

**REPORT OF ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 AT 7PM  
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, MARKET STREET, DEVORAN**

Councillors present:    CARNON DOWNS            DEVORAN                            FEOCK  
   J Allen                                S Cooper                            K Hambly-Staite  
   P Allen                                R Brickell                            L Fitt

In attendance:            Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
   Cllr Rick Bowers (observing)  
   Brian Ashdown (member of the public)

**1.            INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Hambly-Staite welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.            APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs A Allen and M Woolcock.

**3.            APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR R BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR FITT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.**

**4.            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5.            PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The member of the public attending did not have anything to raise.

**6.            CLERKS REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Clerks report had been circulated to all members.

Cllr Cooper said she did not see that there was an appropriate sign to warn of cyclists on the road (like the pedestrians in the road sign) in the highway code list of signs that the Clerk had circulated.

**7.            ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT (INCLUDING 30 MINUTE WALKS PROJECT) GOOD GROWTH FUND**

The Chairman said that this was currently a draft document which was still being worked on and only partly complete. The Clerk had pulled all the small projects the Council had agreed together into one bid document to try to layout the elements of each project and what would need to be done to achieve them.

The Chairman proposed that the Clerk speak with our Project contact at Cornwall Council to ensure that the project plan was in a suitable format and contained enough detail and eligibility criteria to be taken forward.

Cllr Fitt felt this was a good project and a lot of work had already gone into this but was slightly concerned that we may be overstretching ourselves with too many ambitious projects coming under this funding.

Cllr Cooper was concerned that by putting all these things together into one big funding bid this may delay the small individual projects that make up the whole project, such as the 30 minute walks.

Cllr Cooper said that Swanage Council had an environmental group who employed a Project Officer to manage their projects and encouraged everyone to have a look at their website to see the type of things they were doing as there were elements of environmental improvements in the Active Travel proposal.

Cllr Fitt was concerned that we may be trying to do too much and it was very broad and was concerned we may not achieve all our plans. Cllr P Allen felt that by carrying out the feasibility study this would tailor the project down to what was achievable with the funding available and in the funding timescale.

Cllr Bowers felt that public engagement was very important and should be included in the funding bid. Cllr Cooper felt we should be asking the public what they wished us to do in this area. Cllr P Allen said that all the aspects of the project had been consulted on during the Neighbourhood Development Plan project.

The Clerk commented that she felt that the initial feasibility study funded by the Community Capacity funding would include public consultation and to shape and scope the project with a view to applying for Good Growth funding.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THIS DOCUMENT BE TAKEN TO FULL COUNCIL IN JULY FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO SCOPE THE PROJECT WITH A VIEW TO APPLYING FOR GOOD GROWTH FUNDING FOLLOWING THIS, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY, WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM CLLR FITT WHO FELT MORE INFORMATION WAS NEEDED TO ENABLE AN INFORMED DECISION TO BE MADE.**

## **8. HIGHWAYS UPDATES**

Cllr Brickell was very concerned about the roads becoming very overgrown by the hedges and felt this was impact on highways safety. Cllr Cooper said that the roads do get overgrown every year, this year may be worse than normal due to the weather but asked when the hedges would next be cut by the Council. The Clerk said that in lots of places it was the landowners responsibilities to cut their hedges and the Council wouldn't do this as they only did the visibility splays or where the overgrown hedges were causing a safety issue.

Cllr P Allen said there was an issue with drainage on Point Road on the crossroads with Tregye Road, when there is heavy rain the drain overflows and floods down into Drivers Way and other properties. This was how the system was designed to work but it was now causing flooding in the new development.

The Chairman had received comments from residents regarding the 20mph consultation that they wished to see Penelewey included in the 20mph limit but despite the Cornwall Council requesting this it had been decided by Highways that this area did not meet the criteria for a 20mph limit. The Chairman had asked the Clerk request that a Pedestrians in Road sign be put up but Highways had said this area was not suitable for this type of sign. It had been suggested that a TRO may be able to be submitted for Penelewey and funding may be available via the Community Area Partnership for a feasibility study for a TRO to reduce the speed limit here and any associated works needed for this.

Cllr J Allen said that on Loe Hill recently the small pull in (on the right) where there were double yellow lines there was a car parked there which caused a problem for traffic trying to pass.

The Clerk would arrange a meeting with our Highways Manager to discuss these issues.

## **9. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES**

### **Enhanced LMP Footpath project update**

The Clerk had arranged a meeting for 2pm on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Penpol Pond footpath registration update**

The Clerk had sent in the public path evidence user forms to register this path.

### **Registration of new public right of way at Tresithick to join up the two existing footpaths**

Cllr Cooper's report had been circulated and the question was should this pathway which was not a public right of way be registered as one and should this be a footpath or bridleway. The Clerk would check with the public rights way of team if an application had been made by the British Horse Society and report back.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THAT IF THIS STRETCH OF PATH HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN APPLIED TO BE REGISTERED, THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER AS A BRIDLEWAY, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.**

Cllr P Allen said he was not happy with this decision and the Clerk advised that for this to be revisited she needed a majority of Councillors to write to her to request this was placed a future agenda for further discussion.

### **Any other urgent matters**

There were no urgent issues raised.

## **10. LAND & PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE**

### **Penpol Pond Common Land issues update**

The Clerk had confirmed that Land Registry had confirmed to her that they had received the application to register this land.

### **Carnon Valley Woodland Update**

Cllr P Allen said the first load of top soil had been received and this would help to improve the condition of the land.

### **Agree location of Landmark Tree**

There had previously been a landmark Oak tree planted at Retallack Field which unfortunately hadn't survived and there was an opportunity to apply for another tree from the Forest for Cornwall.

**RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT A LANDMARK OAK BE APPLIED FOR FROM THE FOREST FOR CORNWALL AND PLANTED IN RETALLACK FIELD ON THE PROVISIO THAT WATER IS AVAILABLE TO WATER THE TREE AND SOMEONE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area Tree planting plan**

The Clerk had circulated Cllr P Allen's proposed planting plan for Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area. The Clerk had sought prices from a local nursery but they did not have all the trees in stock at the present time and the Clerk would also seek clarification on the prices quoted and size of tree as it was not clear. Cllr P Allen had used the Forestry Commission urban trees list for the suggestions he had put forward for planting. The Committee agreed a budget of £60 per tree plus stakes.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE PLAN AS CIRCULATED BE ADOPTED, SECONDED BY CLLR FITT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Bonemill foreshore ownership**

The Clerk had investigated with Land Registry and it appeared that the Bonemill foreshore was unregistered land. Around 30 years ago the Parish Council put up signs stating that the land was public foreshore and this had not been disputed. The Parish Council do not manage this land. Several years ago the Creek Society carried out an archaeological dig and research project around the Bonemill.

Cllr Cooper said this issue came up as someone had been using stones on the site which may have come from the Bonemill to make a fire pit and there were concerns about damage to this historic asset. The Clerk would investigate registering this as an historic asset.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED WE REGISTER IT AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND ALSO FLAG IT AS A PUBLIC AREA WITH LAND REGISTRY, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Trees article for next issue of Connect**

The Clerk had circulated the draft article that Cllr P Allen had written. Cllr Cooper felt that more emphasis should be on protecting the trees that we already have rather than just planting more trees. The correct trees needed to be planted in the right places and ensure that people do not destroy what we have already have when planting new trees. Cllr Cooper felt that there was a misconception that planting new trees would solve lots of problems.

The Chairman felt that Cllr Cooper should write an article about retention of existing trees to be included in Connect as a follow up article.

The Clerk would check the minutes of meetings and confirm the resolution regarding the Council's Tree Strategy.

**11. MYFEOCK WELLBEING**

The Clerk had circulated the Information & Wellbeing Advisers report to all members and said that the Repair Café was going very well.

**12. RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The Chairman had submitted comments on Restronguet Point to the Clerk. The Clerk would arrange a meeting for all Councillors with Cllr Woolcock who was leading on Risk Assessments.

**13. FEOCK ECO GROUP**

**New Nature Reserve**

A report from Cllr Cooper regarding a potential new nature reserve at Penpol Pond had been circulated. There is a process to follow to establish a nature reserve and involves carrying out surveys of the nature in the area that you would like to protect. Cllr Cooper also suggested that the banks around the creek should be considered as a Nature Reserve and whether the Cornwall Wildlife Trust County Wildlife site could be extended.

Cllr Cooper felt this was part of the Nature Recovery project which the Committee had agreed previously.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cooper for her efforts in this.

**Reduction of single use plastics at events in the parish**

The Clerk had circulated Cllr Coopers report and the Surfers Against Sewage toolkit. The aim of this was to reduce as much as possible the use of single use plastics. The Council could sign up as a Community Leader but Cllr Cooper suggested that we make a start on reducing plastics in the Parish Office and for events on our land as the first stage of this.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR FITT PROPOSED THAT FEOCK ECO SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT BECOMING A PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY AND INITIALLY WITH THE AIM OF MAKING THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE AND EVENTS ON PARISH LAND SINGLE USE PLASTIC FREE, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.