

MEETING NO. 1132

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 14th April 2016 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 7.00pm

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	B Richards		C Johnson
	I MacDonald		C Blake

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
5 members of the public

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gordon and Allen.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2016 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR RICHARDS AND WAS CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were five members of the public present. The agenda order was amended to take into account the items the members of the public who had attended wished to talk about.

6. GREENBANK ROAD PEDESTRIAN VIRTUAL PAVEMENT, DEVORAN

One gentleman felt that speeding was the main problem, it would be nice to have a footpath for pedestrians along the road.

Cllr Johnson had met with Cormac and the Parish Council had revised their original plan to have a virtual footway half way along Greenbank with a build out at the start and would now like to have a virtual footway the whole way along to meet up with the pavements at either end and have no build out. The price for the original plan was £15K, and unfortunately as much as we would like to have a 20mph zone this would cost an additional £25K.

The Parish Council are also planning on laying a hard standing path on the grass verge up the side of the old A39. Unfortunately a raised pavement would be very expensive it would also mean the road would be narrowed to an unacceptable width. It had been agreed with the land owners of the verge on the creek side for the Parish Council to keep the verge mowed/strimmed on the bend so that people could hop onto the verge out of the way of traffic if they wished to.

A figure of £20K - £22K has been provided by Cormac to provide a virtual footway the whole length of Greenbank Road, however the Parish Council have only budgeted £15K but were keen to do something to improve pedestrian access on the road.

One of the gentlemen who attended said that he thought there may be tarmac underneath the grass verge on the old A39 and the council would investigate this as it could make the laying of the hard standing path a lot more cost efficient. Cllr Richards would check. The Clerk was currently trying to obtain prices for groundworks to create the path.

Cllr MacDonald said that he felt that by narrowing the road by installing a virtual footway it may psychologically narrow the road and slow the traffic.

Cllr Richards said there is a red virtual pavement in Mevagissey which seems to work well.

Cllr Johnson asked the Clerk to go back to Cornwall Council and question the figure that has been quoted as it seemed quite expensive considering the build out had been deleted from the scheme.

One member of the public commented that she was pleased that there not going to be speed bumps as she felt they were dangerous to cyclists.

7. LETTER RECEIVED SUGGESTING 20MPH ZONE IN FEOCK PARISH

A lady attended the meeting who lived in Harcourt Lane, she had previously lived in St Agnes where there was a 20 mph zone and would like to see similar zones introduced in the Feock parish. The lady had emailed information to the Parish Council which had been circulated. The lady would like to see a 20 mph limit to the east of the Falmouth Road and to Restronguet. The Brake campaign had found there would be more walking and cycling if the roads were safer. She would like to see a widespread blanket limit of 20 mph as this avoids confusion, and she would also not like to see too many speed signs. Lower speeds reduce carbon emissions and makes communities friendlier. The lady thanked the Parish Council for listening to her suggestions.

Cllr Johnson felt there were some anomalies with speed limits in the Parish. Cllr Blake agreed but had slight reservations, he felt this would work for visitors, but not necessarily for residents who live here, often speed limits are ignored by locals.

Cllr MacDonald said that he felt that 20mph limits work well where the landscape means the road lends itself to being driven more slowly, he felt that along the main road by Ferris Garage a 20 mph would not work but in the village of Feock itself and by Restronguet Point it may work.

Cllr Richards felt that again it was a question of enforcement, Devon & Cornwall Police will not enforce a 20mph limit. The Punchbowl Inn to Playing Place is in Kea Parish and would require their involvement to change any speed limits. The Punchbowl Inn to Fourturnings is 30mph limit, then when you turn left down to the King Harry Ferry Road the limit increases to 40mph. He didn't feel that by lowering the speed limit to 20mph it would slow the regular users down because often its the regular users that abuse the speed limits. It was found when number plates were taken during an exercise in Carnon Downs that the majority of people speeding were local and the same during a similar exercise at Porthgwidden.

Cllr Johnson said she felt there were areas where everyone wants it to be 20 mph, Greenbank Road in Devoran, The Tram Road, and the road to the King Harry Ferry but there were some roads where the limits were sensible.

Cllr Richards felt that being practical it would unfortunately be very expensive for the Parish Council to put in place. It was suggested to the lady who had raised this issue that she needed to get backing from other residents in Feock for her suggestion of a 20mph zone and to bring this to the Parish Council.

Another gentlemen who was at the meeting felt that a blanket 20mph limit for the whole parish would be unpopular but in the built up areas of the villages it may work.

Another lady who had come to speak in the public session, Sally Brown, wanted to see the parish become a greener place, to find pieces of land around the village that don't belong to anyone, including the patch of land on Market Street, and just grow things such as fruit and veg, this could be by bus stops, cycle racks etc. It was suggested that the Devoran gardening club have a planter to grow herbs in on the patch of land in Market Street.

8. QUIET LANE – THE OLD TRAM ROAD

Margaret Challen from the Restronguet Creek Society said they were very concerned about speed on the Old Tram Road. Quiet Lane signs had been discussed with suggested locations being:-

2 where the tram road starts below the pub in Devoran, 1 at the bottom of the where the road meets Point Green on the land side facing the creek, 2 further signs just beyond Penpol Bridge where the road comes down from the Chapel.

Cllr Richards suggested one (double sided) on the bend between Devoran and Carnon Mine (Tallacks Creek) x 2.

It was agreed for these to have the wording "Supported by Restronguet Creek Society" underneath the Quiet Lane logo.

Cllr Johnson suggested that a couple of members of the Council and Restronguet Creek Society walk the road to identify existing posts the signs could be sited on. It was agreed that Anthony Lane, Margaret Challen, John Bray, Caroline and Iain MacDonald meet to walk the road.

It was suggested that perhaps it should have 'Shared Route' instead of Quiet Lane signs as it was not technically a Quiet Lane. Margaret Challen would check this with Restronguet Creek Society

The Clerk would get a price from the company when a number of signs had been agreed, with 'Shared Route' and 'Supported by Restronguet Creek Society' on them.

Cllr Richards said a resident has requested that the white SLOW markings on the road be repainted as they were fading. It was agreed for this to be raised at the regular Highways meeting.

9. CLERKS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk advised she had the paperwork to complete to adopt the Carnon Downs phonebox to install a defibrillator in, the cabinet would be arriving shortly for the Feock defibrillator from the Lions Club and we had been successful in securing funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for producing history footpath walk leaflets linked to narratives about local landmarks online.

10. FINGERPOSTS & MILESTONES IN FEOCK

It was suggested to contact the Milestone Society to see if they would be willing to meet to discuss the work that was needed to tidy up the fingerposts and milestones in the parish. This would involve Phil Pearce and Cllrs Richards and Blake. The Clerk would arrange this.

11. ROAD SAFETY AT TRELISSICK

Cllr Blake advised that the field between Fourturnings/Trevilla was owned by Peter Copeland, Cllr Blake had spoken to John Lanyon from the National Trust who it would be very difficult to have a footpath into Trelissick from the field due to it being another point of entry onto the property.

Cllr Johnson would contact the King Harry Ferry Company regarding a speed awareness campaign on the ferry. A letter from a young girl that could be given out to highlight the consequences of speeding had already been drafted.

12. LAND AT MARKET STREET

The Clerk was going to put in a planning application to take down the two Christmas trees (this was needed as it was a conservation area).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting date: Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7pm