

## MEETING NO. 1149

### Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Thomas	C Johnson
	I MacDonald		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Gordon, Blake and Andrew.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING  
RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016  
AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY  
THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 8 members of the public present who had all come to speak about their concerns about traffic in the parish. It was agreed to suspend the standing orders so that they could speak about their concerns under Item 7 and so that a useful discussion could be held.

#### 6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk's report was circulated and is attached at Appendix 1.

#### 7. DEVORAN HIGHWAYS ISSUES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Jamie Eudon** (resident) had concerns about safe access for pedestrians on Greenbank Road in Devoran.

**Dirk Kennedy** (resident) had concerns about speeding traffic, there being no pavement for pedestrians on Greenbank Road.

**Maia McCall** (resident) had concerns about speeding traffic in the whole parish but most concerned about Feock, would like to see an overall lowering of speed limit across the parish.

**Chris Parham** (resident) – was very pleased with the new path the Parish Council had installed on the old A39, had concerns about speed and pedestrian access on Greenbank Road, would like to see speed humps or some sort of traffic calming.

**Sally Brown** (resident) would like to see improved and increased number of pathways/footpaths in the village to make better pedestrian links, improved safety for the young and elderly, concerns about walking to the park, especially crossing St Johns Terrace between parked cars, would like to see a 20mph limit in the village and also improved public transport to cut down on car use.

**Karen** (resident) had concerns about Greenbank Road, speeding traffic and no safe pedestrian access, would like to see similar traffic calming to that that had been installed in Mylor, for example narrowing of road with chicanes and flowerbeds.

**Richard** (a resident) from Carnon Downs had general concerns about speeding traffic and access for pedestrians.

Cllr Johnson commented that she felt that Greenbank Road had become busier since the roundabout has changed on the main road.

The Clerk advised that a 20 mph zone for Devoran had been priced and this had been estimated at £31,500, Cllr Allen pointed out that this included legal fees, admin fees and installation of the actual physical traffic calming required for a 20mph zone to force speed down.

Cornwall Council had carried out a safety review on the suggested virtual footway and the outcome of this was a recommendation not to install this, this was due to the following reasons:-

1. The carriageway width around the bend is in the region of 5 metres, which would leave 3.5 metres for traffic if a 1.5 virtual footway was provided. Hence, if there is traffic in opposite directions, there will be encroachment into the virtual footway. Pedestrians walking within the defined area may not be prepared for this, assuming they are in a protected area. This could cause conflict.
2. Users of the facility walking east would have their backs to traffic around the bend with restricted visibility of only 35/40 metres. Pedestrians should be encouraged to walk facing the on-coming traffic, especially around bends, so that they will be fully aware of what traffic is approaching them.
3. At the time of the site visit there were very few pedestrians, three over a 45 minute period, which indicates there is little demand for such a facility. If very little used, then drivers will get used to being able to drive over it which could put pedestrians in more danger than if there was no facility. Virtual footways should be used only in exceptional circumstances, and if there is a demand.

Everyone present was very concerned about the speed of traffic not only in Devoran but across the whole parish and felt that reduced speed limits were needed. It was felt that physical traffic calming was needed to slow people down as signs did not have that much effect.

Cllr MacDonald commented that the Parish Council had kept their precept at the same level for the last few years in comparison to lots of other Councils, he wondered how residents would feel if the Council raised the precept next year to pay for road improvements, such as a 20 mph zone.

Cllr MacDonald pointed out that Cornwall Council would not agree to reducing the speed limit across the whole parish to one speed limit, the speed limits were set using national guidance and criteria

and were based on the type of road, size of carriageway, design, location etc. He felt we needed to get people to alter their behaviour.

It was also noted that often cyclists using roads where there were pedestrians did not use their bells to warn that they were approaching and this would help with more harmonious use of shared routes.

Cllr Johnson suggested extending the use of the Share with Care signs to different areas in the parish and that the cost of flashing speed warning signs, speed limit reduction and traffic calming should all be considered. It was agreed that for future meetings which would include discussions on the whole of Devoran village that the whole village should be leafleted and not just Greenbank Road area.

Cllr Johnson thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting and assured everyone that speeding traffic and pedestrian access was something the Council was working on.

The clerk would look in to the 20 is plenty campaign and BRAKE organisations and circulate the detail, together with the cost of flashing speed warning signs and 20 is plenty signs.

Cllr Allen proposed that we meet again with highways re the costing for the 20 mph zone to try to re-negotiate the cost.

The Clerk would circulate the radar speed reports and circulate to the Committee.

Cllr Allen wished to congratulate Cllr Richards formally on behalf of the committee on the work to install the footpath running up the side of the old A39 and thanked Sally Brown for all her work to plant wild flowers along the path.

#### **8. NHS KERNOW LIVING WELL PROJECT**

Cllr Johnson said that unfortunately Volunteer Cornwall did not keep the map of the facilities that was created at their meeting at Carnon Downs Village Hall. It was agreed to look at this project again at a future meeting.

#### **9. HEDGES & RESPONSIBILITY FOR CUTTING**

The Clerk had written to several landowners in the Parish requesting they cut their hedges back where these had started to encroach onto the highway. Cllr Allen would rather on the Tram Road that the properties whose hedges were starting to cause a problem were identified rather than the Clerk writing to all residents.

Cllr Allen said that it had been noted that residents had started to cut trees/shrubs on areas of common land along the Tram Road to improve their views, this was especially noticeable between Chycoose Beach and Point Quay.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT CLLR ALLEN OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS INVESTIGATE THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND ON THE CREEKSIDE OF THE TRAM ROAD TO MAP THIS INFORMATION, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

## **10. INITIAL IDEAS & FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT FOR CARNON DOWNS PLAY PARK AND NEW RECREATION AREA AT PENGELLY MEADOWS (SECTION 106)**

There was a discussion regarding the various options/suggestions that should be included in the consultation questionnaire for the children/young people to complete to give an idea of the equipment they would like to see in the new recreation area at Pengelly Meadows. It was agreed to include a kick about area, football goals, skateboarding area and gym equipment.

## **11. FEOCK TRAILS FOOTPATH PROJECT UPDATE**

Cllr Allen ran through the 5 leaflets and the walks that were included in these. It was hoped that we would have the final drafts by the end of next week and when he had these they would be circulated to the full council for comments. There would be QR points on the leaflets for scanning and also on the small signs along the walks on landmarks that could be scanned with a mobile phone and then more information about the landmark. The roof of St Feock Holy Well has now been repaired from this funding. It was agreed that 10 galvanised spikes could be brought from the Lengthsman scheme budget (previously agreed by the full Council) to allow rotted footpath signs to be re-sited.

The project would also fund the installation of a new bench seat at Carnon Mine, and the new information board for the Mine, a board for a Lobb garden on the Common land at Market Street, plants for this and a reference library in the office.

Cllr Johnson formally thanked Cllr Allen for all his work on the footpath project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Appendix 1

## **Clerks report on matters arising from previous meeting**

### **Transport scheme**

627 trips carried out to date

£111.83 in profit (comparing donations with mileage paid to drivers)

There was going to be a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October with drivers to get their opinions on how the scheme was working and any improvements that could be made.

### **Carnon Downs phonebox**

Waiting for cabinet for defib for Carnon Downs to arrive, so that the defibrillator could be installed (this had arrived)

A small Bookswap installed this week in the phonebox

The Feock defibrillator had now been installed at Ferris on the outside wall