

MEETING NO. 1180

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 20th July 2017 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	I MacDonald	C Blake
		B Thomas	

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

Cllr Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

The Clerk reported apologies had been received from Cllrs Hambly-Staite, Johnson and Andrew.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 27th JUNE 2017

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2017 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk advised that she had now been in contact with Taylor Wimpey regarding the S106 agreement for the Parish Council to take over the Recreation Area and the Orchard. Taylor Wimpey were not aware that we were taking over the Orchard as well and had already set up an agreement with a management company for its maintenance. The Clerk was asked by the Committee to find out from Taylor Wimpey if we did not take over the Orchard are who would be the owners and what responsibilities would come with ownership, ie. maintenance of the SUDs (drainage system). The Clerk would find out the answers to these questions and then provide the details to the Parish Council so that a decision could be made as to whether or not they wished to pursue the ownership of the Orchard area. The Committee also had concerns about who was responsible for the maintenance/weeding of the Cornish stone wall which bordered the new pathway and who was responsible for the visitors parking spaces.

The field had now been levelled and prepared to a much better condition since we had sought a price for preparing the field to become the recreation area.

7. FAST PROJECT & HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES

Cllr MacDonald is attending a Speedwatch classroom training session on Saturday, this would give us 3 fully trained members which is the number that were needed to run Speedwatch monitoring sessions.

The work on the 20mph zone for Devoran is ongoing and Cllr MacDonald has met with our new contact at Cornwall Council/Cormac regarding the Carnon Downs Highways projects (4 areas).

Cllr MacDonald reported that we have had a meeting with the Area Manager and Practice Manager of Well Dental who appeared to be willing to contribute towards the cost of the planters on Forth Coth to help control parking on the pavement. A consultation exercise with residents in Carnon Downs was ongoing with regards to getting views on the design/material of the planters with a deadline of 14th August for responses. At present the most popular appeared to be the black and gold iron planters.

There was a discussion regarding parking enforcement as there appeared to be lots of parking on double yellow lines in Devoran and the Clerk would find out how often parking enforcement visited Devoran.

8. HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKING PARTY

Cllr Allen and Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended a Health & Wellbeing meeting with Truro City Council, GPs and Mark O'Brien (Community Link Officer) regarding Social Prescribing and our wish to take this type of project forward. It was thought that the Health Commissioning body had committed to match funding any funds put forward by the Councils but they had now said they felt they may more helpfully support the scheme by providing a Project Manager rather than match funding. Cllr Allen felt this would only be practical if we joined together with Truro in this project. The next meeting to be arranged and will be between Cllr Allen, Hambly-Staite, Roger Gazzard and Truro City Councillors and GPs which would be more of a working group to look at how having a shared co-ordinator would work who could be located part-time in Truro City Council and the Parish Council Offices.

9. FOOTPATHS & SAFE WALKING PATHS

It was agreed to defer this item until the September meeting as Cllr Hambly-Staite was absent and had asked for this item to be put on the agenda.

10. DRAINS & ROAD MULCH ISSUES

The Clerk advised this item related to the ploughing of Tregye Road which had now been resolved through the intervention of Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey who had negotiated with Cornwall Council some budget for them to pay for this work to be carried out rather than the Parish Council having to pay for this.

Cllr Blake said he had two drains on his boundary in Feock and he keeps the tops of these clear himself to stop the drains becoming blocked by leaves/mud, on the other side of the road there were 4 or 5 near to the Church car park, these were covered in leaf mulch. The two drains outside of Cllr Blake's property had been cleared and the mud/mulch cut back but no others in the village had been cleared.

Cllr Allen said that last time we discussed this we agreed to keep photographic evidence and suggested that we keep a diary of the problems the blocking of the drains was causing and take photos of any flooding and blocked drains.

11. FORESHORE OWNERSHIP, LAND REGISTRY & COMMONS REGISTRATION

Cllr Allen presented the foreshore ownership map he had put together which showed current registered ownership. It was noted that the foreshore is between high and low water and fundus is generally below low water. Cllr Allen ran through the ownership of the foreshore as it was many years ago. There were some areas that were previously County Council owned but these had now been infringed on by other land owners who had registered the land as their own. Cllr Allen said that although we have some land that we own, such as Carnon Yard, this is registered but we have not registered the fundus or foreshore. However for Point Quay this is registered and we own it but and in this case we have also registered the foreshore and fundus. We have common land and associated foreshore which again is not registered. Cllr Allen felt that we should be looking to

register all our common land and the associated fundus and foreshore. He had concerns about areas that contained moorings being claimed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT WE INVESTIGATE THE REGISTERING OF OUR COMMON LAND INTERESTS TOGETHER WITH ANY APPLICABLE FORESHORE/FUNDUS, SECONDED BY CLLR BLAKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CHYCOOSE BEACH WORKS

Cllr Allen advised that a price had been given by our contractor and this had been agreed by the Council to fund the fencing of the drop. This work would not be done until we knew what work would be carried out to shore up the culvert. If this was likely to be a large job then there was potential for a concrete base to be created at the top of the bank which may be able to be utilised as the base for a bench seat. Viv Bidgood from Cormac was going to check the engineering drawings for the work to the structure to see if this would be possible. It was likely that this work would be carried out towards the end of August as long as the workforce were available.

13. CARNON MINE AREA

Cllr Allen reported that there were still problems with dumping of garden waste on Council land and common land and this was continuing at Carnon Mine. Cllr Allen felt that if we more actively managed the land then this may discourage dumping of garden waste. The intention at Carnon Mine was to tidy up the area and cut down the bamboo to tidy the area.

14. GRASS VERGES & A39 FOOTPATH CUTTING

Cllr Allen read out the costs quoted by our contractor for cutting the new A39 footpath verge and the Parish Council had delegated authority to the Access & Amenities Committee to agree the cutting schedule up to a cost of £250 per annum. Cllr Allen felt we should maintain the verge on the road side but on the other side of the path we would like to encourage wild flowers as much as we could.

It was agreed that 14 cuts per annum was too many and that the Clerk and Cllr Allen would speak to the contractor regarding this to provide a cutting schedule to keep the verge by the roadside tidy and a fewer number of cuts on the opposite side of the path to preserve the wildflowers but stop the grass growing onto the path.

15. CONDITION OF CARNON DOWNS ROUNDABOUT

Cllr Allen reported that this issue had been raised with Viv Bidgood at the Joint Highways meeting regarding the issue of the vegetation on Carnon Downs roundabout growing up and therefore blocking the sight lines for people trying to cross the road by the Caravan Park. Viv had said he would look at this issue and it was hoped that this could be cut back during the August verge cutting to improve visibility for pedestrians. Cllr MacDonald felt that it would be worth putting the precept up to allow us to maintain the roundabouts to a much better and more attractive standard. There was a discussion regarding weed killing/control in the parish and it was agreed that it would be a useful exercise to survey the parish for areas that needed attention to ensure our schedule covered the areas needed and was updated where necessary. It was agreed for all members to survey their own local area and keep a list of the areas that need attention and then the Access & Amenities Committee could review this. The Clerk would contact Truro City Council regarding their new weeding machine.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.