

# Minutes of Feock Parish Council Access & Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 27th April 2026 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran

Councillors present:

Philip Allen	Carnon Downs ward
Richard Brickell	Carnon Downs ward
Brian Yates	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: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Cllr Rick Bowers

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave details of Mary Dyson's memorial service. Mary had very kindly donated Dyson's Field to the Parish Council as a community woodland and open space.

## 2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 WERE APPROVED AS AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6. SMALL GRANTS FUNDING

The Clerk confirmed that no applications has been received since the last meeting.

The Clerk read out a thank you email from Devoran Scouts for the funding towards the tent which they had used the past weekend.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he was very pleased with the bench and GWR Tram Road information board that had recently been installed at Devoran Village Hall, he felt this was an excellent project and one we should celebrate. Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that it was important to have ready to go projects so that applications can be made when funding became available as often funding became available at short notice. The Clerk would put ideas for future projects on the May Parish Council agenda.

## 7. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk reported as follows.

Maintenance work instructed in the last month for Committee's information:

Bench staining completed at Carnon Yard.

Alterations to closure mechanism at Devoran Recreation ground gate

Ownership sign to be installed at Devoran Recreation Ground on new pole inside of gate instead of on new gate.

Pill Creek steps - query raised and inspection requested with regards to wooden structure at bottom of the steps that go down onto the foreshore in case additional work is needed to make them safe. Cormac have quoted for this work but no further Enhanced LMP funding available. To be on agenda of May Parish Council meeting for approval to use CIL funding.

Carnon Mine handrail and widening of path – on agenda for further discussion, materials purchased for demountable handrail.

Tresithick footpath – surface quantity established, waiting on price from CC quarry. Price provided by contractor, may need to apply for further funding, no further funding available, to be on agenda of May Parish Council meeting for approval to use CIL funding.

Signage working group meeting – Clerk still to arrange. Reserves allocated.

Installation of bike racks – Clerk has provided maps showing locations of bike racks on highway to enable the licence agreement to be drawn up. Query regarding Carnon Downs bus shelter location of bike rack to be looked at by Cllr Bowers.

Small grants funding – payment made to Devoran Market Street Christmas Lights committee

S106 funding for improvements to PROW 305/23/8 in Carnon Downs relating to a planning application at Tresithick – Planning Officer contacted and applicant agrees to figure of £10K, further information required by Planning Officer to progress (circulated to all).

Repair Café advertising flag and sign – ordered and expected before next Repair Café.

Sedum planting – now purchased and planted by Cllr Allen

Daffodil bulb planting in Dyson's Field – planted and labour invoice paid.

Tree Warden Scheme – Cornwall Council contacted and advised that Cllr Allen is our Tree Warden for contact.

Changes to bus service timetable – Clerk has emailed Cornwall Council Travel team for explanation of changes to bus timetable. The Clerk updated that this has now been resolved and confirmation received from Cllr Alvey, it was expected that the previous timetable would be reintroduced from the end of July. It was noted that it was important to publicise the work the Parish Council had done to get this change made.

A resident had kindly offered to donate a small Monkey Puzzle tree for planting on Carnon Downs roundabout. Cllr Allen would contact the residents to arrange collection and planting but it was suggested that this would be better planted on the Carnon Gate roundabout to replace some of the plants damaged by the accident late last year as there was not a lot of room on the Carnon Downs roundabout. The Clerk would contact the insurance company regarding making a claim for the damage to the planting.

There was a discussion regarding identifying verges that needed to be kept cut as pedestrian refuges or footways. The Clerk would arrange a Joint Highways meeting with Kea Parish Council and Viv Bidgood to discuss additional verge cutting to see if Cormac would take this on where it was needed to somewhere for pedestrians to walk/pedestrian refuge beside roads with no footway. The Clerk would confirm who was responsible for keeping hedges cut back around signage.

## **8. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT**

The MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Advisers report was as follows.

This month's activities have featured HAIRE Project legacy points of working with other communities to share good practice. From our participation and lead with MyFeock Community Hub in the Community Hub Network, being part of Cornwall Repair Café Network to advising on setting up simple Walk & Talks groups and better engagement

and communication with residents; all stem from the research and development successfully achieved under HAIRE!

My Feock Community Hub:

The Steering group has expanded to include representatives from Carnon Downs, Chacewater and Devoran surgeries, Patient Participation Group, Methodist Church, St Feock Church, local residents and FPC, Volunteer Cornwall, Cornwall Council Community Link Officers bringing a strong skill set and networking capacity.

The 'What's On Live!' event planning is progressing with a cross-section of exhibitors confirmed. The next meeting on 28th April will be solely for event planning commencing 11.30am after the Repair Café.

Repair Café: 28th April session will include a visit from Neighbourhood Police representatives. This event is very well attended and predominately electric/electronic and textile items for attention.

Data shared by Leonie Walker, Waste Partnership Officer:

Thanks to your submissions, we can proudly share that in March 2026, these 14 Repair Cafés collectively:

Repaired 185 items

Volunteered an incredible 4,104 hours

Saved 5,945.60 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e by keeping items in use and out of waste streams

To put those carbon savings into perspective, that's equivalent to:

24,691 miles driven

3,716 showers taken

36,254 miles flown

Every repair, every volunteer hour, and every data submission helps tell the story of your collective impact.

Walks & Talks: We have received an enquiry from St Erme Parish Council who are seeking advice on how to set up their own Walks & Talks. They were interested in what it would involve such as responsibility for the health and safety of the group members and insurance.

Visit from Penryn Town Council - Nicola Hearn Project Co-ordinator Admin Assistant:

Nicola joined Penryn Town Council in January 2026, previously with Visit Cornwall, and was keen to find out about how we access funding and the projects we have been able to achieve towards increasing communication to support our residents' social and health and wellbeing opportunities.

## **9. COMMUNITY GARDENING PROJECT**

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented again that he felt it was important for the Parish Council to have projects planned and ready to go when funding opportunities came up. He would like the Parish Council to look at ways that we could get residents involved with tree and wildflower planting in the parish but felt that a co-ordinated policy was needed to help manage this and bring all our existing ideas together to enhance the environment and involve our community more in doing so. There was extensive research that proved being involved in nature and the outdoors had a positive impact on wellbeing. Cllr Hambly-Staite emphasised that a co-ordinator would need to be employed to manage this type of project and funded would need to be sought.

Cllr Allen said he felt ideas for planting in areas around the parish could be combined with the asset and land report we had recently completed regarding improvements and listed in the report so that these ideas were not forgotten, there were already some comments in this report for additional planting.

Cllr Dyke said she felt Cllr Hambly-Staite's idea was excellent and she would really like to see a Community Garden established in the parish, this would need managing and could be linked to the surgeries and the wellbeing element. Cllr Dyke said that we could also include this ambition in our Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

Cllr Brickell said he would like to see more work on providing bird boxes for our native birds and this could maybe form part of this work.

It was agreed to plan a one off meeting to look at this with interested Councillors and any other local experts who may be able to assist. The Clerk would arrange a meeting the second week of June and email Councillors separately to agree a date and venue.

#### **10. MURAL ON FOURTURNINGS BUS SHELTER**

Cllr Newman had drafted an email to send out to potential sponsors, this was circulated and agreed, the Clerk would send this out to the businesses suggested.

#### **11. LAND AND ASSETS SITE VISIT REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated the updated report with comments/actions agreed at the site visits which had now been completed. There were three issues that needed discussion at the meeting, the remaining actions would be discussed via email.

**Abandoned boat at Carnon Mine** – this was tied to our foreshore which was at high water. We have been approached by Wreck Free Fal with offer of assistance to help remove wrecks and Cllr Allen felt that something needed to be done about this wreck at Carnon Mine due to its deteriorating condition and suggested the Parish Council should consider asking Wreck Free Fal to manage the process of removing this boat. The Clerk would put this on the next Parish Council agenda as funding would be needed to assist with this which was estimated to be in the region of £1500 to £2000, there may be options to share this cost with other local organisations. Although the Parish Council did not own the land at Carnon Mine it was Common Land which the Parish Council maintained. The Clerk was asked to investigate and provide more information on the process from Wreck Free Fal/Helford charitable trust (name to be confirmed).

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL THAT THEY INSTIGATE A PROCESS TO CONTACT THE CHARITY AND WORK WITH RESTRONGUET CREEK SOCIETY TO PROGRESS REMOVAL OF THIS WRECKED, SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Clerk would put this item on the next Parish Council agenda.

**Weed control** - Following the discussion at Cornwall Council Full Council last week regarding weed control the Parish Council were awaiting contact from Cornwall Council to explain the next steps in the process and timescales. Machinery and cost had been initially investigated to get a ballpark idea of the cost if we had to purchase equipment to manually remove weeds to avoid using chemicals rather than use a contractor with this equipment. This would be a substantial investment and budget and funding would need to be found. It was agreed to wait for further information from Cornwall Council about how they are going to progress the weed control across the county.

#### **12. POINT QUAY & ORCHARD REPAIRS**

Cllr Allen reported that the repairs to the coping stones had not progressed, the Clerk would chase up our contractor. There was a wooden barrier that had rotted on the quay and this needed replacing, the Clerk would arrange a contractor to replace this. Some of the stone work on the Quay also needed attention and the Clerk would arrange for this to be inspected and a site visit held, this included where granite had broken at the top of the steps. The Clerk would arrange a new water point sign.

The Clerk had spoken to the Community Payback team who may be able to assist with tidying the Orchard, the Clerk had arranged a site meeting and would circulate details to Councillors if anyone wished to attend.

#### **13. INSTALLATION OF HANDRAIL ON PROW 305/26/2**

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for Cllr Allen's work on the solution regarding the handrail at Carnon Mine. The Committee viewed the handrail material/structure that had been purchased and agreed this would work well as a removable handrail. Cllrs Newman and Allen would liaise with the contractor regarding its installation. It was noted that ideally the handrail should be painted before installation to make it blend in with its surroundings.

#### **14. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

The following items were noted for the next Access and Amenities Committee agenda.

Future Projects Working Party (for Full Parish Council meeting)  
Maintenance of our footpaths and verges

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6pm.

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