

**MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER
2024 AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN**

Councillors present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Yates	M Steel	R Brickell
		A Allen	R Bowers
			B Johnson
			C Dyke

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Nic Costa, resident
Julian Newman, resident
Caroline Johnson, resident
Alison Avard, resident
Catriona Law, resident
Mary Weston, Walk & Talk Lead
Toby Claridge, Point Quay Association

Chair: Cllr Brickell

1. MEETING PROCEDURES & INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded both members of the public and Councillors of the Civility and Respect Pledge.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Kemp, J and P Allen and Hambly-Staite.

3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Steel declared an interest in Item 14 Point Orchard.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillors introduced themselves to the public present and the Chair invited members of the public to speak if they wished to.

Caroline Johnson wished to raise an issue with the maintenance of Devoran Park and that the hedges on the inside of the park have not been cut and the brambles are encroaching badly into the park making it uncomfortable to use the benches and in some places growing over the steps. The budlea was also growing wild. There was also a bench that was broken and had been taped off and needed to be removed. The green wooden gates also needed some work. The yellow lines on St John's Terrace were very faded and this was causing a problem where people did not see them and were parking on the making it dangerous for children to cross between cars to get to the park.

Cllr A Allen asked the Clerk to put the maintenance of all our parks on the agenda for the next Access & Amenities Committee, the outside of the wall on the St John's Terrace side was already on the agenda for discussion at the same meeting. The Clerk would report again the faded yellow lines to Cornwall Council.

Cationa Law wished to raise a concern about the location of the build out as part of the proposed traffic calming on Quenchwell Road. This was right opposite her property and to access her driveway she needed to swing out into the other lane and she would not be able to do this with a build out there, she did not object to the calming scheme being put in. The Councillors said they would take this into account when submitting their consultee comment.

Mary Weston, the leader of the Walk & Talk walks for the Parish Council had attended to advise the Parish Council that she would be speaking, together with Cathy Whitmore at the Hub Carnon Community Church Community Breakfast on the benefits of staying active and how the new Feock Strolls and Feock Trails that she led fitted in to the new Active Feock project. She was working on a new poster to advertise the Walk & Talks with the Clerk.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED TO ENABLE A DISCUSSION ON THE SEPTIC TANK IN POINT ORCHARD WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND TO BRING FORWARD ITEM 14 POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. POINT QUAY ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK

Nic Costa, owner of the septic tank said that the tank was not working as intended, it had been in the Orchard for at least 50 years. A meeting had been held previously with

Councillors and Nic had undertaken to come back to the Council with options for replacement/repair but the preferred option was for a treatment plant on his own land with a soakaway in the Orchard in place of the septic tank.

A percolation test had been carried out in the Orchard to establish how large a soakaway would need to be which was a 40m snaking trench and options provided for a treatment plant on his land.

Nic advised that building regulations stated that septic tanks had to be 7m away from foundations and this was impossible to achieve on his land and there was not physically the room to locate a septic tank on his land either hence why it appears the tank is in the Orchard. There was also no access for heavy machinery to his land as the access was very narrow.

Nic was very conscious that the Parish Council were keen to see this issue resolved as soon as possible and the last thing he wanted to do was upset anyone or his neighbours. He was trying to get it resolved as soon as possible but this was proving very difficult and was having the tank emptied on a weekly basis.

The Chairman said that this had now been going on for some time and it had meant that the public were not able to use public land as the Council had had to close off the Orchard due to risk of contamination, this was not acceptable.

It was agreed that Nic would further investigate solutions for treatment plants on his land.

Toby Claridge from the Point Quay Association who lease the Orchard from the Parish Council, was concerned about when the Orchard would be able to be re-opened and had the Council taken any advice on contamination. The Council had not taken formal advice but suggested that the contamination was quite apparent due to the visible liquids and smell in the Orchard and they did not wish to take any risks with members of the public and health and safety.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ATTENDANCES AT OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Bowers had attended the recent CAP meeting where housing need and data was discussed. Cornwall Housing is in special measures very little social housing being delivered at the moment, however it was noted that 35% of the Langarth development will be affordable housing. The CCF gave a report that £87K had been distributed in our area with the largest grant being for Active Feock.

A presentation had been given from the Roseland Environment Action Community Team who had developed a template for a Climate and Environment Action Plan and Cllr

Bowers would like this to be put on a future Parish Council agenda for discussion. The focus of the next CAP meeting would be Youth Engagement.

7. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Carnon Downs ward

It was noted that Community Speedwatch had been doing speed monitoring on Old Carnon Hill. Cllr Alvey commented that if those caught speeding by the Police speed cameras under the Vision Zero project attended the speed awareness course then some of the cost of this goes into the Vision Zero budget, as well as to the contractor who delivers the course, if motorists paid a fine then this went back into Central Governments funds and not the local Police contrary to popular belief.

Devoran ward

Cllr Allen asked that the Passing Place signs are put up on the Tram Road asap.

Feock ward

There was nothing to report for Feock ward.

8. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

He had been contacted by some residents regarding the Quenchwell Road traffic calming proposals and had encouraged them to comment via the methods advertised so that Cormac were aware of their views. There were also other various consultations going on at the moment, all that could be viewed on the Lets Talk page on Cornwall Council's website. The Cornwall Council budget setting process had started but this was proving difficult until the details of the Governments Autumn budget were known. There was a vote of no confidence being proposed in the Council Leader.

Cllr Brickell said that it had been noticed that some properties on Old Carnon Hill had food caddies delivered for the new waste collection system but these had not been delivered to all of the village. Cllr Alvey said this didn't sound as though they were from Cornwall Council and would be very surprised if they were as Feock parish were in phase 5 of the roll out which was not due until next year. It was suggested the residents may have bought them themselves. Cllr Alvey advised that there would be briefings nearer to the time that residents could attend to learn more about the new scheme.

9. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT

Cllr J Allen had given her apologies. The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors a link to the crime figures for the local area which were now available online.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk gave a financial summary for the last month and had circulated to Councillors the accounts for payment list received since the last meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR STEEL PROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. TRAFFIC CALMING CONSULTATION – QUENCHWELL ROAD, CARNON DOWNS

The Clerk had circulated to all the details of the proposed traffic calming which comprised of speed cushions, a give way build out and new street lighting. The Council had no objection to the scheme but wished the neighbours concern regarding placement of the build out and also impact on bats from new street lighting to be taken into account.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL RESPONDED TO THE CONSULTATION THAT THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE SCHEME, HOWEVER WISHED TO ENSURE THAT THE IMPACT FROM THE NEW LIGHTING WAS A MINIMAL AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE IMPACT ON THE ACCESS TO ALL PROPERTIES ON THE STRETCH WHERE THE TRAFFIC CALMING WAS TO BE INSTALLED WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND THE SCHEME AMENDED AS NECESSARY, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. HAIRE REPORT

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

13. CO-OPTION TO CARNON DOWNS VACANCY

Alison Avard had applied to the Parish Council to be considered for co-option to the Carnon Downs vacancy. The Clerk had circulated Alisons application and she can a brief overview of her back and reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED ALISON AVARD BE CO-OPTED TO THE CARNON DOWNS VACANCY, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Avard and the Clerk signed the Acceptance of Office form.

Members of the public left the meeting as the Council meeting into closed session.

15. RENEWAL OF DEVORAN PRE-SCHOOL LEASE

The Clerk advised that Devoran Pre-Schools lease for the hall section of the Old Market Hall was due for renewal in January 2025. The Pre-School have confirmed that they wish to extend the lease and continue to rent the section of the building they current lease.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WORK TO RENEW THE LEASE IS COMMENCED BY THE CLERK AND THIS BE ON THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS FOR BOTH PARTIES, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed by the Chairman

R Brickell

18/11/2024