would report these issues to Highways.

Feock ward

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that the road down to the King Harry Ferry was beginning to disintegrate in various places and Tregye Road was narrowed with branches/twigs fallen from the recent storm and being piled up by the side of the road. The Clerk had reported both issues to Highways.

Cllr Alvey advised that Dan Rogerson MP had sent out an email today regarding the poor condition of roads which was being caused by the bad weather and also repairs had been delayed due to the substantial amount of rain we had recently. Cormac's estimate to recover from the January storms was May this year just to clear the backlog from the storms. Cllr Alvey asked Councillors to encourage residents to use the online reporting system to get issues logged by Cormac.

Devoran ward

Cllr Avard said the white line at the T junction as you come into Devoran off the Carnon Gate roundabout was very faded and requested this be reported to Highways.

11. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey reported as follows. Emergency Planners and Cornwall Council held a workshop session last week to look at the impact of Storm Goretta and the subsequent storms, there were lots of common themes that Jayne Kirkham MP is taking back to Government. The Health Rivers & Seas Summit is being held on 27th February 2026 by Cornwall Council, this was a virtual online summit. Wreck Free Fal & Helford were pressing forward with works around removing abandoned wrecks. A trial was being looked at on the Helford. This area was similar to Restronguet Creek in that it was not controlled by the Harbour Authority. Correspondence had been received from Carnon Downs residents with concerns about the bus timetable changes with the demise of First Kernow.

Cllr Kemp commented that it was disappointing that there had been no contact with tenants or visit from Duchy of Cornwall following the storm to see the damage caused.

12. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT

Cllr Avard had circulated her report following the meeting to all Councillors.

Latest crime figures for parish - December 2025: 7 crimes

Carnon Downs x 4 (2 x burglary, 2 x violence and sexual offences)
Devoran x 2 (1 x criminal damage/arson, 1 x violence and sexual offences)
Feock x 1 (1 x criminal damage/arson)

13. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk updated the Council on the current financial position and had circulated the invoices for payment list by email and in hard copy. The Chair checked and signed the bank reconciliation.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE PAYMENTS BE AUTHORISED AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LIST AS CIRCULATED BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENT

Cllr Dyke gave the background to Neighbourhood Priority Statements and asked the Council to consider the proposal to start work on a Neighbourhood Priority Statement for the parish when guidance was available from Cornwall Council and the pilots completed. This was not the same as a Neighbourhood Development Plan and does need to be approved by Cornwall Council but Cornwall Council would need to take account of a made Neighbourhood Priority Statement when considering planning applications.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL START WORK ON A NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENT WHEN GUIDANCE WAS AVAILABLE, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL IT POLICY

The Clerk had circulated the revised IT Policy including comments from Councillors following its circulation at the last meeting.

PROPOSAL: CLLR NEWMAN PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL ADOPT THE IT POLICY, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL LEASE

There was no further information on this item and the Village Hall trustees were seeking legal advice.

17. CHARITY COMMISSION RESPONSE – DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Charity Commission to report the accident at Devoran Recreation Ground which was a registered charity and had received a response from them that they did not require the Council to take any action and they were confident that the charity was being managed properly.

18. CO-OPTION TO FEOCK AND DEVORAN WARD VACANCIES

There were no applications for co-option.

In accordance with S100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as specified in the paragraphs of the Act

Cllr Alvey left the meeting at 8.15pm.

19. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK SEWAGE LEAK

Councillors discussed the latest correspondence from Solicitors and it was agreed for the Clerk to request that all questions were answered by their next meeting in March to enable a response to be discussed. The Clerk would update Public Protection at Cornwall Council with the latest situation.

DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday 9th March 2026 starting at 6pm