

MEETING NO.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2025 STARTING AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN

Councillors present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK
 R Brickell J Newman K Hambly-Staite
 P Allen C Dyke
 A Avard

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Cllr Newman

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Newman, Vice Chair chaired the meeting as Cllr Bowers had given his apologies. Cllr Newman reminded everyone to be civil, focussed, relevant and to propose actionable resolutions.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bowers and Yates.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERK'S REPORT & UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING FOR INFORMATION

The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was as below.

- Missing Devoran village highways sign on Carnon Gate Roundabout Reported to Highways, response: "We have inspected the reported issue and have determined that it is not an immediate safety hazard. However, we will place it on a list for consideration at a later date, subject to available funding."
- Wood treatment of benches at Carnon Yard - requested contractor carry this out.
- Removal of bench at Carnon Yard - Cllr Bowers has removed.
- Permission to locate bench in field on PROW near to Ferris Garage Contacted company again who we understand leases the field, awaiting a response.

- Arrange Signage Group Meeting – Clerk still to arrange.
- Blocks to be placed at Carnon Yard – Action by Cllrs Allen, Bowers and Brickell.
- Point Green phonebox broken pane and light - Contractor has sourced replacement BT light fitting and will install and fix pane of glass shortly.
- Point Orchard gate - action to be taken by Cllr Allen
- Devoran Recreation Ground gates - carpenter visited and advised contact another company to make as too complicated for him to make and not worth repairing, they need to be completely replaced. Company contacted and doing a site visit next week.
- Tree inspections as part of monthly play equipment inspections - contacted play inspector, chased for a response. Contacted CALC to ask for recommendations for inspections from other Parish Councils.
- Cost for reprint of Feock Trails leaflets – Clerk still to action.
- Contact Doctors Surgeries regarding outdoor gym availability in the parish - contacted both Carnon Downs and Devoran & Chacewater Surgeries to highlight the availability of outdoor gym equipment locally.
- Passing Place sign on Tram Road, Tallacks Creek Contactor has collected sign to be installed shortly.
- Fence at Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area - Cllr Yates met with resident and agreed design, Clerk contacted resident to confirm and accept offer and to ask to go ahead. Hawthorns to be purchased.
- Tree guards - more tree guards ordered and arrived.
- Enhanced Local Maintenance Partnership funding application – Clerk has contacted Cormac to ask to quote for works to Pill Creek steps, awaiting response.

Cllr Dyke asked if there was any progress with the litter sign costing for the layby near to Ferris Garage. The Clerk advised the company who hold the Cornwall Council artwork had quoted around £80 to make the sign, plus there would be additional cost for a post and installation, this would go on the next Access & Amenities Committee agenda for approval from their budget.

Cllr Hambly-Staite was disappointed at the response from Highways regarding the missing Devoran village sign and that it was not a safety hazard when there were two broken posts there as a result of an accident. The Clerk was asked to go back to Highways to challenge this.

7. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The report from the Information & Wellbeing Adviser had been circulated and was as below. The Patient Participation Group and Carnon Downs Surgery staff would be attending the next Repair Café to carry out some community engagement.

Message of thanks: received from Gaelle Penhallow who runs Art for Wellbeing Therapy Sessions “Time to Create on Thursday at the Carnon Downs Village Hall will have its last session on the 9th of October. Due to low numbers, the group is no longer sustainable. Thank you for promoting my classes for so long.”

Gaelle is planning new sessions and hopes to return in the new year. Time to Create was set up during the HAIRE Project which gave Gaelle a good foundation model to use in other communities.

Supporting Local Groups:

Assisting with ticket sales for Point & Penpol WI knitting event at PC office

Providing administrative support for new Feock Community Hub linked with the Repair Café

Repair Café: October’s Repair Café was very busy with many of the regular visitor bringing multiple items for repair. It has become clear that it requires two parish staff plus a councillor to operate efficiently and ensure one person does not monopolise the session to the detriment of other visitors by bringing multiple items for repair. Our hosts from The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church are very helpful in directing visitors to report to our reception sign-in and permission slip desk and refreshments.

We have welcomed a new Repairer to the team who has experience from a Hastings area repair café and is an electrical/electronic skilled person.

Neighbourhood Police presence at local events: Our local Truro Neighbourhood Police Team Officer, PC. Yselkla Hall, attended the Pengelly Meadows Picnic in the Park event on Friday 19th September and the Repair Café on Tuesday 30th September to provide information and leaflets about staying safe and crime prevention. They are unable to attend the October Repair Café but plan to attend again in November.

Support & Enquiry Lines: Concerns regarding anti-social behaviour have been received across the parish recently: dog fouling, nuisance and disorderly conduct, neighbour disputes and bullying. The impact on the wellbeing and confidence of the people reporting these incidents is very concerning. Staff can signpost to the relevant authorities and agencies; however, the residents’ initial expectation is that the Parish Council can intervene, this misunderstanding of the role of the Parish Council and the lack of enforcement powers mean that residents expectations have to be managed which can be tricky.

8. RISK ASSESSMENTS

There had been no risk assessments received since the last meeting.

9. GWR PROJECT – RAILWAY 200

Cllr Hambly-Staite reported the village walkabout with the school had now happened, the art class would soon be designing the project mascot, Nick Johnson had completed his talk at Devoran School on the railway and Devoran village history, posters for the projects have been distributed, the design for the information board which will be installed at outside of Devoran Village Hall had now been finalised and was currently being printed, this would be unveiled on

22nd November at the exhibition. A copy of the information board would also be installed in Dyson's Field. The exhibition will also feature Marie Bird's My Devoran photography. The Clerk to note reserves need to be allocated for repairs/replacement of signage.

10. THE HIDDEN WONDERS OF ST MAWES HARBOUR FILM

The Clerk had circulated the link to the film for all to watch prior to the meeting. Cllr Allen would like an element of approval from the Committee regarding his draft report that had been circulated "Fal Estuary Environment Topics" before taking this to Full Council to request adoption.

It was commented that there was lots of work being done in the Fal on environmental matters by lots of different organisations on various elements including the reintroduction of seagrass and maerl.

Cllr Allen would like comments from the Committee on before taking his report to Full Council, he planned to circulate his report to other organisations locally to raise awareness in the community of what needs to be done to make improvements and get community buy in.

Cllr Newman asked what was actionable by the Parish Council on the report and was this something that was within the Parish Councils remit. Cllr Allen said the Parish Council had declared a climate and environmental emergency so this linked with that declaration.

Cllr Dyke was concerned that there are already lots of organisations out there who are already doing work on the issues identified and we not be aware of all the work that was currently being carried out. Cllr Avard was unsure what the Parish Council could actually do to help.

Cllr Newman asked everyone to read the paper thoroughly and respond to Cllr Allen.

11. PACIFIC OYSTERS

Cllr Allen reported on the menace that Pacific Oysters were to our native Oysters and the work being carried out to try to control their numbers. It was noted that Natural England had commissioned a report on Pacific Oysters. Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that we should be communicating to residents the problems that Pacific Oysters were causing locally.

The Committee were asked to respond to Cllr Allen with their comments on this topic and for Cllr Allen to bring back a report for comment including actions the Parish Council could take.

12. FRUIT TREES FOR PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Cllr Brickell would like to see fruit trees (apples or plums) planted in our play areas as well as in Point Orchard as he felt this was important for education and asked if there was any funding available.

Cllr Dyke asked if we could ask the Forest for Cornwall team if we could be a distribution point when they do their free tree offer for people to plant trees in their gardens. The Clerk would contact the Forest for Cornwall team.

Cllr Allen said he had previously drafted a report on planting trees on our land and he said he felt we needed to establish this planting plan first with species of trees. Councillors would meet to visit our land and discuss and agree species and numbers of trees to be planted. Cllr Dyke was keen to be involved with this work.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THE CLERK CONTACT THE FOREST FOR CORNWALL TEAM REGARDING FUNDING FOR FRUIT TREES AND BEING A DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR FREE TREES AND PUT ON FUTURE AGENDA, COUNCILLORS TO VISIT PARISH LAND TO ESTABLISH NUMBERS AND SPECIES OF TREES TO BE PLANTED, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED.

13. MAINTENANCE REQUIRED FOR FEOCK STROLLS

Cllr Allen had written a report on the 13 short walks 'Feock Strolls', many needed work to make them accessible to more people.

Two were initially highlighted for improvements, these were Stroll 5 on the Carnon Valley and footpath from Penpol Pond to Trolver Croft which Cllr Bowers was working on getting scalpings from the Public Rights of Way team to improve the surface.

Funding will need to be found to carry out these works and CIL was a possibility for this. Prices were currently being sought.

There was a discussion regarding the Drovers Way development and the promise to connect the estate with the footpath that runs along the bottom of the site. The Clerk would check if this was part of the planning permission/any planning agreements.

It was noted that one of the Strolls, which went through Jubilee Wood desperately needed work to the entranceway as it was very muddy and made it tricky to access the rest of the wood.

Cllr Hambly-Staite was concerned that we were not doing anything to improve these walks despite having identified what needed doing to improve them and that we urgently look at resurfacing some of the paths and cutting the out to make them more usable.

It was agreed to get costs for surfacing the path at Tresithick and check planning permissions for Drovers Way footpath, also to contact the landowner at Drovers Way for permission to put scalpings down on the path and cut the path out. Cllr Allen would work to establish the amount of scalpings needed here and at Tresithick. A pavement on Tregye Road remained a priority and the Clerk would remind Highways of this.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WORK BE CARRIED OUT TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY THAT COULD BE IMPROVED QUICKLY AND COSTINGS, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED.

14. BOAT REGISTER

Cllr Dyke felt that all boats on foreshore above high water in the parish should be registered and we should carry on with our system of issuing notices asking boatowners to contact us or put their contact details on their boat. It was agreed to complete this work again at Restronguet Point, Carnon Mine and Carnon Yard.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WE PLACE NOTICES ON BOATS AT RESTRONGUET POINT, CARNON YARD, PENPOL POND AND CARNON MNE REQUESTING OWNERS CONTACT US WITH THEIR DETAILS OR ADD CONTACT DETAILS TO THEIR BOAT, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED.

15. INSTALLATION OF BIKE RACKS

The Clerk requested agreement for the location of the bike rack at Fourturnings so that she could complete the permission process with Cornwall Council Highways and order the bike racks for the locations agreed. The other locations already agreed were Greenbank Road in Devoran, Carnon Downs Village Hall by the bus shelter and Retallack Playing Field.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THE BIKE RACK BE INSTALLED BEHIND THE BUS SHELTER AT FOURTURNINGS, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED.

16. SMALL GRANTS FUNDING

The Clerk advised there had been one application for small grants funding. This was from Carnon Downs Bowling Club for a new picnic bench for £197. It was noted that we would provide information regarding recycled plastic benches to the Bowling Club for consideration as these would be much longer lasting than wood and be easier to maintain.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THIS APPLICATION BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED.

17. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE AGENDA

The following items were noted:
Public rights of way surfacing

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Access & Amenities Committee Meeting - Monday 24th November 2025 at 6pm