

MEETING NO. 1090

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at The Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.15pm

Members Present:

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	I MacDonald	V Gordon	C Blake
	M Kemp	D Kiernander	R Andrew
	P Allen	C Carter	
	C Kemp	B Shankland	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Cllr S Chamberlain, Cornwall Council

CHAIRMAN: Councillor M Kemp

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs West, Richards and Johnson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 12th JANUARY 2015

The Clerk advised there had been several amendments requested to the minutes. Cllr Kiernander had been missed off the attendance list.

Cllr Kiernander requested that ‘without the Parish Council’s permission’ be added to the resolution under Item 11 Local Ward Reports - **RESOLUTION: CLLR KIERNANDER PROPOSED THAT NO FIREWORKS OR BONFIRES BE ALLOWED ON PARISH COUNCIL OWNED LAND, WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, CLLR GORDON SECONDED AND THIS WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

The Clerk had also amended the spelling of ‘Albemarle’ as this was different in several places in the minutes.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KIERNANDER PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2015 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK WITH THE AMENDMENTS ABOVE, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR GORDON AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew made the following declaration of interest statement.

“I (Cllr Andrew) declare an interest in planning matters related either directly or in proximity to my land and property in Feock. For the public record, I am an employee of Cornwall Council working on the Localism Agenda. I have been advised by the Monitoring Officer that as a Parish Councillor I have no personal interest in the Neighbourhood Planning Agenda and related issues. However, if during the course of discussions issues are discussed of which I have a personal involvement it may be appropriate to leave the meeting and take no further part in the debate and for it to be recorded in the minutes”

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk had circulated her report and update prior to the meeting and this is attached at Appendix 1. The Clerk advised that since she had written the report the British Heart Foundation had accepted the application for funded defibrillators and we were waiting to hear the outcome. Our bid for money from the Community Cashback scheme through the West Briton voting had also been accepted to be put forward and details of how people could vote would be publicised through the website, school newsletter etc.

ACTION: CLERK TO PUBLICISE

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr C Kemp advised that herself and Cllr Richards had attended a meeting at Devoran Village Hall regarding the ongoing project to celebrate the centenary of the last train to run through Devoran, she would report further when more details were known. This would be a 3 day event over the weekend of 25th, 26th and 27th September and would involve the school, pre-school, village hall, Scouts, a theatre production and a scale model would be displayed of Smelter (train), there would also be a picnic on the quay and candlelit boats on the creek.

Cllr Blake had attended a meeting of the Feock Hall Albermale Steering Group, a survey was being carried of the existing premises to find out what is possible with the existing building, many village halls have been contacted to see the problems they have encountered with design and when the survey results are known a decision will be made on the next steps with the project. Funding was being investigated, unfortunately they were not eligible for Sita funding as the hall was too far from a landfill site (more than 3 miles) and there was no lottery funding available as Carnon Downs had been awarded this. The hall was being used a lot at present.

Cllr Richards had attended a Community Network Panel meeting at County Hall and the Clerk would circulate his report.

ACTION: CLERK TO CIRCULATE

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Chamberlain thanked the Council for the condolence card which was much appreciated. There had been a reorganisation of the Portfolio Advisory Committees and these had now been renamed Policy Advisory Committees. Unfortunately this review had not resulted in a more cost effective arrangement with less members, as the number of members had remained the same. Planning had been split from heritage and environment which was positive, but Cllr Chamberlain had hoped that it would merge with Housing but this had not happened. Following complaints there were now only a limited number of informal meetings held.

Cllr Chamberlain has received a reply from the Housing Minister on ONS (Office for National Statistics) projections and these will now be made public, these are the figures that make up our 47,500 projected housing number. He had also received a reply on how we can present the figures differently, a number of councils have used infrastructure and their inability to provide it as a means of reducing the projected housing numbers. Cllr Chamberlain would be arguing that we were unable to provide sufficient additional roads at the examination point of the local plan.

Devon and Cornwall Police

PCSO Tom Care was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk read out his report and this is attached at Appendix 2. The PCSO had also commented that human faeces had apparently been

located in the bus stop opposite Tregye Road. During their increased patrols (due to the burglaries) he had not noticed anything untoward in that area.

9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Accounts for payment for January were presented to the Chairman for authorisation and signature, copies had been circulated to all members for their information prior to the meeting.

The Clerk gave the following financial summary.

Total outgoings since the last meeting **£7830.76**

Including:-

Training for staff £353.00

Bus Shelter cleaning (3rd quarter) £525.00

Trolver Croft Association membership £100.00

Total income since the last meeting **£3067.71**

CC agency agreement reimbursement for grass cutting A39 corridor £500.00

Pre-School Market Hall rent (January) £666.66

Office rent (January) £207.00

VAT return reimbursement for 01/07/14 to 30/09/14 £1585.57

The Assistant Clerk had negotiated some additional money to be reimbursed to us from Cornwall Council under the agency agreement where we cut verges that would affect visibility on highways if they become overgrown.

Bank reconciliations had been carried out today and were as follows:-

Current account bank balance and bank reconciliation +£107547.37 as at 02/02/15 (includes £50K bond money)

Reserve account bank balance and bank reconciliation +£22,450.37 as at 02/02/15

Profit & Loss report to date

Shows to date for the year for current account:-

Income £138,072

Expenditure £92,614

Balance +£45,458 (takes into account payments of £7830.76 for January)

The Clerk was awaiting the outcome of funding applications for two defibrillators from the British Heart Foundation.

There was a discussion regarding the defibrillators, how these were secured/accessed and where these should be located. It was suggested that as there was already a First Responder in Devoran with a defibrillator that perhaps the one planned for Devoran should be located in Point to give better coverage. It was also suggested that perhaps to ensure security and ease of access they should be located near to where people met regularly, ie. the pub, village hall.

The Clerk would check with the British Heart Foundation to find out exactly how the system would work when a 999 call was received.

ACTION: CLERK TO CONTACT BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock – Cllr Blake

Cory had responded to a request to clear leaves from a blocked drain near to the Church but unfortunately not all the drains had been cleared. One of the main drains was completely blocked and the Clerk had requested a second visit to clear this. The Clerk had noted the location of these drains and would include them in the hot spot list for the Lengthsman scheme.

Devoran – Cllr Carter

There were still complaints about the location of the burger van. Cllr Chamberlain advised that the environmental complaints had been investigated and there were no issues found, the burger van was not breaking any laws trading on the highway. There were concerns about the proximity of the van in relation to the school and roundabout and that children were being encouraged to cross the busy road to buy food. Cormac have been asked to provide a price for installing a virtual footway and also a pavement.

Carnon Downs – Cllr C Kemp

It was commented that the local police had been very visible since the burglaries and this was good to see around the village. There had also been a fire on Quenchwell Road and luckily the occupant was not badly injured. Parking outside of the dentist had become a real nuisance for residents of Forth Coth, making it difficult to use the pavements and also exit out of their driveways due to the closeness of parking to the entrances. The Clerk and Cllr Allen have spoken to the Practice Manager in the Dentist about the issue. Cllr Andrew suggested that we ask Cornwall Council parking enforcement to visit the area.

ACTION: CLERK TO CONTACT PARKING ENFORCEMENT & POLICE

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

The Clerk reported that there were still issues to resolve with Natural England, the Clerk was arranging a meeting with Rob Lacey from Cornwall Council and also Cllr Richards had written a letter to Natural England explaining our views.

12. REPORT ON PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Richard's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Trevince application has now been submitted to Cornwall Council by Taylor Wimpey. When the application came to the Parish Council for comment this would be discussed at a public Parish Council Planning meeting, possibly to be held in Carnon Downs.

The Chairman commented that there were several development sites coming forwards in Carnon Downs in the near future and the developers would be meeting informally with members of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Allen felt we need to be seen to be adhering to our Neighbourhood Development Plan policies.

Cllr C Kemp commented that in relation to infrastructure we have started some work on looking at sustainability of the infrastructure of the village. Cllr C Kemp also commented that we had put up a robust defence against an application to infill which was outside of the village boundary in accordance with our NDP policies, but these had not been taken into account by Cornwall Council when determining the application. Cllr Richards had written to Kevin Mosley, Development Management Group Leader, Planning, Housing and Regeneration.

13. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 24th February in the Parish Council Office. The Committee would consider the requests from the other Committees for items to be included in the budget and would formulate a recommendation to be presented to the Full Council at the March meeting for the budget to be agreed.

14. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE & OUR PLACE PROJECTS REPORT

The next meeting is being held on Thursday 26 February at 7.00pm. Cllr Andrew commented that Power to Change launched yesterday, this is the follow on from Our Place funding and was aimed at community businesses and social enterprises.

The Clerk advised that there had been 51 responses so far to the park consultation and this closed on Wednesday.

Cllr Gordon advised that she had met with a Play equipment provider from St Columb and they have provided us with three different options for the play area. The Chairman felt there was a good argument for the Parish Council to fund some upgrades to the park as Feock Park had already been refurbished and Carnon Downs should be refurbished with the Section 106 money. The Clerk is investigating further funding sources for the play equipment, and will contact Barclay's Bank as well to see if any other funding was available through them. Cllr Gordon and Shankland would put together a proposal regarding the park equipment to be considered in the budget planning.

15. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Cllr Gordon advised there had not been a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. Cllr Allen asked that Point Quay Association respond to our risk assessment in writing. The Clerk advised that the structural repairs to the quay had now been completed.

16. PROPOSAL TO CLEAR FOOTPATH NO.28

Cllr Allen said that this well used footpath has deteriorated over a period of time, it runs from Point Road down towards Narabo / Tallack Creek through the gorse. It was last cleared about 8 years ago by the Parish Council, the County Footpaths Officer has written to the land owner to ask them to clear it but have had no response, as it was a bronze path and due to budget cuts, they would not be pursuing the land owner to clear it. A quotation had been received from one of our contractors of between £360 to £480 to clear the path through the gorse, although we would seek a quote from a tractor and frailer.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WE CLEAR THIS PATH (USING THE CHEAPEST METHOD) THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR GORDON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

Cllr Charter left the meeting at 9.00pm.

17. ROUNDABOUT SPONSORSHIP

The report from the Access & Amenities Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting and details of the roundabout sponsorship suggestions had been included in the report. Cllr Allen said that we had held a good meeting with Cornwall Council regarding the Carnon Gate roundabout, this is in a frost pocket and is waterlogged and therefore we are restricted as to the types of plant that are able to survive and thrive on it. The existing grasses were full of weeds so could not be re-used, it was very difficult to restore what is already there. A new scheme had been drawn up which comprised of 90% hard landscaping (chippings), white barked silver birch and criss-crossing lines of blue/lilac sage type plants, within roundabout, that could cope with waterlogged conditions, bulbs and bluebells could also be planted, this type of scheme would

reduce the annual maintenance cost to around £1000 – 1500 which it was hoped we could get funded by local sponsors/businesses. The cost of total refurbishment of the roundabout would be in the region of £8500 - £9000. It was suggested to put £5K in the budget for the roundabout but to seek the additional money from the maintenance sponsors to ensure the roundabout looked very attractive. A meeting had also been held with a company from Penryn who created sculptures out of resin covered polystyrene which would be suitable for use on a roundabout. They would create a sculpture at cost in exchange for advertising. It was suggested that perhaps a model of the one of the original trains to run on the railway (Smelter) could be put on the roundabout as this would tie in with the tram road and railway line. Nick Johnson had also come up with another design based on bronze age site and this contained large boulders, the Clerk was checking if this would be suitable for a roundabout and also how many sponsors we could have on the roundabout.

ACTION: CLERK TO FIND OUT REGARDING HEALTH & SAFETY OF LARGE BOULDERS

Would like to just get agreement tonight to propose in principle to look at this further and put in £5K towards plus £2K for installation if that were acceptable and viable.

PROPOSAL: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED £5K BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS BY THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR REFURBISHMENT OF THE ROUNDABOUT, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR KIERNANDER AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

Cllr Andrew suggested that when we have options for the design of the roundabout we have a public consultation.

Cllr Shankland requested that at least £5K for the play park equipment also be included in the Finance & General Purposes Committee's discussions for next years budget.

18. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LAND AT CARNON VALLEY

Cllr Allen's report had been previously circulated, and he outlined the land that the Environment Agency own in the valley. The Environment Agency would like to dispose of this land as they do not have any future plans for it or have the money to improve it any further. They are currently undertaking a 5 year review of their land holdings and will be coming up with a valuation of the land, but had been advised that it had a negative value. It seemed from the discussion that there could be the potential for the Parish Council to take it over. There had been lots of criticism regarding the fencing, this has been put in place for safety reasons, ie. deep open ponds, mine waste etc. and there had been considerable problems with horseriding, mountain and motor bikes damaging the land and preventing regeneration. The fencing had now allowed the land to start regenerating. The EA had no plans to replace the fencing once it had come to the end of its life as the land should have regenerated sufficiently by then. Undertaking further restoration of the land was desirable but if not it would regenerate naturally but at a slower rate.

It may be that in the future there could be areas for horseriding and mountain biking, and perhaps extend the area that the Cornwall Wildlife Trust currently owns which is adjoining.

Cornwall Wildlife trust did not want to take all of it on but they may wish to take on some more. The bridges, footway, fences etc. are maintained by Cornwall Council as part of the mineral tramways. The Chairman commented that the area he would like the Parish Council to take on would be the car parks.

PROPOSAL: CLLR M KEMP PROPOSED THAT CLLR ALLEN CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE PRACTICALITIES (IE. DISCUSS WITH CORNWALL WILDLIFE TRUST, FUNDING, CONDITION OF THE LAND, CORNWALL COUNCIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS ETC) AND REPORT BACK TO THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, CLLR KIERNANDER SECONDED THIS PROPOSAL AND THIS WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

19. DEDICATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BENCH IN DEVORAN PARK

Cllr Allen has spoken to John Langdon to ask for a list of past colleagues that he would like to invite to the office, there would be at least a dozen past councillors and members of the Langdon family.

The Chairman felt that the Council had already recognised the service of the Langdon family by installing a bench in the park, and that if Cllr Allen and any other current Councillors wished to attend a tea at the presentation of the bench then that was up to them. It was agreed for Cllr Allen to liaise with the Clerk to agree a suitable date and time (outside of office hours so it does not disrupt the office) towards the end of March. The Clerk would ensure Cllr Allen had access to the office.

ACTION: CLERK AND CLLR ALLEN TO AGREE A DATE/TIME

20. POLICE & CRIME PLAN & BUDGET CONSULTATION

PROPOSAL: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT COUNCILLORS RESPOND THIS INDIVIDUALLY IF THEY WISHED, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR MACDONALD AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

21. AGREE BUDGET & PROJECTS 2015/16

The Chairman suggested this item be deferred to the March meeting once the Finance and General Purposes Committee have considered the requests for inclusion in the budget for 2015/16.

UNDER THE S100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (as amended) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LEFT THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2015, 7.15PM, PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Parish Clerk report on matters arising/actions from Council meeting held on 12th January 2015

Declaration of interests query in relation to Feock Hall Steering Group membership

I have checked with the Legal Team at Cornwall Council and Cllrs Blake and Johnson do not need to currently declare an interest, an interest must be declared in the event that any funding for the hall is being decided upon in the future.

Cornwall Councillors Community Chest Money

The Community Chest Money has been spent for 2014/15 as follows:-

St Feock PALS Lunch Club - £455

Truro River Rowing Club - £350

Devoran Village Institute - £1000

More funding has been committed to but details are not yet finalised and published.

Footpath no.28 blocked

I have contacted our Contractor and asked him to inspect the footpaths and remove the blockages where possible.

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Outstanding buildings insurance contribution

The buildings insurance contribution from one of our tenants had now been received, the other tenant had been invoiced for their part of the contribution. A meeting had been arranged with our Insurance Broker in February with the tenants to run through the insurance policy.

Contractors

I will be contacting our existing contractors with a view to continuing our contracts with them for 2015/16.

“Your Choice” Participatory Budget Scheme

The scheme has now been opened for 2015/16 applications, with a closing date of 31st March 2015. Forms are available on the Parish Council’s website and from the office. A press release has been sent out to the West Briton and Falmouth Packet regarding the awards from last year and the opening of this years scheme. Following the emails last week, I have amended the criteria to request details of other funding the groups have received in the last year.

Cornwall Community Cashback Scheme

I have applied for £500 funding (to be matched funded by FPC) towards play equipment in Devoran Park. I have not yet had any feedback on whether our application will be put forward to the public vote (through the West Briton).

Feock Parish Council Report 01/02/2015

There were 15 reported crimes within the Parish for January 2015;

1. 5 attempted burglaries/burglaries to sheds and garages were reported in the Trevilla area of Feock, the burglaries invariably occurred over the weekend of Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January. Several chainsaws were stolen (some not in working order) & these burglaries do not appear to be linked to the Carnon Downs dwelling burglaries. The offender/s for these crimes has yet to be located.
2. An assault was reported, this occurred in a domestic setting and social services are working closely with the family involved.
3. A crime relates to a driver failing to stop after a road accident, the investigation is still ongoing.
4. 7 crimes relate to burglaries to dwellings that occurred on the morning of Tuesday 27th January in Carnon Downs. At this time Truro CID is investigating and there is plenty of evidence from the crimes and I can inform you that an arrest is imminent. We have had no further reports of any burglaries or any suspicious males in high visibility jackets claiming to be checking water supplies anywhere in the parish. I along with my colleagues from Truro have completed extensive enquiries in the village and hopefully a high profile police presence has been noted. PC Sophie Curtis and I have provided high visibility patrols in the village since the incident and we have personally spoken with some of the victims who despite the nature of the crimes have been extremely positive in their outlooks. As you will probably be aware this level of crime is highly unusual, I have just checked the statistics and for the previous 10 years there was an average of 3 burglaries per year in the parish.
5. A report of criminal damage to a fence in Carnon Downs was made, this damage occurred over the same time frame as the burglaries so it may well be linked.

During January the police received 50 calls from within the parish. A large number of these calls relate to the burglaries and information in relation to the burglaries. Aside from the two crazy spates of, firstly burglaries to outbuildings and then burglaries to houses in Carnon Downs it has been a relatively tranquil month in the parish as a whole. A dozen calls relate to an address whereby your local neighbourhood policing team is working closely with Cornwall Housing to help a couple of troubled residents.

PCSO Thomas CARE 30277

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