

**MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY
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 Avard		K Hambly-Staite
			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 and P Allen and Steel.

3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2025 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Dyke asked that the minutes clarify what a CIO is in relation to Point Quay Association and that the minutes relating to Cllr Newmans comments regarding a treatment plant at Point Orchard be amended to reflect more accurately what had been said.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 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 AVARD 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.

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.

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

7. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ATTENDANCES AT OUTSIDE BODIES

The Clerk had circulated the report from Cllr Hambly-Staite on the Perranarworthal Parish Council meeting with the Coal Authority which he and the Chair had attended. Issues discussed included flooding and toxicity of the river at the Carnon Valley. Cllr Hambly-Staite felt it was a very useful positive meeting.

Cllr Bowers and the Chair attended an NHS 10 year engagement event. The three 'shifts' were: (1) Move of care from hospitals to the community (2) To make better use of technology and (3) preventing sickness rather than treating it. There was a discussion regarding NHS services.

8. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Devoran

Cllr A Allen said that the new bench at Penpol Pond is well used and was appreciated. The footpath from Ropewalk to the Tram Road had been cut but the brambles had been left on the surface which made it hard to use the path.

Cllr Kemp said the Pre-School had provided the refreshments at Devoran Village Market recently and it was a lovely event.

Cllr Kemp said that the residents on Valley Lane were very upset about the speed of contractors accessing the site and that they were exceeding the speed limit. The Clerk would circulate the site management details to all of who to contact if they had concerns to raise on behalf of residents about work at the development.

Cllr Newman said that two of the Passing Place signs at Chycoose and opposite Dyson's Field had been removed. The Clerk would arrange for the one remaining sign to be reinstalled opposite Dyson's Field, the other sign that had been removed could not be found.

Feock

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the roads from the car park from Church down to Pill Bridge had still not been swept. He was also disappointed that the VAS at Penelewey was taking so long to install. The Clerk would chase both of these issues up.

Carnon Downs

The Chair reported that there had been an issue at Carnon Downs Village Hall where people had hidden in the hall, and then got locked in. The Police were involved and were reviewing CCTV footage.

Cllr Avard said that there were a number of hedges in the village that needed cutting back where they were overhanging the pavement, she would give the addresses to the Clerk for a Cornwall Council notice to be sent out.

9. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey commented that we are now starting to see the changes filtering through from the new Governments planning targets.

Two planning applications, one in Penpol and one just outside the Parish had both recently been dismissed at appeal due to impact on the Cornwall National Landscape (previously AONB).

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked if Cornwall Council were making strong representations to the new Government to ensure affordable housing will still be built in the new housing targets. Cllr Alvey advised that then new Cornwall Local Plan would have a percentage of affordable housing to be built stated in it as part of the housing figures, however this would still not apply to developments under 10 dwellings. There was a discussion regarding reviewing the Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan and it was agreed to hold an initial informal meeting to look at the process of reviewing the plan. The Clerk would set up a meeting and invite all Councillors.

The new rubbish and recycling system would start w/c 10th March, some teething problems were to be expected, however if residents get in touch with the Rubbish and Recycling team they can help, residents can also request a new container if they feel they have the wrong type of container has been supplied to them and reminded everyone present that an assisted collection can be requested if the resident will struggle with a wheelie bin.

10. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE REPORT

Cllr J Allen had given her apologies. The Clerk had circulated details of most recent crime figures available online.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

There was as slight discrepancy on the total of the columns, the Clerk would seek clarification as she felt this was an error with a formula in the total field and circulate the corrected list to all Councillors.

12. INTERIM PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT CONSULTATION

The Clerk had circulated a link to the Interim Planning Policy that Cornwall Council were consulting on and asked if any Councillors had any comments to make.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK

The tank had been emptied again recently. It was decided after a discussion that advice was needed before the next meeting from a Solicitor regarding the right to use the tank, regardless of the response from the homeowners solicitor. The Clerk would put this on the next agenda and write to the homeowner with a timescale of 7 days for a response.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT CHAIR AND CLERK SEEK LEGAL ADVICE ONCE THE HOMEOWNERS SOLICITOR HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE INHERANT RIGHT TO USE THE TANK, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND

The Clerk advised that further Community Capacity Fund funding had become available for professional fees, feasibility studies or small capital items. Details of the criteria had been circulated. The deadline to apply was very short as was the deadline for spending the funding so any project to be applied for funding for had to be 'ready to go'.

There was a discussion regarding the outcomes from the Active Feock Feasibility Study that could be applied for including bike racks, Feock Strolls walks leaflets and clearer signage and road marking for the cycle way from Playing Place/Carnon Valley for the route to Truro.

It was agreed the outcomes that were ready to go were the installation of the bike racks and the Feock Strolls, with potential locations for bike racks at Pengelly Meadows, Greenbank Road, Playing by the bus stop (subject to permission from Kea Parish Council), Fourturnings and Carnon Downs by the Village Hall.

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK APPLY FOR FUNDING ASAP FOR FIVE BACKS TO BE INSTALLED AND THE FEOCK STROLLS LEAFLETS TO BE DESIGNED AND PRINTED, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. ENERGY AUDIT

The Clerk had circulated the Energy Audit to all Councillors. Cllr Bowers recommended that we put the Energy Audit on the next agenda to give time for Councillors to read it and ask any questions before it is discussed again as it had only been received recently.

All Councillors to send their questions to Cllr Bowers and he would feedback to Community Energy Plus.

16. ST FEOCK CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE GRANT

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Treasurer of St Feock PCC requesting an increase in the grant to assist with Churchyard maintenance.

There was a discussion regarding this request and it was felt that the PCC should be asking for a specific figure rather than just asking for an increase as the Council needed to treat the request as they would any other grant request from an organisation.

Cllr Hambly-Staite proposed that the grant be increased to £500, there was no seconder for the proposal.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK GO BACK TO ST FEOCK PCC TO ASK FOR THE AMOUNT THEY WERE REQUESTING, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY WITH ONE AGAINST.

This item would be put on the March Parish Council meeting.

The item regarding Devoran Pre-School lease was deferred to the March meeting as additional information was still being awaited.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.