

MEETING NO. 12 ..

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present: **WARDS** **CARNON DOWNS** **DEVORAN** **FEOCK**
 R Brickell C Johnson C Blake
 C Kemp B Thomas K Hambly-Staite

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
 Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
 Sharon Nettleton, Community Navigator
 3 members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. **INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Councillors introduced themselves.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Lightfoot, Allen, Parker, Andrew and Freeman.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2019**

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2019 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Three members of the public were in attendance to listen to proceedings.

6. **CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area

The Clerk has written to residents of Pengelly Meadows with details of our plans for the recreation area and was waiting for quotes for landscaping works.

Drains

The blocked drain near to Trevilla House had been reported to Cornwall Council but it appeared action was yet to be taken on this.

Broken stile

The stile near to Trevallion Park has been repaired but it unknown if this had been done to the correct design standard as a complaint had been received from a resident that it is now too low for a dog to get under.

A van appeared to have been abandoned at the bus stop in Devoran bus stop and the Clerk was investigating.

The new fencing at Penpol car park has now been completed.

The Clerk has asked our contractor to go ahead with the works approved at the last meeting, these were cutting out the passing places on the Tram Road regularly, cutting the verges on the entrance to Devoran (this had been recently), tidying of Carnon Mine and additional planting on Carnon Gate roundabout.

The Clerk was waiting for the price of a feasibility study on Old Carnon Hill from Cormac, it was expected this would be around £5K.

The Clerk would shortly be writing to transport scheme users to advise of a 50p increase on trips. A new driver was being trained tomorrow.

The second issue of the Connect newsletter has now been sent out.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Chairman had attended the Community Network Area Meeting and the discussion regarding the rise in crime, particularly drugs and knife crime in Cornwall and the staffing levels of the Police force were very alarming. The Community Speedwatch schemes were unable to be adequately supported, again due to lack of staff available. The Chairman had raised the importance of local transport schemes such as our own and it was hoped that other local councils would set up a similar schemes.

Cllr Brickell had attended the Meet Your Planners meeting with the Assistant Clerk and Cllr Freeman. This was a useful session to hear about the restructure of the planning teams into area based teams that dealt with both planning applications and enforcement. The Forestry Officers remained in a separate team.

Cllr Blake had attended Central Planning Committee to speak on three applications that we had taken to Planning Committee. There were 2 applications on Ropewalk. One of the applications we had objected to on the scale and massing of the property and unfortunately this was approved, it was very concerning that information contained in the Planning Officers report was misleading, for example it stated that the site was double the size of neighbouring sites when in fact it is the same size, the Planning Officer's report also made a disparaging comment about the overlooking issues raised by the Parish Council which it was felt was unprofessional and unnecessary. The other Ropewalk application was also approved despite concerns about difficulties with access being raised and this also being a reason for the dismissal of an appeal on the site a number of years ago. The decision on the third application at Restronguet Point was deferred but again the Officers report contained inaccuracies, this stated that the property could not be seen from the water where in fact looking at the sales particulars the photographs clearly showed the property was visible from the water. Cllr Blake had raised the inaccuracies with the Officers reports at the Committee meeting.

Cllr Alvey stated that we could write to the Head of Planning if we wished to raise the issue about inaccuracies.

It was agreed that Cllr Blake would work with the Clerk to compose a letter to the Head of Planning regarding inaccuracies which could be misleading to the Planning Committee when decisions were being made.

Cllr Thomas had attended a Joint Highways Meeting with Cormac and Kea Parish Council and it was pleasing to see that works had finally been completed to alleviate the flooding at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill. There were ongoing works to be carried out to the culvert and also the bridleway access. The flashing speed sign has been approved to be funded from the Community Network budget but annual maintenance costings were still being worked out.

The Clerk had queried with the Community Network Manager about how the funding was allocated and had been assured that the funding was on a 4 year rolling budget.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey had attended a Governance Workshop with regards to the changes in 2021 when the number of Councillors reduced and how this would affect the Town and Parish Councils. There may be more 'self service' actions available on websites to give the Towns and Parish's more information. Presently each directorate of Cornwall Council looks after its own estates, they were moving to having one department that looks after all estates with a view to rationalising estates and property and sharing with other organisations.

Cllr Alvey thanked everyone who came along to the Valley Lane appeal last week, it was good to see a lot of residents attending in support. There are also appeals on Topsails and The Dene but these were desktop assess appeals rather than public hearing for the Valley Lane development. A planning application had been submitted today for the mooring of a barge at Point Quay together with an MMO application.

Cllr Alvey had put his name to a motion in relation to plastics on public beaches and how this is dealt with, ie. ghost fishing gear, recycling bins. The Central Planning Meeting for the 15th April has been cancelled due to lack of applications, it was likely the next meeting would now be on 13th May and the deferred application for Chyreen would be discussed at that meeting.

Cllr Brickell asked was there anything that could be done about trees that would be affected by a planning application if it was not a TPO'd tree or in a conservation area. Cllr Alvey commented that if we become aware of a planning application that would affect important unprotected trees we could request a temporary TPO and a Tree Officer would then look at the trees and decide if they need a permanent TPO.

Police report

The clerk reported the latest figures that were available online for January 2019.

Carnon Downs x 7

Quenchwell Road x 1 burglary

Knights Meadow x 1 criminal damage and arson

Old Carnon Hill x 3 - criminal damage and arson, Drugs, Violence and sexual offences

Gig Lane x 1 antisocial behaviour

Penpol x 1

Trolver Hill – Antisocial behaviour

Feock x 3

Dicky Lane x 1 vehicle crime
King Harry Ferry terminal x 2 – vehicle crime and other theft

9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk confirmed that St Feock Churchyard was a Living Churchyard.

The Clerk had circulated the Accounts for Payment for March 2019 to all those present and gave a summary of the financial position.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAI TE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Payments for approval since the last meeting totalled £11,645.77 and income £6355.13 which included £3490.81 payment from the Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement.

The Clerk requested permission to transfer the balance of the current account at the end of this financial year which was likely to be in the region of £60,000 to the reserve account to enable easier management of the 2019/20 precept and income.

The Clerk advised that although the accounts were showing an overspend of £16,282 this was due to payments being made for the Devoran 20mph zone and Carnon Downs Highways works which totalled £26,947 and had not been budgeted to be spent from this years income as the invoices had been late being received so in actual fact we were under actually under budget.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT THE BALANCE OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Blake reported that the issue with drainage at Feock with a property that had a broken highways drain in garden which was causing constant water on the road near to the Church had now been investigated by Cormac who had accepted responsibility and it was hoped they would be resolving the issue shortly.

Cllr Hambly-Staite reported that there had been a letter published in the latest issue of the Feock News stating that trees in a woodland at Feock had been slowly being poisoned. Tests were being carried out to establish how this was being carried out and the trees affected.

Devoran

Cllr Thomas and Johnson met to look at the issue with the surface of Tank Hill pathway where roots from adjoining trees were digging up the surface and causing a trip hazard for less able residents. Cllr Thomas is going to speak to the owner of the trees to see what can be done to resolve the issue. The vegetation there needs cutting back and once this has been carried out it will allow the street lighting to light the path.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the pavements on Market Street needed attention as they were breaking up. The Clerk to contact Cormac to request repairs.

Carnon Downs

Cllr Brickell and the Clerk had attended the School Assembly to award the prizes to the prize winners. It was agreed to purchase 5 of each design.

11. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Kemp reported that at the last Planning Committee meeting a new application for Penpol Boatyard had been discussed and it was agreed to hold a site meeting to look at the location of the parking area as this was not clear on the application.

Cllr Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Kemp for her professional demeanour and the way she represented the Parish Council and residents views at the Valley Lane appeal hearing.

An application for a boatshed at Devoran Boatyard had been discussed, the plans were quite difficult to interpret, and the Parish Council felt that further information was required before they could make a comment on the application.

Cllr Kemp said she was very grateful for all the support from Carnon Downs residents, Cllr Alvey and the Planning Committee at the Valley Lane appeal meeting.

12. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clerk had contacted Cormac to ask if they would consider fencing the drop at Carnon Mine that had been created by the vegetation being cut down. If they would not then we had a price for fencing this ourselves and the whole stretch of Carnon Mine once it had been tidied.

The Clerk was waiting on the final design for the pavement on Bissoe Road and would circulate this to all once it had been received.

The Clerk had ordered litter pickers and bin bags for the Great British Spring Clean event on Sunday. The litter points would be manned as follows:

Cllr Blake – Feock

Cllr Johnson – Point

Cllr Thomas – Devoran

Cllr Brickell – Carnon Downs

13. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The date of 29th April had been agreed for the Climate Change Meeting. The Chairman and Clerk would put together a flyer that we could distribute at the litter picks to encourage members of the public to come along. Cornwall Council would be putting together a toolkit for Town and Parish Councils who had declared a Climate Emergency and it was therefore decided not to employ a consultant at the present time.

14. WELLBEING PROJECTS UPDATE

Community Connect

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that a meeting of the forum had been held recently and safeguarding was discussed at length. The University of Exeter was analysing the data from the projects work so far.

Sharon, the Community Navigator gave a report on the first quarter of the project. In this time there had been 65 people signposted to the project, of which 32 were from Feock parishes, 5 from Kea and 3 from Perranwell. These referrals had come through from the surgery and they were not always aware of the exact boundaries of the Feock parish.

The mapping of the community groups had been updated and we were now looking at how best we displayed and made this information available to GPs and residents. There was good practice at Penpol & Point where the Community Emergency Co-ordinator was keen to be involved in the Connect project.

There were lots of links being made with the Churches and Chapels and also the Neighbourhood Watch and how they link into the community. Sharon has visited lots of groups and has been busy encouraging people to attend these, especially the fall prevention and exercise groups and the groups had been very welcoming to new members. There appeared to be an increase in the lunch club attendance and she was working on encouraging people to attend lunches outside of their immediate area. Sharon has been working closely with Devoran School as well.

Dementia Awareness Training was being delivered in the library and at the Carnon Inn. Sharon suggested the Safe Places Scheme be considered to be rolled out across the parish and perhaps the Parish Council Office be registered. The PPG in Carnon Downs is holding an event at the end of April which will showcase groups in the community and Sharon will be attending and giving a talk about the project.

The Chairman thanked Sharon for all her work to date on the project and it was good to hear it was going well.

Meet & Eat Lunches

The Clerk advised the Meet & Eat was £936 in profit and the groups who were involved in running this were looking at projects this money could be spent on. The groups were looking at the possibility of resurrecting the Asda bus service and questionnaires had been distributed to residents for their thoughts on this.

Connect Newsletter

The Clerk advised the second issue of the newsletter had now been delivered to all dwellings in the parish.

Council to consider setting up a Community Interest Company

Cllr Hambly-Staite said for us to access funding from Smartline via Exeter University we would need to be either a Charity or a CIC. Becoming a CIC would enable us to access more funding than the Parish Council were able to. The cost of setting up a CIC was £27 and the registration process could be done online. The CIC could be used as an umbrella organisation for lots of projects and to assist with funding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT WE SET UP A COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. COMMUNITY NETWORK AREA SOS VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

There were no suggestions for projects that could be put forward for this scheme.

16. REQUEST FROM POINT & PENPOL REGATTA COMMITTEE TO USE QUAY AND GREEN

The Clerk advised that Point & Penpol Regatta Committee has requested permission to use the Quay and Point Green for the annual regatta on 29th and 30th June 2019.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT PERMISSION BE GIVEN TO POINT & PENPOL REGATTA TO USE THE QUAY AND GREEN FOR THE REGATTA ON 29TH & 30TH JUNE 2019, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REGISTERING COMMON LAND AT CARNON MINE AND ALLOCATING BUDGET FOR ANY NECESSARY COSTS

The Clerk suggested the Council investigate registering the common land at Carnon Mine and that legal advice would be needed on this.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE CLERK BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE ON REGISTERING THE COMMON LAND AT CARNON MINE, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. CORNWALL COUNCIL WEBSITE – WHERE I LIVE SECTION

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that it was disappointing that the Where I Live section on Cornwall Council's website did not show very local information such as the Parish Council for the area or micro libraries. The Clerk had raised this previously but no action had been taken. Cllr Alvey said he would take this up on our behalf.

19. FAL RIVER FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

The Clerk had received a sponsorship request from the Fal River Festival, the cost to be a sponsor was £75.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL SPONSOR THE EVENT AS THEY HAVE DONE IN PREVIOUS YEARS AT A COST OF £75, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.20pm