

MEETING NO.

MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2018 AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, DEVORAN AT 7PM

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
	R Brickell	C Johnson	
		M Bearcroft	

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Parker.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018 BE AGREED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There was nothing to report from the previous meeting that was not on the agenda.

The Chairman said that an email had been received from Lanner Parish Council with regards to ascertaining if there was interest in setting up of the Mineral Tramways Partnership meetings again. The Chairman was in full support of this and felt that we should be involved in this partnership and any related meetings. Cllrs Hambly-Staite, Thomas and Brickell were all happy to go along to the meeting on 14th November at 2pm to represent the Parish Council. The Clerk would respond to advise that we would be attending and suggesting that business representatives also be included.

7. RISK ASSESSMENTS UPDATE ON ACTIONS

The Chairman said that we had gone through the risk assessments in detail at the last meeting and asked if anyone had any further comments to make. There were no comments made.

8. FAST PROJECT & HIGHWAYS UPDATES

Carnon Downs highways project and planters

The Chairman said that the planters were now in place on the pavement outside of the dentist

on Forth Coth. Issues had been raised by two residents about the issues they encountered when trying to get out of their driveways with indiscriminate parking on Forth Coth and they were unsure if the planter installation would help this although it would keep a walkway clear on the pavement. The Clerk confirmed that the bollards on the pavement on the opposite side of the road would be installed on Friday or Monday this week and the other works in Carnon Downs (yellow lines and junction remodelling) were planned to be completed by Christmas.

Overgrown hedges and verges

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had been contacted by a wheelchair user who had difficulty with getting around Carnon Downs village due to overgrown hedges overhanging pavements and asked if anyone was willing to go around with her to look at the issues. Cllr Brickell said he was happy to do this and the Clerk would arrange this.

Cllr Brickell had spoken to the residents of the house in Carnon Downs regarding their overgrown hedge and Cormac had now served notice on them to cut the hedge and would be progressing this issue. Cllr Johnson had spoken to residents along the terrace in Devoran where a couple of hedges had been overgrowing the pavement.

The Clerk had contacted Cormac about the hedge cutting on Point Road, Carnon Downs and they had confirmed that Point Road is a secondary cutting route which means that only verge trimming, sign visibility and junction cutting is carried out. The vertical cutting of hedges remained the responsibility of landowners and their contractors were instructed not to cut vertically. The Tram Road is not cut at all routinely by Cormac but they would send a steward to look at the hedges to check if the hedges were causing health and safety issues. Cormac have suggested that we help publicise the issue of overhanging hedges with a joint statement with Cormac to highlight that landowners are responsible for cutting their hedges. We have been asked by a resident if we could help with getting a private annual cut arranged. The Chairman said that he would respond to the resident to say that they would need to arrange the funding privately and also arrange the contractor as the cutting remained the responsibility of the landowner not Cornwall or the Parish Council.

The Chairman drew up a report regarding passing places on the Old Tram Road last year with the hope that these may be tarmacked when the road was resurfaced but unfortunately this was not possible, the report was circulated to those present. However, this report also highlighted the areas that it would be useful to keep cut back and for the Parish Council to consider installation of Passing Places signs. The Chairman felt that any cutting should take place later in the season to allow wildflowers to seed, not before the middle of August. The Chairman suggested the passing places be cut out twice a year but we would need to consult the neighbours and bring the cost back to a future meeting plus the costs for 'passing place only' signs.

S Bend parking at Devoran

The parking there now seemed to be better after the Summer, it seemed to be a problem during the Summer when people were visiting the quay. It was suggested that a small sign be put on the wall to say that parking there impedes emergency vehicles and Cllr Thomas would take this up with the owners of the wall.

Update on Point Road speeding issues

The Clerk had obtained prices for additional Share with Care Signs at a cost of £234+VAT for 6, the full Council had approved £200 be budgeted and the Clerk asked if the Committee were willing to approve the additional £34 cost for these signs to be installed on Greenbank Road and on the road by Point Green.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT AN ADDITIONAL £34 BE ALLOCATED TO ENABLE 6 SIGNS TO BE PURCHASED, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was a discussion regarding new gateway/welcome signs for each of the villages and also possibly also to site one at the King Harry Ferry.

The Clerk would obtain prices for new Welcome to the Parish entrance signs and bring the details to the next meeting.

WELLBEING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that we would convene a forum meeting which would be made up of members from the Working Group as this was now no longer in place but this would not be until early December so that the Community Navigator could attend. The Clerk would arrange a date with Cllr Hambly-Staite and notify members of the forum.

An offer of the position of Community Navigator has been made and we were just awaiting for formal confirmation of her start date.

The South West Academic Health Network have agreed to evaluate the project on an ongoing basis and Cllr Hambly-Staite was seeking funding for this to be carried out.

There was a discussion regarding the members of a Steering Group to manage the Community Navigator. It was suggested it should be 2 Councillors from Feock Parish, 2 from Truro City Council and 2 representatives from the GPs.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT CLLRS HAMBLY-STAITTE AND BEARCROFT BE OUR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STEERING GROUP, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that the Council needed to consider that we may need to put additional funding into this project if at the end of the pilot project the evaluation showed that the project was working well.

It was noted that the Wellbeing Café which was previously been held at Carnon Downs Village Hall was now being held at Perranwell Village Hall, Cllr Johnson would be visiting the café shortly to see how it was going.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hambly-Staite for his work on the wellbeing project.

9. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Killaganoon footpath route update

There was no further update on this issue to correct the route, Cllr Allen was taking this up with Cornwall Countryside Access Forum to see if more resources could be put to Rights of Way.

Carnon Downs new footpath dedication – update following meeting with Solicitors

Cllr Allen had met with the solicitors regarding the dedication of the new footpath and they would be writing to us with their advice on how to proceed with this.

Tank Hill, Devoran – damage to surface and lack of lighting

We had been contacted by a resident regarding damage to the tarmac surface of the footpath by tree roots and that it was quite dark. The Chairman proposed that we look into putting in additional lighting, Cllr Johnson would speak to the resident who had overgrowth obscuring the light as if this was cut back it may improve the lighting of the pathway without installing any new lighting. The Chairman asked Devoran Councillors to have a look at the path and the damage the roots were causing with a view to coming up with a solution for this. We would need to establish who owned the pathway and the Clerk would investigate through Land Registry before we did any works.

10. CARNON DOWNS NEW RECREATION AREA UPDATE

The Chairman ran through the new plan for the area taking into account the protected areas we were not able to surface due to drains and sewers. The Clerk had met with a contractor to look at the levelling and tarmacking/surfacing works that we would like to have carried out. The Clerk needed to sign an agreement with Taylor Wimpey with regards to getting permission for trial pits to be dug before we were the legal owners of the land.

The Clerk outlined the legal advice received from Cornwall Legal regarding the wording of the legal agreement for the transfer of the land and asked the Committee to make a decision regarding this tonight to be recommended to Full Council in November as it was originally Full Council who had formulated the response. The suggested wording was:

to hold and maintain the Property as public open space, with ancillary buildings and structures to support the use of the land by the public, and for no other purpose

to use the Property as public open space, with ancillary buildings and structures to support the use of the land by the public, and not to use the Property for any other purpose

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THE WORDING OUTLINED (IN ITALICS ABOVE) BE ADDED TO THE LEGAL AGREEMENT AND THIS BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. RETALLACK PLAYING FIELD COVENANT UPDATE

No further information had been received regarding this from our solicitors.

12. ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BINS & DOG FOULING ISSUES

Several requests for additional dog waste bins had been received from residents. The Clerk displayed a map showing the location for the current dog waste bins in the parish.

After discussion it was suggested that the following locations and costs for these be obtained and brought back by the Clerk to the next meeting.

Point Quay – dual purpose waste bin, this would need permission from Point Quay Association.

Tank Hill – use the spare dog waste bin (removed from Jubilee Wood) where path splits

Bridleway at Pengelly Meadows – dual purpose bin

Footpath by Ferris garage – dog waste bin

13. PLASTIC FREE & LITTER PROJECT

Cllr Brickell suggested a sticker or badge campaign, perhaps including the school to design a sticker for promoting plastic free. The Clerk would speak to the School about this as well as the speed awareness campaign.

The Chairman said that foreshore litter picks were generally well attended and were organised by Restronguet Creek Society and perhaps we could have joint litter picks.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT WE SPEAK WITH RESTRONGUET CREEK SOCIETY REGARDING SETTING UP A JOINT LITTER PICK OF THE FORESHORE NEXT YEAR, SECONDED BY ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk would put the Surfers Against Sewage Toolkit on the next agenda and a decision would be made at that meeting if we were going to follow this.

14. PARISH SIGNAGE PROJECT

The Chairman said there was nothing to report on this project at present. Cllr Parker was producing 4 signs for our play areas and the Chairman was producing drafts for signs for our historic sites.

15. SEED FUND APPLICATION

The Chairman advised that we had permission from Highways for planting the wild flower beds on the old A39 but we were waiting for Highways to confirm the type of tree that we would be able to plant along the verge as they were not keen on cherry trees.

16. POINT DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATION

The defibrillator and cabinet had been ordered and these would be located in the phone box on Point Green, the books would need re-arranging to accommodate this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.