

MEETING NO.1381

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025 STARTING AT 6PM IN
THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN**

Councillors present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK
R Brickell J Newman R Bowers
P Allen C Dyke
C Kemp

Public present: Penny Lily-Brickell and Anne Barrow, Carnon Downs Village Hall
Billy Wood and Danny Wood, Benefit Mind & Body
2 members of the public

In attendance: Debbie Searle, Assistant Parish Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey

Chair: Cllr Brickell

1. INTRODUCTION & CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

The Chairman welcomed those present and reminded attendees of the Civility & Respect Pledge

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Yates, Avar and Hambly-Staite

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Brickell declared a personal interest in agenda item no.15, stating that he is a volunteer at Carnon Downs Village Hall. He advised that he would hand over the Chair to Cllr Allen for this item and leave the room during its discussion.

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in agenda item no. 18, as she was the manager of the Pre-School and was making the request to use the park.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Anne Barrow spoke as a representative of Carnon Downs Village Hall Committee providing details and requirements of the Hall's Insurance policy and requested that the Parish Council provide a letter to enable the Village Hall CIO to be able to insure the property in their own name.

Billy and Danny Wood (DW) spoke on behalf of Benefit Body and Mind stating that they were hoping to run bootcamps in the Parish parks. She gave brief details of their proposal stating that they would like to run 3 sessions per week. Cllr Bowers questioned if they take referrals from the NHS, DW stated that they had just finished a contract with the NHS however do not have a current contract. Cllr Dyke questioned if surgeries would still recommend them. DW stated that they have direct relationships with the surgeries and believe

that they would recommend them however it would be on a private basis. Cllr Brickell questioned the insurance cover and BW provided a copy of their certificate of insurance.

2 members of the public spoke to introduce themselves stating that they were attending due to being interested in joining the Parish Council.

15. CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL CIO (Brought forward)

Cllr Brickell left the room, and Cllr Allen took over as meeting Chair.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AS LANDOWNERS AND TRUSTEES MAKE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT IN ORDER FOR CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL CIO TO BE ABLE TO INSURE IN THEIR OWN NAME, CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

Regarding the request from Carnon Downs Village Hall CIO to complete work to transfer the title deeds of the Village Hall into the CIO name (from the Parish Council's name) Cllr Alvey suggested they contact Kea Village Hall representatives for information and advice as their situation regarding the land/village hall ownership was the same.

Cllr Brickell returned and retook the Chair.

17. REQUEST FROM BENEFIT BODY & MIND TO USE COUNCIL RECREATION AREAS FOR BOOTCAMP CLASSES (Brought forward)

Cllr Dyke questioned whether the Parish Council should charge a fee for allowing the company to use the parks and discussion followed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT FOR THE FIRST YEAR BENEFIT BODY & MIND BE PERMITTED TO USE THE EQUIPMENT FOR FREE WITH THIS BEING REVIEWED IN A YEAR'S TIME WHEN A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE EQUIPMENT'S UPKEEP MAY BE REQUESTED. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

A report circulated from the Clerk advised that there were no actions from the previous meeting.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Allen reported that he had attended the Cornwall Area Partnership (CAP) meeting, he advised that the next topic for the sub-group will be Transport and at the meeting there was a lot of comment regarding the poor priority of maintenance of trails and footpaths. There was also comment on the "blob map" (Call for Sites map) where it was suggested that there should be a sub-group of CAP as it was felt that all councils should respond to this and that CAP should organise this response. This had led to discussion on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) updates, where many members had voiced that they were struggling with the decision of whether to undertake an update due to the cost and the considerable element of disillusionment over support from central government. Lastly, they were provided with an update on the new healthcare organisation where the primary care trusts are being brought into a new wider care system (Integrated Care Boards).

Cllr Brickell stated that he had attended Chairman's training, he summarised the session and felt that the meeting was interesting and constructive.

8. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Cllr Kemp advised that 3 people had reported the overgrowing hedges on Old Carnon Hill and asked for a letter to be posted to the property owners. Cllr Alvey gave details of the legal process for ensuring hedges are cut.

ACTION: CLLR KEMP TO PROVIDE ADDRESSES TO ENABLE LETTERS TO BE SENT.

Cllr Dyke stated that she had previously put a small sign in the Feock lay-by by the garage asking people to take their litter home and it had been effective. She requested a more permanent sign. She has also received a request for a passing place sign to be installed at the Point/Penpol end of the Tram Road and discussion followed regarding the removal of previous signs and further parking in areas becoming an issue. Cllr Newman questioned if parking in a passing place was obstructing a public highway. Discussion followed regarding the traffic calming on Quenchwell Road, Cllr Alvey stated that to his knowledge the works had been completed.

ACTION: PURCHASE OF NEW SIGN FOR FEOCK LAY-BY AND PASSING PLACE SIGNS TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT A&A MEETING.

Cllr Newman reported that the glass was still broken in the phone box. It was confirmed that a contractor had been asked to attend to this. He also advised that on the footpath by Ropewalk the landowner whilst having trimmed the hedge had left the brambles on the ground. Discussion followed in which it was agreed to deal with this at the Access & Amenities committee meeting.

Cllr Allen reported that Point & Penpol regatta had been a successful event with good weather but little wind, which had resulted in a calm sail past. A working party had cut out the orchard for the portable lavatories and overall, the event had been a great success.

9. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey reported that he continues as a Trustee of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum (CCFF) and is also a member of the Cornwall National Landscape Partnership Board (previously AONB) and had attended the first meeting of the new membership of the board which had taken place at Trelissick. A discussion had taken place regarding putting together a business plan for lottery funding to increase their profile in terms of more staff to work on behalf of the 12 different sections of the national landscape. He had been working to get the road markings replaced and whilst these had been carried out in Kea and Playing Place they hadn't all been completed in Feock parish however this was ongoing. He is also the Council's Armed Forces Lead Member and the Chair of the Cornwall Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board which aims to ensure that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly. He advised that with regard to the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and as a result of the restructuring of the NHS they have reduced the funding for the ICBs, therefore Cornwall and Devon will be amalgamating to form a single ICB and this will be on the agenda for the Council's meeting on 22nd July. He further stated that he has brought a motion to full council about abandoned boats and has 18 members supporting the motion, the motion primarily being around working with stakeholders to reduce the scourge of abandoned boats and encourage boat manufacturers to use recyclable materials.

10. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT

Cllr Newman reported that he had attended the recent Police Liaison meeting and advised members of an organisation called Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association which is a voluntary scheme set up to make people feel safer in their own homes. He advised that anyone can refer someone they believe would benefit from having small works done to their property to make it safer and secure. He also stated the Community Project Manager (Steph Good) for the Neighbourhood Watch Network had spoken at the meeting and advised that there was a lot of social interaction in the scheme and it was worth looking at their website (ourwatch.org.uk) for information. Cllr Bowers questioned if this could be part of the Parish

Emergency Plan group. Cllr Kemp suggested that a lot of this neighbourhood watch work was now being done by local Facebook groups.

The Clerk had circulated a report stating the crime figures for April as:

April crimes reported – total 11 crimes

Foock x 3 (1 x burglary, 1 x violence and sexual offence, 1 x criminal damage/arson)

Carnon Downs x 8 – (2 x criminal damage/arson, 3 x other theft, 1 x violence and sexual offence, 2 x anti-social behaviour)

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk provided a financial summary for the last month and circulated to Councillors the accounts for payment list received since the last meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE INVOICE TO BE QUERIED WITH THE SUPPLIER) AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation, and this was signed by the Clerk and Chairman as correct.

12. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE WORKING GROUP

Cllr Allen stated that a few years ago a group had been formed to plan ahead in terms of capital expenditure. He felt that it was different from the Finances & General Purposes Committee group. Cllr Dyke questioned if this would sit with the NDP work and Cllr Allen felt it wouldn't. Discussion followed in which it was decided to defer the item to the September full Parish Council meeting.

ACTION: THIS ITEM TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

13. MINING VILLAGES REGENERATION GROUP (MVRG)

Cllr Allen gave information on and the purpose of the group.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED APPROVAL OF THE £100 SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MINING VILLAGES REGENERATION GROUP. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

14. CARNON VALLEY REPORT

Cllr Allen summarised his report that had previously been circulated by email. He stated that there needs to be a strategy to bring the whole project together.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE REPORT BE NOTED AND ALLOWED TO BE USED AS THE BASIS OF FURTHER STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION SO THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE CAN BE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARNON VALLEY. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED.

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTH HUB

The report by Cllr Hambly-Staite previously circulated was referred to.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL AGREE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SETTING UP OF A LOCAL HEALTH HUB IN COLLABORATION WITH CARNON DOWNS SURGERY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE TRURO AND ROSELAND AREA PARTNERSHIP AND NOMINATED HERSELF AND CLLR HAMBLY-STAITES AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO SIT ON THE STERRING GROUP FOR THE PROJECT. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED.

Cllr Newman suggested that the NHS Make Every Contact Count (MECC) elearning programme may be beneficial for those involved with the setting up of the hub.

18. DEVORAN PRE-SCHOOL REQUEST TO USE DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND/PARK

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED APPROVAL OF DEVORAN PRE-SCHOOL USING DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND FOR THEIR SPORTS DAY ON FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED.

19. HIGHWAYS SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINE PAINTING

Whilst discussion had taken place regarding the repainting of the white lines during agenda item no. 9 Cllr Dyke raised concern over the faded white lines at the end of Bissoe Road and Cllr Brickell confirmed that he would check if these had been repainted.

20. CO-OPTION TO FEOCK AND DEVORAN WARD VACANCIES

No applications to join the Council had been received.

The meeting moved into closed session. It was resolved, proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Bowers and carried, that Cllr Alvey be invited to join the meeting for the discussion of agenda item no.21.

21. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK SEWAGE LEAK

RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED TO TAKE ACTION IN RELATION TO A LAND REGISTRY MATTER IN LINE WITH LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE CLERK WOULD WRITE TO A THIRD PARTY TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE ISSUE.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.