### MEETING No.

Minutes of the Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA at 6pm

Members present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK

A Avard A Allen C Dyke

J Newman R Brickell

**R** Bowers

K Hambly-Staite

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Mary Weston, Walk & Talk Leader

Chair: Cllr A Allen

## 1. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Cllr A Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr J and P Allen and Yates. It was noted that Cllr Dyke had to leave the meeting at 8pm.

# 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THE MINUTES AS CIRCULATED BY TH CLERK BE ACCEPTED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was a discussion about how actions could be kept track of as sometimes actions were agreed at meetings, emails sen but the action requested hadn't actually happened. The Clerk would draw up a list of actions to keep track of the various work going on.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

# 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Weston was in attendance for the Walk and Talk item.

## 6. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had circulated her report and commented that there were no spare litter bins in stock at the Parish Council office so any additional bins would need to be purchased and budget found for these.

## 7. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The Information & Wellbeing Advisers report had been circulated.

### 8. MYFEOCK WALK & TALK

It was agreed to suspend the Standing Orders to allow Mary Weston to speak as the current walk leader.

Mary explained that she is stepping down from leading the walks due to stopping driving and making it hard to get the walk locations using public transport.

Cllr Bowers said he had very much enjoyed going out on the walks with Mary and explained how much the walks meant to those people who went on them regularly.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that perhaps there a possibility that the St Feock Community Minibus could be used to pick up people who would like to go on a walk if they were unable to drive to a meeting point and then drop them home again afterwards.

Cllr Dyke wondered if weekend walks would be attractive to younger people and maybe linear walks from A to B, maybe with a stop somewhere for refreshments.

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that the Council should speak to the Practice Managers at the Doctors Surgeries regarding referring to our Walk & Talk group.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR VOLUNTEERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND IN NEWSLETTERS TO LEAD THE WALKS, CLLRS AVARD AND BOWERS WOULD CONTACT DEVORAN AND CARNON DOWNS SURGERIES REGARDING WALKING GROUP REFERRALS, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

# 9. SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that there was still some funding available in the Small Grants funding budget for this financial year. It was agreed for the Clerk to advertise this in the next newsletter and on social media to raise awareness to the groups who may wish to apply.

The Clerk was asked to put the Small Grants Funding on a future agenda so that the criteria and system could be reviewed again.

## **10. RISK ASSESSMENTS**

Cllr Dyke, A Allen and Brickell had completed their risk assessments and checklists and copies passed to the Clerk for action.

## 11. CARNON DOWNS BOOKSWAP REVIEW

Cllr Avard said she felt that the bookswap was being less abused than previously. Herself and a volunteer were now keeping an eye on it almost daily. Mylor bookswap has signs that looked quite effective and Cllr Avard would get details of these for the Clerk to make up for our bookswap to see if these further improved how the bookswap was used.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD WOULD PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE MYLOR SIGNS TO THE CLERK SO THESE COULD BE REPLICATED FOR CARNON DOWNS, THE COUNCIL ALSO WISHED TO THANK DEBBIE EARLE THE VOLUNTEER AND IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE WITH THE BOOKSWAP AND DEFIBRILLATOR BEING HOUSED IN THE RED PHONEBOX ON FORTH COTH, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 12. BIKE RACKS AT BUS STOPS

The Chair felt that we should install one at the bus stop at Carnon Downs Village Hall or in the Village Hall car park. Cllr Brickell would ask the Village Hall Committee if they would consider us installing another bike rack in their car park. The Council would also consider putting a bike rack by the bus stop with a notice to say if full then could use the one in the village hall car park.

Cllr Dyke felt that we should look at other similar projects across the County and investigate if the bus companies had any funding available for this type of work.

It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate funding for bike racks in the following locations:

Greenbank Road, Devoran - replace wooden bike rack for metal one.

Fourturnings, Feock – beside the bus shelter

Clerk to contact Trelissick and ask if they would install a bike rack by their new bus stop as part of their car park and entrance revamp plans.

Clerk to contact Kea Parish Council to ask if they would be agreeable to having a bike rack installed by the Playing Place bus stop by the roundabout on the A39.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK INVESTIGATE FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THREE BIKE RACKS, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

# 13. FEEDBACK FOLLOWING MONITORING OF LITTER IN LAYBY NEAR TO FERRIS GARAGE

The Clerk advised that post mounted litter bins cost £100 upwards depending on design and around £100 a year for Biffa to empty.

It was noted that there was a bin just inside the stile on the footpath by Ferris Garage, may be this should be moved slightly to make it more visible.

Cllr Dyke had been monitoring the layby that there had been complaints about and said there was often litter there and volunteers picked it up so the problem was not apparent as it was being cleared. Cllr Dyke suggested a sign be put up in the layby, a Mrs Baggit type sign.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK CONTACT THE FLYTIPPING TEAM AT CORNWALL COUNCIL SEE IF A 'TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME WITH YOU' WAS AVAILABLE AND COULD BE PUT UP IN THE LAYBY, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 14. CARNON MINE ABANDONED BOATS

There was a meeting of Wreck free Fal at the Maritime Museum on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Bowers and P Allen would be attending this meeting. It was agreed to put this item on the February agenda so that questions could be agreed that the Committee would like asked.

## 15. MAINTENANCE OF PARISH COUNCIL & COMMON LAND

There were varying opinions on how the Councils land and Common Land should be maintained. Some residents had taken it upon themselves to do work on Council land/Common Land which had not been in accordance with how the Council wished to see the land maintained.

Chycoose Beach was monitored by Cllr P Allen.

Penpol Pond was monitored by Cllr A Allen. Cllr Bowers pointed out this was a salt marsh and a very unusual habitat, it needed very careful management. It was important that fallen branches did not block the stream.

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that the Council should have a manual of standards that we could give to our contractors which explained how we wished our land to be maintained. He also suggested professional advice could be obtained from a volunteer in exchange for an honorarium.

Penpol Orchard – needed consideration as to how it would be managed once it was handed back to the Parish Council. The Council wished for it to be usable by all ages but at the same time taking into account wildlife. It was noted the apple trees needed pruning.

## 16. PLANTING ALONG PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AS PART OF ACTIVE FEOCK

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that part of Active Feock was to enhance our public rights of way and make these corridors for wildlife as well as people.

The Clerk would ask Forest for Cornwall if any funding was available for planting as identified in the Active Feock project at Langdon's Strip and also the hedge at Dyson's Field.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK CONTACT THE FOREST FOR CORNWALL TO SEEK FUNDING, HOWEVER IF THIS WAS NOT AVAILABLE £500 WOULD BE ALLOCATED FROM THE ACTIVE FEOCK RESERVES/CIL, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

