

MEETING No.

Minutes of the Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council held on Monday 28th July 2025 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA at 6pm

Members present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK
 A Avard C Dyke
 R Brickell R Bowers
 P Allen K Hambly-Staite
 B Yates
 C Kemp (substitute for J Newman)

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk
 2 members of the public

Chair: Cllr Bowers

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed those present and remind attendees of the Civility & Respect Pledge.

Cllr Kemp was attending as a substitute for Cllr Newman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Newman

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting on 30th June 2025 referred to Cllr Newman as 'her' when it should have been 'him' in the item relating to Retallack Playing field.

Cllr Avard updated the Council that the new bookcase in the Carnon Downs bookswap has been installed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 30TH JUNE 2025 BE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD WITH ONE CORRECTION NOTED ABOVE, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Brickell declared an interest in the Carnon Downs Village Hall and would leave the meeting when this was discussed as he was a trustee when the work to move to a CIO was completed and his wife was a current trustee.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident spoke regarding the damage and harm frisbee rings can do to seals and other wildlife in the sea as they do not float, they sink and then wildlife can get entangled in them. They are not biodegradable and are made of very thin plastic and can cause horrible injuries. The cost to the Seal Sanctuary is £15K to rehabilitate an injured seal.

The resident was here to ask the Parish Council to voluntarily ban use of flying rings like Cornwall Council have done on their land and to put up posters on their land asking people not to use them.

A resident spoke regarding Carnon Downs Village Hall insurance and the issues that the trustees were having securing insurance due to the Parish Council being the owners. The trustees were requesting that the Parish Council insure the Village Hall and they would reimburse the Parish Council for the additional insurance premium.

It was agreed to bring forward the following items.

13. FLYING RINGS HARM TO SEALS

There was a discussion about this item and it was noted that it would be very difficult to ban the use of flying rings as the Parish Council do not have the powers to do this.

There were concerns about additional signs/posters being put up and ending up with too many signs that no one read any of. Cllr Kemp said she was happy to distribute some information to the parents of the pre-school children. There were also concerns raised about the graphic design of the poster. It was noted that there was currently no national position on this however Cornwall Council had recently agreed to display the posters.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THAT THE RESIDENT BE ASKED AN ASKED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN POSTER (LESS GRAPHIC IN NATURE) AND THEN THE COMMITTEE WOULD LOOK AT THIS AGAIN, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED.

16. CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL INSURANCE

Cllr Brickell left the meeting as he had declared an interest.

Cllr Avard explained that the Village Hall were unable to insure the building as they did not own the freehold as this was still in the name of the Parish Council. The Trustees had requested that to resolve this in the interim whilst ownership was resolved that the Parish Council insure the Village Hall and the Hall would reimburse them for any additional insurance premium.

RESOLUTION: CLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ADD THE VILLAGE HALL TO THEIR INSURANCE WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE CIO UNDERTAKE TO REIMBURSE THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE INSURANCE PREMIUM AND WORK TOWARDS RESOLVING THE OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDING/LAND WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report had been circulated as follows:

Benefit Body & Mind attended the July Parish Council meeting and bootcamps agreed to be held on Parish land in the parks over the Summer, the Clerk was just waiting on receipt of risk assessments and insurance details.

The spreadsheet of current budget for funded projects had been circulated by the Clerk to all.

The forming of a Capital Expenditure group had been discussed at Full Council and will be discussed again at a future meeting

The Clerk has asked our contractor to survey our wooden benches and report on their condition, work needed or if any need replacement

7. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting.

8. ACTIVE FEOCK PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Allen was working on the Mineral Tramways sign to go beside our bench on Feock Stroll 5. The Clerk would sent the PC and Active Feock logos for inclusion.

9. RISK ASSESSMENTS

There were no risk assessments for discussion.

10. BUS SHELTER MURAL

Cllr Dyke circulated the two proposed designs for the mural in the concrete bus shelter in Carnon Downs.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE DESIGN WITH THE DOG AND PEOPLE LOOKING OUT OF THE WINDOWS, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. DYSON'S FIELD MANAGEMENT

There was a discussion regarding Dyson's Field and how often the grass was cut, if this was too infrequent and needed more cuts and also how the cuttings needed to be disposed of to ensure the best health of the wildflowers and grass. It was felt that more pathways needed to be cut in the grass to ensure access to the benches.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT HIMSELF, CLLR BOWERS, CLLR BRICKELL, OUR GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTOR AND EDWIN LANYON MEET ON SITE TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE CUTTING REGIME AND PATTERN, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. GWR PROJECT

Cllr Hambly-Staite outlined progress with the project so far and showed all present the designs of the posters. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hambly-Staite for his work on this project. It was agreed to defer this item until the September meeting.

14. SIGNS TO BE PURCHASED (LITTER SIGN & PASSING PLACE SIGNS)

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED UP TO £200 BE ALLOCATED FOR A LITTER SIGN FOR THE LAYBY NEAR TO FERRIS GARAGE, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED.

The Clerk advised that there were 2 Passing Place signs in the office awaiting locations to be identified.

15. NOISE FROM GREEN FENCING IN PENGELLY MEADOWS RECREATION AREA, CARNON DOWNS

Cllr Allen gave the background to why the recreation area had been designed with the current layout. The playing field was in place before Treheath Meadows had been built and when it was set out the space the other side of the hedge was allocated to a communal lounge not a dwelling, following the creation of the Recreation Area the planning permission was amended to remove the lounge and add a house in the space.

There was a discussion regarding if the green fencing was still needed now that the trees and hedges were growing but it was noted that there were still gaps that would allow balls to go into the neighbours garden. A net behind the goal instead of the fencing was suggested but there were concerns that wildlife could get caught in this.

17. ABANDONED BOATS

Cllr Allen had met with Dee from Restronguet Creek Society. To be able to remove wrecks the ownership of the boat needed to be established as well as the ownership of the land it was on. The Parish Council were working on registering the freehold of common land. Until ownership of the foreshore was established little could be done about the wrecks. It was agreed we would continue with issuing notices to wrecks above the high water line as we had some success with getting owners to remove them.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT CLLR ALLEN AND RESTRONGUET CREEK SOCIETY REQUEST A MEETING WITH OUR MP, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11pm