

the new financial year and would take this to Council for final sign off. The Clerk advised that funding should be approved by Council or a Committee.

7. CLERKS REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerks report had been circulated with the agenda.

The homeowner at Restronguet Point who needed to lay a pipe on the Common Land at Restronguet Point which had been agreed by Full Council had been advised this was approved on the condition that the land was made good.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

The Chairman said there had been a lot of discussion on Facebook about the condition of the A39 between Carnon Downs and Playing Place, the Clerk had put on our website and Facebook the information we have had from Highways about when the works will be done. The Chairman said that the surface in some areas of the dual carriageway was also very poor and breaking up.

The Clerk had been advised by Highways that patching/resurfacing work would be prioritized and carried out as soon as possible in the new financial year.

9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

There was a discussion regarding accessible gates on footpaths for those in wheelchairs or with a child's buggy and the size that these needed to be.

The Clerk would check how much funding remained in the Enhanced LMP funding. It was hoped in the future that new waymarkers and maybe direction markers could be added to the public rights of way. The Clerk would set up a meeting of the footpath working group.

It was noted that some of the well used footpaths were currently very muddy and almost impassable, this was something that should be discussed at Active Feock, in some areas to improve the surface would need mud scraping up before any scalping or surfacing could be put down. Permission would be needed from the Countryside Access team for any works and also potentially the landowner depending on what was being proposed.

The Council had been contacted by a resident with concerns about a bridleway being blocked by a car using it as a parking place. This had been reported to the public rights of way team who advised that public rights way of were in effect highways and as long as the car was parked to one side and not blocking the path then this wasn't too much of an issue.

10. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

The Clerk said that the monthly safety inspection report for Retallack Playing Field had highlighted some works needed to wooden equipment which she had asked our contractor to carry out.

Cllrs P Allen and Brickell had looked at the condition of the football pitch area at Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area, there was an issue with drainage where water was running off the pathways and flooding the pitch around the area of the goal nearest to the estate. It was anticipated that works would cost in the region of £600 to improve draining here. The Clerk would check with our insurance company regarding any implications of volunteers helping with this work.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL THAT BUDGET BE ALLOCATED FROM RESERVES OF £700 FOR THESE DRAINAGE WORKS AT PENGELLY MEADOWS, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that the water point at Point Quay was not working and it appeared that this has been caused by frost damage. The water supply had been turned off and the resident who made the apparatus would repair it.

It was noted that it was sometimes difficult to access Pengelly Meadows to cut the grass as the car parking spaces were in front of the gates needed for access. The Clerk would arrange for a notice to put up to ask residents not to park there on the day when the grass was planned to be cut.

Cllr A Allen said she had received a request for a memorial bench on the end of the Common Land at Penpol Pond by the road. It was agreed to ask Cornwall Wildlife Trust about this when they attended the next meeting as this was a County Wildlife site.

The Clerk would apply for community funding available from SWW for bench seats in the new community woodland.

11. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllr A Allen had completed the risk assessment on Penpol Pond and Penpol car park. It was noted that there was a warning sign at the far end of the Pond but suggested that another one at the other end may also be needed. The 'No overnight parking' sign at Penpol car park had disappeared. The Signage working group could look at both these suggestions. The fencing here also needed repairing and the Clerk would arrange our contractor to do this.

Cllr Bowers had taken on responsibility for carrying out the Risk Assessment for Carnon Yard, the Clerk would send a copy of the previous assessment. The Clerk would circulate again the new Risk Assessment form to all. The works that have been carried out at Carnon Yard would be looked at as part of the Land Working Group.

12. ACTIVE FEOCK

The Clerk would circulate the Focus Group dates to all Councillors when these had been agreed. Councillors to let the Clerk know which sessions they wished to attend.

The Chairman was concerned that part of Active Feock was looking at getting people out and about yet our pavements and footpaths were often overgrown from neighbouring land making them difficult to use and asked how we could encourage residents to keep their hedges cut back.

The Clerk had circulated a leaflet from Highways which spelled out the responsibilities for landowners/residents who had hedges bordering a pavement or highway.

The Clerk advised that currently when she received a report of an overgrown hedge she sent the Cormac standard notice to the resident to ask them to cut back their hedge and it was agreed in future that she would also include a copy of the Highways leaflet which gave more detail on exactly how much room was required.

Keith would like to see Council agree a policy on how we will deal with overgrown hedges and to provide safe access that we will keep the pavements clear.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF ALL USERS OF THE PAVEMENTS IN OUR PARISH, A POLICY OF ENFORCEMENT THROUGH CORNWALL COUNCIL/CORMAC WOULD BE INTRODUCED WHERE NECESSARY TO CUT BACK HEDGES TO PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, SECONDED BY CLLR GRIFFITHS AND CARRIED.

It was agreed for this policy to be reviewed in 6 months time, it was noted that bird nesting season was now starting so this needed to be taken into account.

The Councillor who had reported the overgrown hedge would check if action had been taken and report back to the Clerk, if no action had been taken within the specified timescale the Clerk would escalate the issue to Cormac/Cornwall Council.

Cllr Bowers would raise the issue regarding action taken on overgrown hedges at the CAP meeting.

13. **WORKING GROUPS UPDATE**

The Clerk confirmed that working groups had been held for Parish Land and Signage. The Clerk had attached the action notes with the Committee agenda. The Clerk needed to set up further meetings once she had completed the work she had been asked to do from these groups.

14. **20MPH SPEED LIMITS**

It was noted that the new 20mph signs are now in place but there were some places where old repeater 30mph signs still remain, there had been some complaints about the positioning of some of the new signs. It was understood that Devon & Cornwall Police would be enforcing the 20mph limits as well as Community Speedwatch groups being used to monitor speeds and effectiveness of the new limits.

The Chairman felt we should support the enforcement of these new limits and promote the consequences of speeding.

If anyone saw any signs incorrectly positioned (ie. 30mph in new 20mph limit) they should let the Clerk know who would report this to Highways, or if signs were hidden by vegetation this would also be reported. There also seemed to be some inconsistency in spacing which also needed to be reported to Cormac.

There was a long discussion regarding the pros and cons of the various methods of enforcement/community policing and the impact on drivers and pedestrians of exceeding the speed limit and methods that could be used to encourage positive change in behaviours.

We had been asked by the local Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator if we could help promote the scheme to get more volunteers to work across the Feock parish. The Committee were happy to promote the Speed Watch Scheme and promote the need for more volunteers and the Clerk would write back to the co-ordinator.

RESOLUTION: CLLR GRIFFITHS PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL APPRECIATES THE WORK THAT SPEEDWATCH GROUP DO IN MONITORING THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT THE PARISH AND WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE TO HELP IDENTIFY HOTSPOTS AND WAYS IN WHICH ROAD SAFETY AND SIGNAGE CAN BE IMPROVED BUT ALSO BELIEVES THERE WHERE THERE ARE SUCH RADICAL CHANGES IN SPEED LIMITS DRIVERS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADJUST THEIR BEHAVIOUR ACCORDINGLY BEFORE AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS TAKEN, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

The next meeting of the Access & Amenities Committee would be held at 7pm on Thursday 21st March 2024.