

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 18th July 2019 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	A Allen	K Hambly-Staite
	R Brickell	B Thomas	
	K Gason		

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor P Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies received from Cllr Parker.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE 2019 BE AGREED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION THAT CLLR HAMBLY-STAITHE WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk would contact SSE and request that a warm white led bulb was fitted to the street lamp at the top of Tank Hill. The contractor had visited this week and would provide a quotation for re-tarmac where the tree roots were coming up through the surface.

The photographs sent in by a resident of cars obstructing the pavements in Forth Coth had been forwarded to the Police.

The printers were providing a proof of the signs for the parks so that the background colour could be approved.

All the locations for the flashing speed sign (VAS) have now been agreed and approved, this was being funded by the Community Network Panels Highways budget. Concerns remained about the speed limits on the King Harry Ferry Road.

The Clerk had met with our contractor to look at installing noticeboards and leaflet holders in the phonebox on Forth Coth to create a local information point.

The letter to all residents about maintenance of hedges and common land along the Tram Road has been sent out 10 days ago. Two email responses have been received, the Chairman read these out and these were discussed.

The Chairman has over the last couple of years spoken to residents to seek their views about the maintenance of Carnon Mine, which vary. The Chairman was meeting with one of the residents who had sent an email tomorrow afternoon. Some Councillors felt that the trees there should not be cut down but should be managed so the views were still able to be appreciated. Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that the tree growth on the Tram Road should be looked at as a whole, it was noted that not all of the land along the Tram Road was common land or in the Parish Council's control.

It was felt that the Oxeye daisies at Carnon Mine looked very attractive and we wished to retain these. It was suggested that there was an area where there were no flowers further along by Carnon Yard and this may be an area suitable for wildflower planting, it was noted that for wildflowers to thrive they need a certain type of soil, this could not be too rich and it would take quite a lot of work to create successful wildflower beds. This would need to be discussed at a future meeting as budget would need to be allocated.

A meeting was being held regarding trees in the Parish on Monday with the Tree Officer.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT WE DESIGNATE THE OLD TRAM ROAD AS AN AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE PARISH AND CONSULT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WITH REGARDS TO ITS MAINTENANCE, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Hambly-Staite would take this forward initially.

Cllrs P Allen, A Allen and Thomas would look at the condition of the holly tree at Carnon Mine, it had previously been thought to be dying but now appeared to be shooting again. Cllr Hambly-Staite would seek advice on how best to control the bamboo.

7. HIGHWAYS

School poster campaign update

The Clerk would order 2 of each of the 4 designs in A3 with clips to fix them onto existing sign posts, these would be in composite material. The Clerk was checking that Cornwall Council were happy with the design before they were printed.

King Harry Ferry Road

Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended a meeting at Trelissick with Cllr Thomas where the issue of the speed limit on the road to Trelissick was discussed. Cornwall Council said that the speed limit could not be changed on that road as it was in accordance with national guidelines. The Parish Council felt very strongly that the 40mph limit should be reduced to a 30mph limit, however when the Council have requested this it has been refused and they have been advised that the limit is correct.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THIS ISSUE IS TAKEN TO FULL COUNCIL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE HEAD OF HIGHWAYS BE WRITTEN TO WITH REGARDS

TO THE REGULATIONS THAT PRECLUDE THE 40MPH LIMIT BE REDUCED TO 30MPH, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The Chairman said that we had been working with the Cormac Countryside team to replace some of the Cornish hedge stiles which were difficult to negotiate with kissing gates. The Chairman has written to the Public Rights of Way Officer for Cornwall Council to chase up action on this, and he would also be raising this at the Countryside Access Forum next week. We would need their assistance to get landowner permission to make these changes as landowners were responsible for stiles. The Parish Council had budgeted £3K this year for footpath improvements and this could be used to improve access.

9. SEED FUND APPLICATION

The Chairman and Cllr Brickell met yesterday to look at the land that is going to be used for the new planted area in conjunction with Devoran School and this would be planted in September. Cllr Brickell is going to pulverise the area to clear it for planting. The Clerk confirmed that the crowdfunding had now been received. It was suggested to install some bird boxes in the oak trees. The Chairman gave an overview of possible locations on our land for additional trees as part of the Climate Emergency project, all present were in agreement.

10. POINT QUAY WATER POINT

The Chairman has now spoken to SWW and the quote covers all the works required.

11. COMMUNITY CONNECT WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite advised that Community Connect is continuing well. The Parish Council has recently agreed to be part of an EU funded project that the University are bidding for. Cllrs Hambly-Staite and Dr Colin Blake were meeting with the University tomorrow. The project proposal goes to Brussels in September for consideration, it was anticipated that Brexit would not affect the funding, however we would find out the outcome of the Universities bid later in the year.

12. RESTRONGUET POINT PARKING FOR MOORING HOLDERS

Cllr Thomas advised that Cllr Alvey was working on this issue and we would await his feedback.

13. RETALLACK PLAYING FIELD EQUIPMENT

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that a working group meeting has yet to be set up but he had spoken to residents who had previously shown an interest in improvements being made to the field. Gwennap Playing Field had been visited, which had been newly refurbished and it had been suggested that similar equipment could be installed in Feock as there was a good range, it had also been suggested to visit the new outdoor fitness area in Falmouth. Cllr Hambly-Staite hoped to be able to make a recommendation on any new equipment and works to full Council in the Winter.

14. PENGELLY MEADOWS PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk advised we were still waiting on two further quotations but she would endeavour to obtain these by the next full Parish Council meeting so these could be considered and a decision made.

The Chairman had found a local company that installed pathways using recycled plastic in resin which may be a better surface than tarmac and more environmentally friendly. This could be considered when the quotations for the groundworks were received as a substitution for tarmac, it was likely to be more expensive than tarmac. The Clerk would circulate the link to this product to all members. The Clerk advised that a resident had been in touch regarding the need for additional drainage in the new recreation area, she had checked this with Taylor Wimpey who had advised they did not feel any further drainage was required.

The hedge of Carnon Downs park needs tidying as it is getting very overgrown. The Clerk would speak to our grass cutting contractor and ask them to add the verge outside of the park to their cutting schedule.

The Clerk advised that she had received some comments from parents and grandparents about the stile in the wall of the children's play park in Carnon Downs, as there was a pedestrian gate on the Park an Gwarry side was there a need for this gap. It was agreed that this was probably now not necessary that the park was for younger children and the Clerk would add this to the next Access & Amenities Committee agenda so a decision could be made about how this could be blocked up.

15. WEED CONTROL

The Clerk gave overview of workshop she had attended in relation to alternatives to pesticides. Three methods of pesticide free weed control had been demonstrated – hot foam, manual removal by wire brushing and electric. Complaints had been received about weeds growing around the parish and the Clerk recommended that initially the Parish Council trial the manual method of removal with mechanical wire brushing and then consider hot foam from the start of the season next year. The Clerk had found a local contractor who could carry out this work.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT A DAYS TRIAL TO SEE HOW WELL THE MECHANICAL WIRE BRUSHING WORKED BE ARRANGED BY THE CLERK, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk had circulated her summary of the workshop to all Councillors.

16. CARNON VALLEY WOODLAND

The Chairman would be checking that the area on the Carnon Valley was not included in the new Cornwall Forrest. The report from the meeting held with Cornwall Council and Kea Parish Council had been circulated.

17. SURFACING OF FOOTPATH OFF POINT ROAD

There had been a complaint received regarding the footpath off Tregye Road leading to Point Road (opposite Cats Protection) as this was growing in, this was one of the paths that we wished to include in our footpath urban round walks. The Chairman has written to the landowner to request is cut out and also to seek her permission to surface this to make it more accessible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.