

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Thomas	
	R Brickell	A Allen	

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor P Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hambly-Staite, Blake and Gason.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2019 BE AGREED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk gave the following report.

School speed poster campaign – the signs had been put up around the parish today.

Park signs – the design of these were being finalised.

Bench for Forth Coth – the bench had now been installed and would have a notice to say it was a ‘chatty bench’, a bench where people could sit and were happy for someone to come along to chat to them, this initiative had been successful elsewhere and helped to reduce loneliness.

Weed control – the contractor had been instructed and it was hoped that work across the parish would start in the Spring.

Park an Gwarry playing field – the gap in the stone hedge had now been closed up.

Additional waste bin at Penpol – the new bin at Penpol had been put in place.

Bike rack – the new bike rack in the Parish Office yard had now been installed.

Tree Warden scheme – this was on the agenda for the next Community Network Panel Meeting in the next week and Cllr Hambly-Staite would be going along to speak on this item.

Chycoose footpath – the Clerk had found details of the landowner who owned the hedge on the footpath at the top of Chycoose. The path needed clearing out to its full width as it had grown in, making it difficult for various users to pass, however permission would be needed from the landowner to do this. It was agreed to contact the landowners and ask if they would be in agreement for us to cut the path out. It was noted that the British Horse Society have applied to have the status of the footpath changed to a bridleway.

7. HIGHWAYS & FAST PROJECT UPDATES

Carnon Downs Highways Consultation

An issue was raised with regards to the quality of the diversion signage which had been put in place for the emergency road closure of Old Carnon Hill which had been closed due to a burst water main, this had been very confusing for motorists and had caused issues with traffic getting part of the way down Old Carnon Hill before seeing signage to say it was closed. It was agreed this would be raised at the next Highways Meeting.

Carnon Downs Highways Consultation – Old Carnon Hill & Bissoe Road

The consultation had closed the last Friday and we were awaiting the outcome.

Volume of parking on road off Greenbank Road in Devoran

This had been raised at the full Parish Council. The bus stops were being impeded by cars and it was agreed to raise this with Highways to see if additional signage and lines could be put in to reinforce that the bus stop must not be parked on.

Cyclepaths – Tour of Britain & Devoran to Truro path improvements

The Chairman had circulated several reports prior to the meeting and briefly ran through them. “Walking & Cycling in and around Truro”, “Cornwall Countryside Access Forum” and “The Mining Trails Network”. There had been confirmation from Cornwall Council that there would be investment in cycling routes, especially the Devoran to Truro route. There was a discussion regarding the cycle route from Devoran to Falmouth which also needed attention.

Bike racks at bus stops

Cllr A Allen suggested that bus stops should have cycle racks installed, she suggested this be looked at for Fourturnings bus stop and behind the Carnon Downs glass bus shelter initially. It was agreed to raise this with Highways to see if this would be possible. There was a wooden bike rack at Devoran on Greenbank Road but it was not obvious that it was a bike rack, and also may need some vegetation clearing from around it and signage to highlight that it was a bike rack.

Hedge flailing and cutting

The Chairman advised that our contractor has now cut our hedges on the Old Tram Road and he was very pleased with the work carried out. He had met with the Chair of Devoran Quay Preservation Society to request that their hedge on the first part of the Tram Road was cut back. The Parish Council would be cutting out the passing places throughout the Summer on

the Tram Road, but all other hedge cutting would left until outside of the bird nesting season. There is another area at Point where the hedge also needs cutting back.

Cllr A Allen will speak to the landowner once the land registry map had been checked.

Stones/obstructions on verges and S106 agreements relating to footways

The Chairman said that a new pavement was due to be put in as part of the S106 agreement which stated that it should be in place before the first dwelling was occupied. It was agreed for the Clerk to take this issue up with the developer. There was a discussion about the large stones that were on the verge at Tregye Road and this would be raised at the Highways meeting to see what the policy was on this.

Feock Road crossing point

The Clerk raised with the Committee a message that had been received regarding a well used crossing point from the footpath on the Feock Road, just past Ferris Garage where families cross to go to the park, the resident felt it was very dangerous as cars sped along the road and had asked if warning signs could be put up that there may be pedestrians crossing. It was agreed that this issue and traffic calming could be looked at as part of the feasibility study into the cycle route from Feock and also raised at the Highways Meeting to see if anything could be done.

8. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Footpaths Working Group Update

The Chairman advised that a working group meeting had not been held recently and we had asked the Countryside team for a meeting to discuss removal of stiles and replacement with kissing gates.

Cllr A Allen reported that on the footpath from Tallacks Creek to Narabo Farm there were two trees down on the footpath. The Clerk would ask Ewen to have a look and advise if this was landowner responsibility and how big a job this would be to remove them.

9. PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE WORKS

Our contractor has surveyed the dead trees and have been instructed to remove the dead trees and trim the hedges at Retallack Park. The hedge at Devoran park has also been trimmed. The hedges at Pengelly Meadows would also be trimmed shortly. The Clerk would seek a third quote for the landscaping/groundworks work at this park. Our contractor has been asked to source rooted Christmas trees for each park in time for next Christmas.

10. DOG WASTE BINS

Due to complaints of dog fouling and leaving of dog poo bags on gateposts and on the ground, the Clerk has asked Biffa to look at the practicalities of emptying a dog waste bin at Roundwood in one of the laybys used for parking. It was suggested that a second bin may also be useful, near to Wrinkly Lane or close to Roundwood Quay. The Committee were in favour of this and the Clerk would take this back to full Council when it was known if this would be possible and the costs attached.

11. COMMUNITY CONNECT & HAIRE PROJECT UPDATE

The Clerk advised that the project was still in in the 'initiation' phase. Cllr Hambly-Staite was attending a meeting tomorrow in London and Cllr Hambly-State and herself would be attending the launch meetings in Lille in February.

A new revised format for Meet & Eat is being looked at by the Devoran Village Hall Committee to see if this could be held again as unfortunately due to the drop off in attendees and volunteers this had been put on hold for the time being.

12. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND PROJECT

The details of the lease are currently being looked at by Mark O'Brien. We have applied for trees from the Woodland Trust and were awaiting the outcome of the application.

13. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the group had been held and gave a brief report from the meeting. There was discussion at that meeting regarding the Stithians Energy Group booklet and if this should be delivered to everyone in the Parish, this would be put on the full Parish Council agenda for further discussion, together with a note in the Connect newsletter that they are available from various points around the parish.

We would be advised of the outcome of the Climate Action Fund application at the end of this week.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm