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Parish Council Elections May 2025

The Parish Council met on Monday 12th May for its Annual Meeting and the first meeting of the new Council following the elections on 1st May and the Electors Meeting. It was really good to hear from local groups at the meeting who had received Small Grants Funding from the Council and the difference this had made to their group. We did not have elections in Feock parish as there were not enough candidates standing to fill more than the 14 seats on the Council, therefore those who did stand were elected unopposed and we currently have 9 Councillors and 5 vacancies. Reports were given at the Electors Meeting and the one relating to planning we thought was of particular interest to residents and we have included it later on in this newsletter. Your new Parish Council comprises of the following Councillors:

Carnon Downs ward: Richard Brickell, Brian Yates, Cathy Kemp, Phil Allen and Alison Avard.

Devoran ward: Julian Newman (3 vacancies)

Feock ward: Keith Hambly-Staite, Corine Dyke and Rick Bowers (2 vacancies)

The Council re-elected Cllr Richard Brickell (Carnon Downs ward) as Chair for the coming year and will look to elect a Vice Chair at their June Meeting. The members on each Committee and to act as links and representatives with local groups and organisations were agreed at the Annual Meeting, together with their contact details and can be found on the Parish Councillors <u>page</u> on our website.

Cllr Martyn Alvey was re-elected as the Divisional Member in Cornwall Councillor for Feock & Kea.

As memtioned, following the election there are 5 vacancies on the Parish Council, these will be filled by cooption. If anyone is interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk via clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk to find out more about the co-option process.

Parish Community Emergency Plan



The Parish Council has started to put together a Parish Community Emergency Plan to be activated in events such as adverse weather, a lengthy power cut, trees down blocking road access etc. to provide help to residents if the Emergency services' response is delayed.

We are looking to develop the Emergency Plan with help from residents and would like to start building a list of volunteers who may have the skills to help in an emergency - for example you may be able to use a chainsaw to remove a fallen tree, have a 4x4 vehicle or you may be able to go and check on vulnerable people or a neighbour and collect supplies for them.

If you would be willing to volunteer please email or phone Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01872 863333 with your contact details and skills you can offer.

We will soon be holding meetings for volunteers to discuss how the plan could work and get their input.

Information we are aware of during such events as a storm or powercut are shared on our Facebook page (if you are not on Facebook you can view this on our website under Emergency Plan tab) The first points of contact for residents in an emergency are listed below on the next page.

The Parish Council shares information where it can to keep residents informed but does not receive updates from the utility companies or Cornwall Council nor does it have any priority access to the utility companies to be able to report issues. Residents should report issues such as powercuts or trees down directly to the utility company or Cornwall Council.

Come and see us on the Community Emergency Plan stand at the Picnic in the Park at Retallack on 21st June to find out more!

Emergency Numbers

Flooding, trees down, road closures, highways issues and road works: Cornwall Council Highways (CORMAC) 0300 1234 222

Cornwall Council Adults & Children Safeguarding

Out of hours Social Work Children, Young People & Families: 01208 251300

Out of hours Social Work Adults: 0300 1234 131

Children - Multi Agency Referral Unit - non urgent: 0300 123 1116

In cases of immediate danger call the Police on 999

Gas leaks: Gas Emergency Services 0800 111 999

Via textphone (minicom) 0800 371 787

Pollution of land or rivers: Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60

Pollution of sea/beach: Coastguard 01326 317575

For non-emergency pollution reports, you can contact the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Pollution Response 0300 123 1032

Power cuts: National Grid 0800 6783 105

Water or sewage leak: South West Water 0344 346 2020

Parish Councillor vacancies

Are you passionate about our local area? Do you want to help shape the future of our parish?

We currently have a vacancies for 5 Parish Councillors - 3 in Devoran ward and 2 in Feock ward. We're looking for people who want to make a positive impact in our community. This is a great opportunity to get involved, represent local residents, and help influence decisions that affect where we live and work.

No prior experience is needed – just enthusiasm, commitment, a desire to help your community and able to attend one Parish Council meeting a month (usually held on the second Monday of the month at 6pm in Devoran)

📅 Deadline to apply: Friday 11th July 2025

Interested? For more information on how to apply or what the role involves, please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk at clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone on 01872 863333 or visit our website.

Join us in making a difference – your voice matters! 🙌

Discovering the Carnon Valley-past & present



Railway workers outside the engine shed which is now Devoran Village Hall

The Parish Council has been successful in its bid to GWR Community Fund to help us celebrate Railway 200.

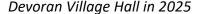
The project will examine the industrial heritage of the Carnon Valley, the creation of the Redruth to Chasewater Railway in 1825 and the development of Devoran and the flora and fauna of the surrounding area. By putting the spotlight on what is around us we want to celebrate the past and help people discover our mining and railway heritage making walking and cycling in the parish more interesting

The Cornwall Minerals Tramway in the parish of Feock and neighbouring parishes was built on the route of the original railway and has the potential for economic growth in the area based on the leisure industry and as support for the well being of residents. through walking and cycling in an interesting natural environment.

In the year that we celebrate Railway 200 we will also be focussing on the role of the modern railway with the latest development in Cornwall being the introduction of the Mid Cornwall Metro provides direct links between Falmouth and Newquay crossing the parish over the Carnon Valley viaduct originally built by Brunel in the 1860's.

An Exhibition on 22nd November this year in Devoran Village Hall will see the launch of a railway trail leaflet created and designed by children at Devoran School and photographs and art work created by members of the community during the project. Look out for more details nearer the time – everyone welcome to come along.







Enquiry and Support Lines (manned 9am to 12 noon weekdays) Parish Council Office: 01872 863333 Feock Parish Transport scheme: 07904 547822

We receive general enquiries requesting information come from a wide range of residents seeking reassurance and advice from a 'human' often following attempts to gain facts from online and digital sources. 'Chart toppers' include overgrowth of hedges and trees where this is impeding safe walking or likely to cause damage to property, boundary disputes, access lanes, inadequate signage, footpaths and rights of way issues. Streetlights and problem with the defibrillator phone boxes, moorings queries, ongoing foreshore issues, and annual forms for proof of residency are also things we deal with.

Supporting drop-in and phone callers with reporting incidents such as fly tipping, graffiti and potholes with online reporting on behalf of non-digital residents.

The Feock Parish Transport scheme has made **145 journeys** in the last year around the parish with the most popular destination being Perranwell Wellbeing Club, followed by Carnon Downs and Devoran surgeries. We have 10 regular customers. The lifts requested are vital for health and wellbeing; all at difficult venues to coordinate appointments with a convenient bus service and occur within 3 miles of home address.

A huge thank you go to our wonderful volunteer drivers who carried out all these journeys.



Take a QR and add a little bit of salt!

The Parish Council and many others use QR codes to give information . But we are sometimes asked how to use them! It is really simply. Use your smart phone . Use the photo option, point the phone at the QR code m, hold a moment and press the yellow bar that appears. The world opens up for you - scan this code and see where it takes you!



In case of doubt an older person can ask a younger person. They know!

Planning update



Whilst Cornwall Council are the Local Planning Authority and decide all planning applications, the Parish Council is asked to provide a consultee comment for each application.

The Parish Council has recently reverted to having a separate Planning Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and submitting consultee comments on all planning applications within the parish. The committee's role and process is:

Committee Structure

The Planning Committee will consist of six members, ideally representing each ward.

Delegated Powers

The Planning Committee holds delegated authority to submit consultee comments to Cornwall Council on all planning applications within the parish, except for multiple dwelling applications, which are typically considered by the full Parish Council. All comments will align with the Parish's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Consultee Comment Process:

Application Notification

When Cornwall Council sends a planning application for consultation, the details will be posted on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page under 'Current Planning Applications'. Instructions on how to submit comments to the Planning Committee will be available there.

Review & Discussion

The Planning Committee will review all applications on a weekly basis and discuss them via email. If an application is considered non-controversial and aligns with the NDP policies, comments may be submitted to Cornwall Council without further discussion at a meeting. If the application is deemed to require further discussion - for example, when members of the public or neighbours have submitted comments, when applicants or agents have expressed a desire to attend and speak at a planning meeting, or when a Parish Councillor has indicated the need for further consideration it will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Committee Meetings

Dates and times of Planning Committee meetings will be advertised on the Parish Council's website along with the agenda for the meeting detailing the planning applications that will be discussed. Applications on the agenda will be discussed during the meeting. A draft consultee comment will be debated and amended

as needed. Members of the public can attend the meeting and speak during the public participation section. The minutes of the meetings will be published on the website.

No Pre-Application Discussions

In line with the approval of the Parish's Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Parish Council adopted a policy of no longer holding pre-application discussions with applicants or agents. We ask that applicants ensure that their planning applications are in line with the policies outlined in the NDP to ensure that all applications align with the community's vision for the area.

For more details, including the full Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee, please visit the Parish Council's website.

Walk & Talk Guided Walks

The Walk & Talk group meet fortnightly on a Tuesday at 10am for a walk either in the Parish or nearby, usually following one of our Feock Trails walks or our new, shorter and less strenuous Feock Strolls walks. Our new walk leader volunteer, Jacqueline Davey has taken over from Mary and is doing a wonderful job.

The walks are free to attend and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome, the walk will go at the pace of the slowest walker so no one should feel rushed. It is a chance to get out and meet new people, get some exercise and explore our beautiful countryside. If you're interested in coming along please get in touch with Cathy Whitmore, our MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Adviser, weekday mornings on 01872 863333 or email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk



493 bus route for Feock/Penpol

From 1st September 2024 the Travel Cornwall bus number 493 has been serving Penpol as part of the Truro to Feock route. The online timetable can be accessed via this link https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk/services/TFCN/493
The addition of the 'loop' to Penpol has been hard won by local councillors and will be withdrawn if not used adequately, it is very much a case of 'use it or lose it!'



Pill packet/blister pack recycling

As well as collecting batteries for recycling at our office, we also collect EMPTY blister pill packets.

Recently when these were collected by our volunteer to take for recycling, a number of full packets of pills were found in the recycling bin including stronger painkillers like Co-codamol. We are sure these were left by mistake, but just a reminder that unused pills should be returned to the appropriate GP surgery / dispensary they were issued from, not put in the recycling, dumped or flushed down the toilet. Thank you for your co-operation.



Active Feock Update

The Parish Council recently agreed to fund five bike racks to be located around the Parish, in Feock, Carnon Downs and Devoran. The idea is to provide places for bikes to be safely secured for those visiting our play areas or catching the bus into Truro or Falmouth. We are currently working on getting the necessary permissions to install the bike racks.

Another part of the project the Parish Council has agreed to fund is the production of a Parish map that will be displayed in some of our bus shelters and on noticeboards as well as on our website showing facilities available in the parish, such as play areas, defibrillator locations and footpaths as well as our Feock Strolls and Trails walk routes.





You can keep up to date with Active Feock on our website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/activefeock











HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE June 2025

A39 Arch Hill to Treluswell

As part of our planned programme of works overnight road closures will be in place from Monday 9 June to Wednesday 11 June on the A39, to allow us to carry out routine maintenance activities. Work may include minor repairs, gully emptying, sign cleaning and the installation of road markings.

Additionally, we will conduct essential tree safety work on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. During this period, two-way traffic lights will also be in operation to safeguard buses needing access and our workforce.

Works will be carried out at night between the hours of 7.00pm to 6.00am to minimise the disruption to local communities.

While the road closures are in place, all through traffic will need to follow the diversions at all times. Bus services will be given access through the closed sites, driving slowly to maintain a safe working environment for our teams.

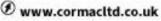
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE (CLOSURE LOCATION)
Monday 9 June	Phase 1	Treluswell to Perranwell turning
Tuesday 10 June	Phase 2	Perranwell turning (near the Norway Inn) to Devoran roundabout
Wednesday 11 June	Phase 3	Arch Hill to Carnon Downs roundabout

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Why are we doing this work?

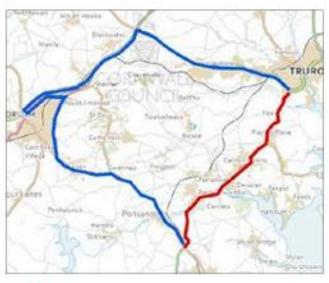
We need to ensure Cornwall's highways network is maintained to safe and serviceable standard. Our route maintenance could include minor works, patching work, cyclic activities such as gulley cleaning and sign repairs.

Works area and diversion

Signs will be placed at major junctions prior to the road closure on the key routes to take non-through traffic away and keep traffic disruption to a minimum.

Diversion routes can sometimes be quite lengthy, but they have to be suitable for the type of traffic that would normally use the route. For safety, we need to put these measures in place.

Emergency access will be maintained at all times.



Road closure

Diversion

Working safely

Our work sites can be dangerous places. Please do not enter the working areas. This is restricted to authorised personnel only.

Notifications

Please note this information is correct at the time of circulation but is subject to change, especially in period of poor weather.

Works in your area

For up-to-date information about roadworks, road closures and diversions, affecting the road network, please visit: <u>one.network</u>

To find out what we are doing or planning in your area, please see the programming pages on our website: https://www.cormacltd.co.uk/in-your-area/cornwall/

Go to the name of your local Community Area Partnership (CAP) under 'More detail for local areas.' Click 'Highways Work Programme.' If you are unsure what your local CAP is, you can find out on the Cornwall Council's website.

Getting in touch

For enquiries regarding the stabilisation works, please email: enquiries@cornwallhighways.co.uk

You can report an issue on a road, highway, or footway on the Cornwall Council website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/reportroad

If there is an issue which is a threat to public safety, please telephone 0300 1234 222 (24-hour service) giving details of the location.



MyFeock Repair Café @ The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church

Next dates: Tuesday 24th June, Tuesday 29th July and Tuesday 26th August.

Our hosts at The Hub Carnon community Methodist Church enable us to provide refreshments and plenty of space to house our eight regular repairers and three information advisors, and our lovely visitors with their various items, vintage curios, and fascinating histories.

The Repair Café volunteers hope to fix your garments, textiles, mechanical clocks, soft toys, woodwork and much more! Pop in for a cuppa and get something repaired at the same time! If you have a skill you'd like to share or you would like to volunteer to help out please pop along or get in touch with Cathy in the Parish Office - 01872 863333 or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have an item for repair, you just pay for the cost of any parts required and a small donation which goes towards paying for the hall rent for the Repair Café to be held. You can also have a cup of tea or coffee whilst your waiting to see one of our volunteers.

As well as having items repaired, we have Darren, Customer Liaison Officer from South West Water to give residents advice on billing and water saving, a Customer Adviser from Community Energy Plus and one of your Parish Councillors to chat to about concerns you might have in the local area.

Since the Repair Café has been running, over 300 items have been brought in for attention with a very high repair and reuse rate of 90%. Replacement zips, patches, alterations, and jewellery repairs, are highly popular, as are the hardware section of CD players, vacuum cleaners and clockwork treasures.

This Volunteers Week, a huge thanks go to The Hub Carnon Community Church and our volunteers Ann, Kate, Andy S, Andy W, Derek, George, Jake, Darren, Suzie, Ann & Ian, Gill & Chris and Adrian.

All items being brought to Repair Café must be freshly cleaned/emptied of dust and grime (especially vacuum cleaners), and clothing items for repair freshly washed. Please respect our brilliant repairers who need to see the problem immediately and not have to wade through layers of dirt to find it. Vacuum cleaners and other electrical items must have power leads/battery charger and any appropriate tools available for testing.

Cash donations for refreshments and repairs gratefully received towards to cost of running the Repair Café.









REPAIR CAFE

If you can carry it, we'll take a look!

- Wooden items bolting, tightening, gluing and creating new pieces and woodwork
- Clocks (not battery or electric)
- Electrical plugs, fuses, basic wiring (sorry no PAT testing)
- Clothing & textiles mending, zips, darning, repairs
- Soft toys, knitting and crochet
- Minor jewellery repairs
- Technology
- Vacuums (must be clean/empty, all attachments present and recharger/cord and plug present)
- South West Water and Community Energy Plus drop in help desks plus meet your Parish Councillor
 Pop into see us - last Tuesday of the month,
 to 11.30am @ The Hub - Carnon Community
 Methodist Church Hall, Carnon Downs

Items must be received by 11am to allow for repairs up to 11.30am

Cash donations for refreshments & repairs gratefully received towards the cost of running the Repair Cafe
Contact: myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.myfeock.co.uk MyFeock Wellbeing 01872 863333



Defibrillators in the Parish

There are a number of public access defibrillators around the parish, most of which are maintained by the Parish Council, these are automated, anyone can use one, training is not necessary. The defibrillator will talk the user through how to use it and will not allow a shock to be given unless it detects that the heart is in a shockable rhythm. The defibrillators are located as below.

If you have cause to use/collect a defibrillator please return it to the phonebox you got it from or back to the Parish Council Office (open weekday mornings) so it can be checked and then put back into service and notify us that it is back. We automatically get notified by the online Circuit system when a caller to 999 has been directed to collect one of our defibs.

We understand that there will be times that someone may need to go and collect a defibrillator without being told to by 999 but if you do please can you tell us asap (by email to clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk is best). This is so that we can mark the defibrillator as 'unavailable' on The Circuit system, otherwise if someone phoned 999 and were directed to collect a defibrillator and got there to find it missing then precious time could be wasted and lives put at risk.

- Phonebox on Market Street, Devoran
- Phonebox on Forth Coth, Carnon Downs (nr Dentist)
- Phonebox on Point Green
- Outside wall of reception building, Ferris Garage, Feock
- Loe Beach, Feock (not maintained by Parish Council)
- St Feock Church car park, Feock* (not maintained by Parish Council)
- Outside wall of "Twitterings", Trolver Croft*
- Outside wall of the Punchbowl and Ladle*

*phone 999 for the code to open the cabinet

The British Heart Foundation have an excellent video which tells you all about defibrillators and how to use them which you can watch using the link below. Our defibrillators actually talk you through how to use them if you need to use one in an emergency. https://youtu.be/H4FiPn48aG0?feature=shared but please note it is not essential to have watched this video: **the defibrillators are automatic and will tell you exactly what to do.**

Planning Report for 2024/25

It has been another busy year for the Planning Committee which currently comprises of all the Feock Parish Councillors.

Planning applications are circulated weekly to all Councillors by email for comment. Any contentious application or multiple dwelling application goes to a full Parish Council meeting for consideration. Planning meetings are held at regular intervals to bring Councillors together for discussion, to meet members of the public and developers. As a Council we listen carefully to the voices of those who will be most affected by a potential development.

For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 Feock Parish Council has been consulted on 120 planning applications.

As a planning Committee we use our Neighbourhood Development Plan as a guideline for all our planning considerations alongside the local council and national level planning policies.

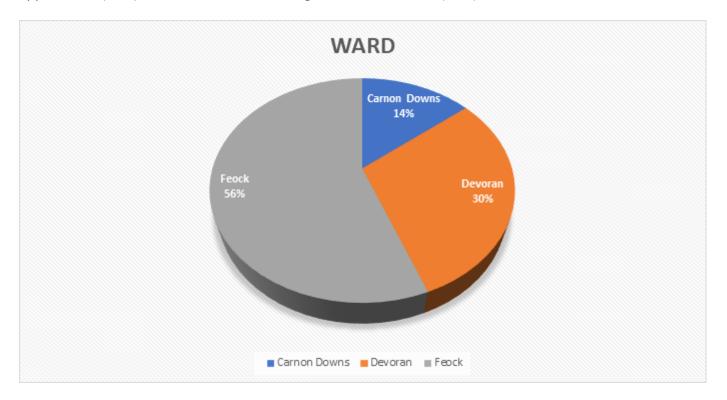
In some instances (8 this year) the Parish Council's view of an application has been contrary to that of Cornwall Council's Planning Officers. In these cases the 5 day Local Council Protocol procedure is used.

Regarding work to or removal of trees in Councillors are mindful of the Climate Emergency and the environmental and amenity value of trees and woodland in the Parish which we seek to protect whilst paying heed to relevant advice from Cornwall Council's Tree Officer.

Planning statistics

During the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 the Parish Council has been consulted on **120 planning applications**, equating to 2.3 applications per week or 10 applications per month.

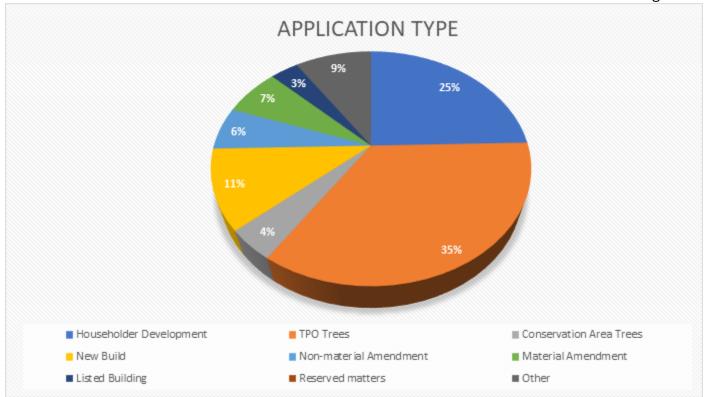
Over half of the applications 67 (55%) have been for development in Feock, followed by Devoran having 36 applications (30%) and Carnon Downs having the fewest with 17 (14%).



APPLICATION TYPE

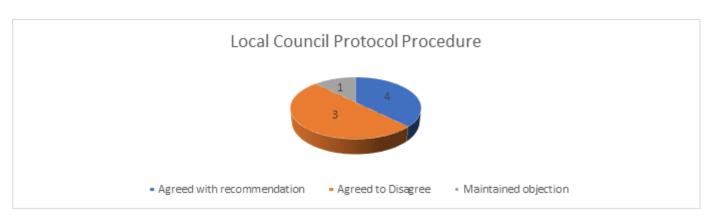
The majority of applications have been for works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order. Of these 41 applications 35 applications related to sites in the Feock ward, 5 in Devoran ward and 1 in Carnon Downs. A further 5 applications were for works to trees within the conservation area of Devoran.

There have been 13 applications for new dwellings, 3 were for the demolition of and replacement of a dwelling. The other 10 applications sort to increasing the housing stock by a total of 35 new dwellings. Cornwall Council's determination of these applications however has, to date, has seen 2 applications (6 dwellings) refused, 4 applications (12 dwellings) approved and 2 applications (15 dwellings) withdrawn by the applicant.



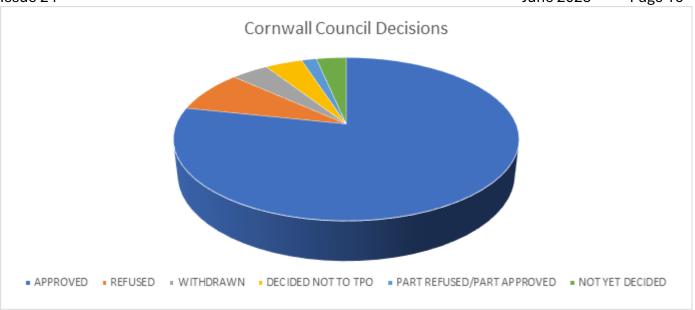
LOCAL COUNCIL PROTOCOL PROCEDURE

There have been 8 instances where the Parish Council's view of an application has been contrary to Cornwall Council's Planning Officers. In these instances, the 5 day Local Council Protocol procedure is followed - https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/wtneogza/protocol-for-local-councils-6-12022022.pdf . Using this procedure there has been 1 occasion where the Parish Council maintained a strong objection and requested determination by Cornwall Council's Planning Committee however Cornwall Council proceeded to approve the application.



CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Of the 120 applications the Parish Council has submitted consultee comments for, Cornwall Council have approved 94 and refused 10, with 5 applications being withdrawn. 2 of the TPO applications were decided as Part Approved/Part Refused where not all the works applied for were considered acceptable by the Cornwall Council's Tree Officer. Of the 5 applications for works to trees in the Devoran Conservation Area all applications have been determined that a TPO is not required to protect the tree. There are currently 4 applications which have not yet been determined.



Parish Council Meetings



Agendas for all Council meetings are displayed on our website and also the noticeboards around the Parish. Details of items being discussed are listed on the agendas.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council and Committee meetings, if you wish to attend please let the Parish Clerk know via email or 01872 863333 to enable numbers to be accommodated. Questions can also be submitted to the Clerk to be asked on residents behalf if they are unable to attend the meeting but still wish a question to be asked. It is also helpful for the Council to have notice of questions to be asked prior to the meeting to enable a full answer to be given at the meeting, if notice is not given we cannot guarantee an answer on the evening but will answer in writing following the meeting.

The Parish Council Facebook page is regularly updated with local news and events, links to planning application links etc. www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil/

A calendar of meeting dates for 2025 is on our website as well as below, Committee meetings such as Planning, Access & Amenities, Finance and General Purposes and Staffing dates are also added to our website when they have been arranged, again these are meetings open to the public with public participation sessions at the start of the meeting.

The next meetings of the Full Parish Council for the rest of this year are as follows, all starting at 6pm in the Parish Council Office in Devoran.

Monday 9th June 2025 Monday 14th July 2025 No meeting in August

Monday 15th September 2025 Monday 13th October 2025 Monday 10th November 2025

Monday 15th December 2025

Parish Council contact details

Councillors contact details available online: https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk: clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk: deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser: myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Websites: www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk & www.myfeock.co.uk

Social media:

https://www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingfeock/https://www.instagram.com/feock parish council

Address: The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran, Truro, TR3 6QA Office and Devoran Community Library open: Weekdays from 9.30am to 12 noon







A new bench installed as part of the Active Feock project on the bus lane at Carnon Downs, together with one of the resident sponsored Cherry trees.

Sign up to our monthly email Connect newsletter and What's On events guide via our website or email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk