

MEETING No.

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA at 6pm

Members present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	A Avard	J Newman	R Bowers
	B Yates		C Dyke
	P Allen		
	R Brickell		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Cllr Bowers

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this Extra Ordinary meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hambly-Staite.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from members regarding any items on the agenda

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

5. MAINTENANCE OF FEOCK PARISH ASSETS & UPDATED SPECIFICATION OF WORK REPORT

The Clerk explained that she did not feel there was sufficient time to complete the review of the maintenance specification and go out to tender for prices before the new financial year and recommended that the Committee work on getting the specification up to date with all the work currently being carried out with the aim of going out to tender in September/October 2026.

The Chairman read out a statement from Cllr Hambly-Staite as follows:

Having clearly identified our assets they need to be assessed to determine the standards we wish to see at all seasons. We should be proud of the standards we set and maintain and this should be the underlying thought as we determine the quality of the standards agreed.

The standards should be clearly set out in a maintenance manual as should the means of sustaining them. Written down they should guide the work of our contractors at all times.

In addition to a sense of pride objective criteria to ensure health and safety for residents of all ages should be considered and put in place.

In drawing up contracts for the future we should set out not only the quality of work expected but that it is done in a timely manner in accordance with the wishes of Council.

Whilst maintaining our assets consideration should be given to maintaining and enhancing the biodiversity of the parish as a whole. By setting standards in the public realm we might influence activity of other landowners. We should consistently seek ways of enhancing the general ambience of our assets and the flora and fauna of the parish. We should have plans in place to take advantage of the various funding streams that become available from time to time and contractors should be aware of council objectives in this area.

Consideration should be given to ways and means of delivering the work that needs to be done either by one contractor or several. The skills needed and the equipment required should be taken into account when determining the way forward. The proposed delay in reaching an overall policy on the maintenance of our assets will give us time to carefully consider all aspects of the policy and its implementation but should be within an agreed timeframe.

If consideration is given to the maintenance of our footpaths and gutters I would enthusiastically support the acquisition of a weed 'remover' for contractors to use on the maintenance of our footpaths and gutters. The maintenance of full width weed free pathways should be an important part of our Active Feock project of supporting the health and well being of our residents.

The Chairman asked Cllr Allen to lead on this item.

It was agreed that site visits should be arranged for all our assets to enable Councillors to review them on the ground and notes about maintenance be made to inform the specification of work.

The Clerk noted that all Councillors wished to visit all sites if possible, but that Cllrs Yates and Avarad wished to specifically be involved with the Carnon Downs sites and Cllr Yates the bus shelters as he was responsible for monitoring them.

The following comments were noted:

Planters on Forth Coth – currently planted with drought resistant plants but consideration to be given to pollinators if regular watering could be arranged.

Weed control – areas needed to be considered, together with research into an environmentally friendly method of control, ie. manual machine used by Truro CC and Penzance TC, a demonstration would be useful.

Grass cuttings – need to investigate machinery available to pick up cuttings rather than them being blown into the road and potentially blocking drains.

All to give consideration to areas that additional trees could be planted.

Volunteer effort in keeping villages tidy was possible, risk assessments would be needed to ensure insurance cover and possibly work with Cormac Volunteer Toolkit team to help make this happen.

Noted that the Parish Council did not promote enough the work they did and the assets of the parish.

Entrance to Mining Trail at Devoran – land currently owned by Cornwall Council but felt that more could be made of the entrance and include some sort of history information/board/display. A meeting was needed to discuss Cornwall Council land holdings further with Cllr Alvey.

A vote of thanks was held for the work that the Clerk and Cllr Allen had done on this so far.

6. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE AGENDA

There were no additional items to note for the next meeting on Monday 26th January 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.27pm.
