

Clerks Report for Access & Amenities Committee

Tuesday 27th May 2025

Updates on actions from previous meeting

Picnic in the Park – planning well underway for event in Retallack.

Grants paid to the 3 successful applicants from the last meeting.

Bus shelter cleaning query: All of the shelters, (including the metal and Perspex ones) are cleaned inside and outside every three weeks or so, depending on their state of dirtiness and the weather. (If it's raining people are often inside them and don't take kindly to being turfed out!) Cleaning is timed to avoid the busiest times using a pressure washer and disinfectant if necessary. Chewing gum, leaves and rubbish like food wrappers and cigarette ends are removed and any seriously encroaching foliage like brambles etc. cut back.

RCS request for 5 knot speed limit sign at Carnon Mine discussed by Full Council and not agreed.

Two additional passing place signs now put up on the Tram Road.

New lidded leaflet holders put up in Carnon Downs bookswap phonebox (new shelving unit also purchased due to old one collapsing recently).

Burncoose have been chased up regarding the replacement Cherry Tree.

Supporting information on items on agenda

Item 8 – MyFeock Wellbeing & Information Advisers Report

To follow

Item 9 – Active Feock Report

Committee to receive an update on the latest funding application to CCF

Application submitted to Cornwall Council CCF fund to fund production of a parish wide map showing facilities and Feock Trails and Strolls. Cllr Hambly-Staite has a proposal about how this could be funded if application is unsuccessful and will report on this at the meeting.

Committee to receive an update on Retallack Picnic in the Park event – Saturday 21st June

- Memory Café, Cats Protection and Karenza Quilters all attending with a stall
- Aggie Folk Band booked
- Bouncy Castle, ice cream van and 2 portaloos booked
- Additional parking arranged at Ferris Garage

- Gazebos being purchased, one being borrowed for a donation
- Tables and chairs being sourced to be borrowed
- TENS license applied for from Cornwall Council
- Local PCSO attending
- Gym equipment demonstration arranged
- Advertising banners ordered

Committee to receive an update on Cllr Allen's meeting with Environment Agency regarding Feock Stroll walk on Carnon Valley and also proposed signage for beside the new FPC bench on the walk route – Cllr Allen to report

Item 11 – Request from resident to remove juvenile Sycamore from bank at Carnon Mine to help reduce damage to drains

Correspondence received

No's 2,3 & 4 Carnon Mine share a storm drain along the rear of the properties which exits the front garden of No 4, under the Old Tram Rd, and terminates in the steep bank above the foreshore opposite No.4.

No.4, are completing drainage works associated with a building project, replacing sections of the historic storm drains with new pipework to preserve longevity of this important, unusual and historic drainage arrangement.

Last year the storm drain had to be cleared professionally as tree roots had caused a blockage between the Old Tram Road and the foreshore end of the drain. This has been carried out by the previous occupant of No.4 as well. Resultant blockages cause overtopping of the manholes adjacent to the foundations of No.4.

Where the drain exits above the foreshore, there is a juvenile sycamore tree (10-15yrs old approximately), presumably self seeded as it grows at 45 degrees out of the foreshore bank.

Please could permission be given to cut this sycamore at its trunk level to A) Allow effective access to contractors et al to clear the drain in future and B) Hopefully reduce further drain damage as owners have invested heavily in replacement pipework further back to their property. There is no proposal to remove the root system at this stage as this may cause some instability of the bank. All cut material would be removed off site.

Attached are some photos of the tree from the foreshore and from the road. NB, in the photo from the road, there are some young Elm (?) saplings that we would not be disturbed. Blue pipework close to the Sycamore growing out of the bank is visible in the

photo and this indicates the outflow of the storm drain, and some previous trimming which presumably was done to aid access.

The owners of No.4 are planning to plant a small orchard of apple, plum and gages in their garden once building works are completed and this would see a 'net gain' in numbers of trees within the area.

Item 12 - S106 Off Site Open Space funding from PA21/09830 Valley Lane development in Carnon Downs

The Parish Council will shortly receive £3,774.29 as a S106 contribution to be spend on either Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area or Park an Gwarry Play Park in Carnon Downs.

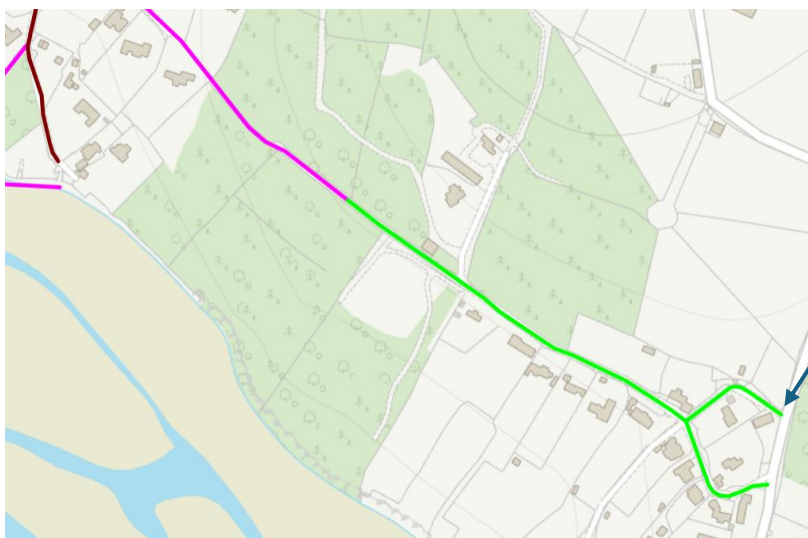
Committee to discuss ideas for spending this funding to make a recommendation to Full Council.

Item 13 – Signage at Harcourt bridleway 305/46/3

Access & Amenities Committee agreed in November 2024 the following:

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT HIGHWAYS ARE ASKED TO PUT A NO THROUGH ROAD SIGN AT ENTRANCE TO HARCOURT, CONTACT COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS TEAM TO ASK FOR PERMISSION TO PUT FOOTPATH ONLY SIGNS AT EITHER END OF THE FOOTPATH FROM TROLVER CROFT TO HARCOURT, AND ENSURE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS TEAM ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE ASKED HIGHWAYS FOR A NO THROUGH ROAD SIGN, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED.

The Clerk has arranged for a No Through Road sign to be put up at the start of the footpath by The White House and the footpath sign changed to a Bridleway sign as current footpath sign is incorrect (see map below – green is bridleway, pink is footpath and brown is byway)



Clerk first checked with Countryside Access Team regarding putting up a No Through Road sign. Response: *No objections from the Rights of Way team provided it is also signed as a bridleway*

Clerk also checked with Cornwall Council Highways regarding No Through Road sign. Response: *I note the concerns relate to the public bridleway at Harcourt. I would imagine this sort of scenario has cropped up before and perhaps this is something my colleagues in the countryside team could comment on and/or assist with? I don't recall highways ever erecting signs relating to public rights of way.*

My thoughts are that whilst "no through road" signs wouldn't be technically correct, their use here likely would not cause any harm, therefore, if it assists and there is local support for so doing, I would raise no objection to such signs being progressed, should third party funding be available to progress.

Correspondence received from resident – 9th May 2025

Dear Clerk

Another resident invited me to talk to your contractor this morning before he erected a new sign at the entrance to Harcourt which stated "no through road". The resident & I agreed that duplicating the "road sign" already displayed at Porthgwidden Lodge at the beginning of a private lane over which there is only permitted "public bridleway access" was fundamentally wrong and confusing. So we asked your contractor to convey our thoughts to Parish Council Officers, which I believe he will.

Apparently you have established with CC Highways that their responsibility ceases on the edge of the Restranguet Pt road and doesn't extend to the large, triangular area in which the bus turns/stops, which Highways imply is the responsibility of Harcourt land owners. This opens several more questions, not least who pays for damage created by the bus, turning where it has more than 60 years to my personal experience. **(See note below which is advice Clerk received previously)**

Should it now fall to us to privately arrange for signage to discourage 'cruisers and green laners' or should Highways/Council erect the correct signage at a point on public land?

As I have expressed before, the correct statutory sign should be a red disc on white background, displaying a motor car & a motorbike, over a rectangular sign "except for access".

Thanks & Best wishes,



Information received from Countryside Access Team regarding bus turning at top of Restronguet Point and provided to residents previously.

I have been passed your query with regards to the turning area on this bridleway – repair due to bus damage would not be something we could look at until the surface was unsuitable for horses I'm afraid.

I did ask advice from my Highways colleagues who came back with the following: - I suspect the issue here is a lack of a suitable alternative turning area and particularly given this is the bus stop location itself. I'm sorry but I don't see a way of obviating this one given the location of the bus stop is actually on the bridleway, remote from the public highway extent. It's unlikely an alternative bus stop is feasible in this location given the lack of suitable turning areas elsewhere. You may wish to raise concerns transport@cornwall.gov.uk to establish if there is anything they can do to assist via the bus companies.

My apologies I cannot give a more positive response from my end on this occasion.

Item 14 – Surface of footpath at Feock Churchtown, 305/46/3

Correspondence received from resident:

Dear Access & Amenities Committee

Thank you for your email of 22nd October 2024, regarding the above lane recognising the fact that you are the owners of the above footpath that passes our property,

I am writing to you, as the footpath having been bequeathed to you some time ago, about my concerns pertaining to it's deterioration, especially of late with the works to a property sited off the footpath since August 2024 and completion date of October 2025. The footpath has been used as the main thoroughfare for all works including heavy diggers, large excavators, skip lorries and trucks carrying tons of earth both too and from the site. These events have been constant throughout the weeks/months and have considerably destroyed the grass bank, widened the footpath/lane and been detrimental to the walking public.

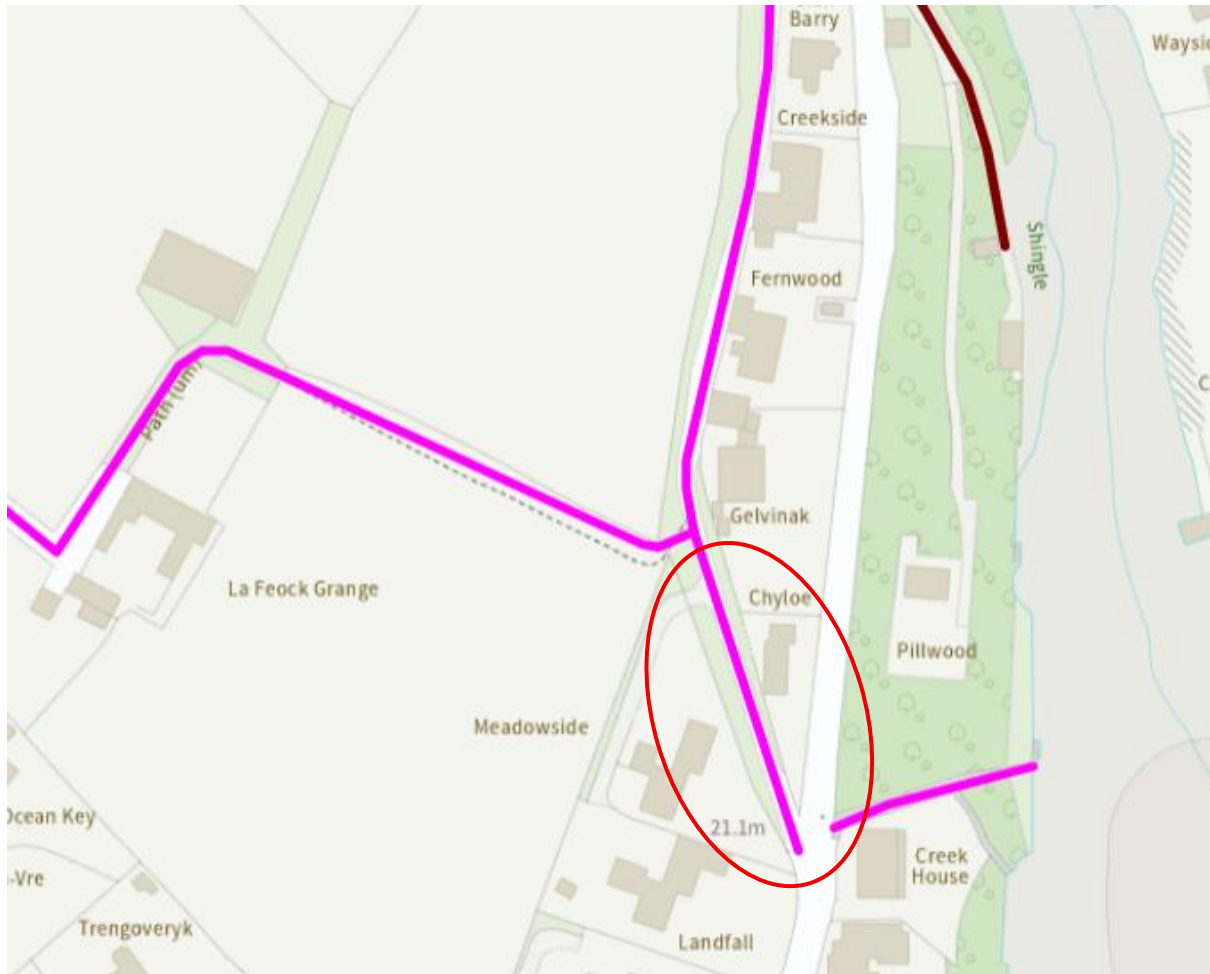
The builders are aware of their responsibilities and will reinstate the lane to it's original condition on completion of the build. However, with the already widened and damaged lane it leaves it open for larger, heavier vehicles to gain access thereby causing further damage.

My main concern is for the future use of the footpath/lane, and that the original intention of it being kept as a country footpath should be adhered to, and for the public to enjoy. If vehicular access to heavy, wide vehicles is allowed to continue this will not be the case and it will compromise the safety of walkers etc. I am aware and appreciate

the footpath serves other properties further along the lane and that access for emergency services, refuse collection etc is necessary from both ends of the lane.

Therefore, to alleviate any further misuse by large and heavy vehicles I am asking you, as responsible landowners, to install a sign (similar to those placed on other lanes around the Parish, ie. Width, weight etc) at the bottom entrance to the footpath/lane, which would restrict further such oversized vehicles from attempting access in the future.

The PC own the land the footpath is on ringed below (footpath is pink)



Item 15 – Risk Assessments

Clerk has sought quotes from the company who inspect our play equipment for repairs highlighted in their quotes. Clerk asks that Committee discuss and decide which items they wish to action.