

**MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025  
AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN**

Councillors present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Yates	J Newman	R Brickell
	C Kemp	A Allen	R Bowers
	A Avarð	M Steel	K Hambly-Staite
	P Allen		C Dyke

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey

Chair: Cllr Brickell

**1. MEETING PROCEDURES & INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded both members of the public and Councillors of the Civility and Respect Pledge.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J Allen.

**3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There was one amendment to make to the previous minutes to change from 'bus racks' to 'bike racks'.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK WITH THE AMENDMENTS AGREED BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in the Devoran Pre-School item and would leave the meeting when this was discussed as she was employed as the Manager of the Pre-School. Cllr Steel declared an interest in the Point Orchard item and would take no part in the discussion or any vote.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

## **6. CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerks report had been circulated, there no questions on the report.

Valley Lane Development - the Clerk had circulated the contact details for the contractors to all Councillors in case of any complaints from residents so Councillors could get in touch with them.

Passing Place signs - one passing place sign had been retrieved and had been put up again at the passing place opposite Dyson's Field. The other one that had been removed from Chychoose was not able to be found and a new one would have to be put up.

Road sweeping in Feock - the road sweeper had visited but had unfortunately broken down. Sweeping would be carried out again in approx. 2 weeks when it was next scheduled. The sweeper had visited one Sunday to do the Tram Road but unfortunately the driver had received complaints from people about him being there on a Sunday.

VAS at Penelewey - the VAS at Penelewey was now operational.

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting - the Clerk had arranged a meeting of Councillors to discuss the steps required to review the NDP.

Point Orchard Septic Tank issue - Legal advice being sought.

CCF Funding - Clerk has submitted an application for funding for bike racks and Feock Strolls walk leaflets to be designed and printed.

St Feock Churchyard Grant – this item was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

The Council wished to record their thanks to Cllr Brickell for repairing the phonebox door in Devoran.

It was requested that passing places, Wreck Free Fal meeting report, Nature Recovery and Bissoe Community Woodland terms of reference be put on a future agenda of the Access & Amenities Committee.

## **7. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ATTENDANCES AT OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chairman had attended a Zoom briefing regarding changes to the Planning rules together with Cllr Hambly-Staite a Zoom briefing on Waste Management and the new rubbish and recycling system which was coming in this week, there was no opportunity for questions to be answered which was disappointing.

Cllr Bowers and the Chairman had attended the Community Area Partnership meeting. There was new Climate Action training covering resilience and flooding being held later this week which Cllr Bowers would attend. The Chacewater Community Energy Group is having a public event regarding electric vehicles, nature recovery, solar energy etc. and all were welcome to attend. There was a presentation by a Youth Engagement Officer who is supporting the setting up of Youth Groups. The Hub at Carnon Downs Methodist Chapel are very keen to set up a youth group and Cllr Dyke has spoken to them about this and would signpost to any help that could be offered and support where we could. Cllr Bowers said the next CAP meeting would focus on Active Travel and the meeting would be in July.

Cllr P Allen had attended a very successful Wreck Free Fal meeting, this would be discussed by the Harbours Forum and a future Access & Amenities Committee. He had also attended a Falmouth Marine Conservation Group event regarding Pacific Oysters and the explosion of their population in the Fal and creek this was becoming a very serious to our native oysters.

Cllr Hambly-Staite, Brickell and the Clerk had attended a CCF Funding celebration event at New County Hall where we had a stand about our Active Feock project and made some good links with other projects who had also had CCF funding.

## **8. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Devoran**

Cllr A Allen asked Cllr Alvey if there was any news on the barge at Point and when this would be removed, lots of residents had been asking about this. Cllr Alvey advised that there were three elements of enforcement taking place regarding the barge however progress was slow due to the legal processes that needed to be followed but he felt it was unlikely we would see any movement soon due to maritime safety reasons.

Cllr A Allen said that tidying work continued in Devoran park.

### **Carnon Downs**

Cllr Yates advised that scalpings had been delivered by Cormac to Wellington Place to fill in the potholes on the public right of way and the residents were very appreciative of this.

Works were ongoing on Quenchwell Road for the traffic calming and to make it safer for pedestrians to walk to the garden centre.

### **Feock**

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the VAS sign had been installed at Penelewey which was good news and positive comments had been made about it. He had raised with Cllr Alvey better

road markings at Penelewey which he felt would help road safety. The bus shelter at Fourturnings had had the tiles replaced on the roof.

## **9. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

It was hoped at the next Cornwall Council meeting the Nature Recovery Strategy and Local Energy Recovery Plan would be signed off. The pre-election period starts on 14th March so the work able to be done by Cornwall Councillors would change to reflect the pre-election period rules and the restrictions under these. Environmental Enforcement information would be available to the Parish Council to promote to residents to explain which organisations enforce the various environmental breaches and how they could report issues.

The new rubbish and recycling system was starting this week and there was lots of information on Cornwall Councils website, if residents were struggling with moving the new wheelie bins that had been provided they could request an 'assisted collection'.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that Cllr Alvey be invited to a future Access & Amenities Committee meeting regarding nature recovery and where the Parish Council could get involved. The Clerk would arrange this.

Concerns were raised about holiday lets dumping their rubbish in public bins rather than paying for commercial collection. Cllr Alvey advised that the recycling team will check rubbish if there are concerned that second homes are using residents or public bins.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Alvey for all his support over the last 4 years.

## **10. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated the latest crime figures for the parish.

## **11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk gave a financial summary for the last month and had circulated to Councillors the accounts for payment list received since the last meeting.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **12. NEW STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Clerk had circulated NALCs new model standing orders and financial regulations and recommended the Council adopt these.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE NEW NALC STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **13. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK AND POINT ORCHARD MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk read out the latest email regarding the septic tank from the owner of the properties that feed into the tank.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would meet with solicitors on Friday and feedback to Council on the way forward.

As Forest for Cornwall funding had been secured for planting by the bench on Langdon's Strip, on the bus lane and on Dyson's Field hedge, Cllr Hambly-Staite proposed that the £500 be reallocated for maintenance of the Orchard when this had been taken back on from Point Quay Association.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED £500 FROM RESERVES BE REALLOCATED TO POINT ORCHARD MAINTENANCE, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **14. POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION LEASE**

Point Quay Association had confirmed they were happy to hand back the Orchard as part of the amendment to the lease to reflect their new constitution and name and just lease the Orchard.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE LEASE IS SURRENDERED AND A NEW LEASE DRAWN UP UNDER THE POINT & PENPOLL CIO NAME FOR POINT ORCHARD ONLY, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **15. ENERGY AUDIT**

Cllr Bowers advised that this project had started as decarbonisation funding became available but at very short notice. The Parish Council had agreed to carry out an energy audit so that we had this to back up any funding applications we may wish to make in the future and so we were ready to apply. The office and pre-school boilers were coming to the end of their lives and it would be good to be able to find funding for their replacements. Cllr Bowers thanked all the Councillors who have responded to the Energy Audit with queries to feedback to Community Energy Plus.

The Clerk would look into listed building funding opportunities to see if this could be used to fund improvement to the front door which was very draughty and also solar panels and also what the advice was regarding planning.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE CLERK INVESTIGATE WHAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OFFICE IS A LISTED BUILDING AND GETS QUOTES TO FIX THE FRONT DOOR, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**16. LETTER FROM REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING SECOND HOMES COUNCIL TAX**

The Clerk had circulated the letter from Redruth Town Council. This related to some Town and Parish Council's taxbases increasing due to the additional Council tax on second homes rules that were coming in and they wished to see this additional tax shared fairly between all Councils and now just those with a higher proportion of second homes.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WHILST THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THOSE COUNCILS WHO WERE NOT IN SECOND HOME AREAS THEY FELT THIS WAS A STRATEGIC POLITICAL ISSUE AND FOR THE CLERK TO FEED THIS BACK, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**17. REQUEST FROM ST FEOCK PCC FOR INCREASE IN CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE GRANT**

The Clerk had contacted the St Feock Church Treasurer who advised that their grant request for Churchyard maintenance was for £500 per year. There was a discussion regarding the Living Churchyard element of the grounds.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE GRANT FOR BOTH ST FEOCK AND DEVORAN CHURCHES BE INCREASED TO £500 EACH FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED.**

**18. DOG FOULING ISSUES AROUND THE PARISH**

The Chairman said there was a particular problem in Carnon Downs that residents had contacted him about, although looking on the data regarding reporting of dog fouling this showed no issues were being reported in the parish. The Chairman suggested installing up more dog bins but the costs of this needed to be looked at and emptying of each additional in was around £100 a year.

**19. CO-OPTION TO CASUAL VACANCIES**

There were no applicants for the casual vacancies.

The meeting moved into confidential session and Cllr Alvey left the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18pm.