

MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023 AT 7PM IN FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES, DEVORAN

Councillors present:

CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
C Kemp	A Allen	L Fitt
N Gates	M Woodcock	R Brickell
J Allen	M Steel	K Hambly-Staite
P Allen	S Cooper	

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council Divisional Member, Feock & Kea
14 members of the public

CHAIR: Cllr A Allen

1. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that due to the number of people attending members of the public would be restricted to 3 minutes each to ensure everyone got the chance to speak. Please also address comments to the Chair and not to any other attendees or Councillors.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DCISIONS MADE FOR A SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2023 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING, WITH TWO ABSTENSIONS DUE TO ABSENCE AT THE LAST MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SUBMITTED BEFOREHAND PA23/00480 - Oak House, Feock

A member of the public (neighbour) asked the Parish Council if they would consider asking for more protection for grade 2 agricultural field and protection for the listed building nearby. There had been 2 planning applications neither of which the immediate neighbours had been notified of by Cornwall Council. There is dispute over land, the boundary and access to the property.

A member of the public supported the objectors comments made on the planning portal of Cornwall Council. They did not believe the development complied with the Feock NDP policies and requested that the Parish Council objected to this application.

Tasha Sibley, agent representing Dr Stolte (applicant) for Oak House:

The applicant lives at Oak House and has applied for a certificate of lawfulness, this is after a 10 year use of the field as a garden which they have proven and then a certificate has to be issued to that affect by Cornwall Council. This application does not come under any Feock NDP policies, the certificate of lawfulness is in relation to the site being used for 10 years in relation to the property Oak House and they have used it privately for gardening and recreational activities and is purely a legal application. This land has not been used for agricultural use for sometime. The site has been used unlawfully as part of residential curtilage as part of the residential property for a period in excess of 10 years and this is the reason for the application for the certificate of lawfulness to regularise this use. As no evidence has been submitted contrary to this, therefore the certificate should be granted.

It was noted that no members of the public wished to speak on the planning application for Nancassick Barn (PA23/01747)

PA23/23/01909 – Meadowside, Feock

A member of the public (neighbour) wished to speak on the application, they were direct neighbours and the application site sits on a highly elevated site next to them. This is the third application that had been submitted and their reasons for objecting are the same as those they submitted for the first application. A second application had been made with a reduced roof line and this was approved and the neighbours did not have any issue with this application. This third application has now been submitted and the dwelling now has a second floor. This will mean a reduction of light into their living accommodation and would have a detrimental impact on their mental health and wellbeing especially during the darker, winter months. The application will also over look their property and affect their privacy. They accepted that no one has the right to a view but people do have a right to light. They would prefer the ridge height to be reduced and the land dug down similar to the second application which they did not have such objection to.

The owner of Meadows, Mr David Gardner spoke as follows:

He had owned the property for 20 years, travelled abroad due to work so have not always lived in it but has always been their primary residence. It is their intention to live in Meadowside permanently when they retired. They wished to demolish the single story structure and replace with a dormer bungalow on the same footprint of the existing property. They are proposing a small 9 sq m extension to the Northern end and remove a sun lounge. They are increasing the height by 1.4m but will reduce this to 1m taking the neighbours comments into account and have also changed the gable ends to hipped ends. In developing the design they have tried to take onboard comments made on applications over the years and in particular in relation to mass and materials being used.

20s Plenty scheme

A resident of Feock felt that 20mph limits were needed, this would reduce driving of vehicles and make the roads safer for people to walk and cycle on, at the moment people were frightened to use the roads for walking and cycling. This would help to reduce noise and emissions. The fact that we all share the highways needs to be promoted and the resident would like to see this rolled out across the parish.

The Chair thanked those present for their comments, the public session is now closed and members of the public are welcome to stay and listen to the rest of the item but members of the public can no longer speak unless invited to by the Chair.

6. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTEE COMMENT

PA23/00480 - OAK HOUSE, FOUR TURNINGS, FEOCK, TR3 6QR

Cllr Cooper said that in 2012 there was a planning application where the paddock was referred to as a field and not as garden so she felt this was evidence that it was still a field in 2012 and did not meet the 10 year criteria for use as a garden. It is also next to a proposed nature corridor which is not compatible with having a domestic garden next door to it.

Cllr Brickell asked if there was a fence between the garden and the field. Dr Stolte clarified that there was no fence between garden and field. Dr Stolte said that it had not been used as a field since 2012. Cllr P Allen said the aerial photo in 2012 showed that it was a field. He would suggest that there is doubt as to the period of time that the field had been used as a garden and that the Parish Council could not support this without more evidence of use as a garden.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he understand that this was a matter of law rather than planning policy.

Cllr Cooper said that in the 2012 planning application it clearly refers to the piece of land as a field rather than a garden. Cllr Cooper said that the blue line on the map in the application delineates the land as a field.

RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL INFORM CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF AN APPLICATION IN 2021 THAT REFERS TO THE LAND AS A FIELD RATHER THAN A GARDEN AND, BEFORE PROVIDING A COMMENT, NEED MORE EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT THE LAND HAS BEEN USED AS A GARDEN FOR A 10 YEAR PERIOD WITH NO SUBSTANTIAL OBJECTION AS THERE WAS AN APPLICATION IN 2021 WHERE THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL OBJECTION, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr P Allen said that we no longer get reports from MAF regarding agricultural land and quality of land when applications such as this came in as part of the application documents. Cllr P Allen asked if the Planning Committee could look at the implications of losing agricultural land as this can be quite serious and gives a stepping stone to further development. This would be put on a future Planning Committee agenda.

PA23/01909 - MEADOWSIDE, CHURCHTOWN, FEOCK, TR3 6SD

Cllr Brickell said he would like to see the property height lowered so that the roof line came down in line more with the other properties. The Chair said that it seemed the concern was mainly about the ridge height of the property, overlooking and privacy.

The Chair gave a member of the public permission to speak, the applicant said that the first application was not refused on the height of the dwelling but they were encouraged to reduce the height and then it was withdrawn. The current application has a ridge height which is lower than the first planning application.

The neighbour commented that they did not have a problem with the second application height and the changing of the orientation and wished for these amendments to be made to this third application.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE WITH A DORMER BUNGALOW, HOWEVER DO HAVE CONCERNS OVER THE OVERALL HEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED DWELLING AND THE POTENTIAL FOR

OVERLOOKING AND THE LOSS OF LIGHT TO NEIGHBOURS, WE ASK THE PLANNING OFFICER TO VISIT THE SITE TO LOOK AT THESE ISSUES, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The applicant said that the previous application was for a two storey house and due to comments they have reduced this to a dormer bungalow. A further 30 cm has been reduced off the height from the third application (this has been amended). The neighbours also overlooked Meadowside garden.

The neighbours pointed out that they were much lower down than Meadowside so this affected the overlooking.

PA23/01747 - BARN AT NANCASSICK, KING HARRY FERRY ROAD, FEOCK, TR3 6QN

Cllr Brickell said he was concerned about the area where there were trees planted at the visibility splay at the entrance, he felt it was very near to the road and the site was very tight.

The applicant said he has planted some shrubs but some firs may be planted to make a better screen.

Cllr Brickell asked if the new house would ever need to be used for the farm and the applicant clarified it would be separate to the farm. The applicant said he had changed the footprint to move it off the barn footprint to give some garden space.

Cllr Cooper said she objected to this application especially as it did not comply with the Climate Emergency DPD. The climate emergency DPD states that any planting should be at least 50% pollinator friendly and the current entrance looks very urban rather than rural and would like to see any further planting being predominantly native species. She felt this was over development of the sight and the site should be used for rural screening rather than another house. This is also a threat to the existing canopy of trees. Policy T2 stated that new developments should not be car dominated and this development had little garden but plenty of car parking space. Cllr Cooper also had concerns about if the development would be carbon neutral.

Cllr J Allen said that she felt this was a nice development and did not have an issue with the parking being next door to the houses as this was practical.

Cllr Steel was in favour in principle but agreed with Cllr Brickell's view that something needed to be done to screen the development.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he would like to request an improvement in the biodiversity offering as there were better options than firs and he would also like to see more permeable surfaces rather than tarmac.

The Chair said that she felt the majority feeling of the meeting was agreement in principle but with concerns about screening and potential overdevelopment of the site.

The Chair gave the applicant permission to speak. The applicant pointed out that the Smithy and Nancassick Cottage did not have screening from the road.

Cllr Brickell pointed out that at the meeting back in 2017 it was said that the development would be screened from the road and he felt that some reorganisation of the site was needed.

Cllr P Allen said he was upset that so much development was happening on this farm site, however felt it was better to have development on previously developed land. He was concerned that the route of the footpath needed to be clearly protected in the development of the site.

Cllr Cooper said that policy D1 of our NDP said there should be a garden and she could not see any garden allocated to this dwelling.

Cllr Alvey commented that the Climate Emergency DPD is now 'fully made'.

Cllr P Allen said that back in 2017 it was stated that there would be a tree belt between the development and main road and in this new application the detached garage impinged on this tree belt and suggested this be replaced with the tree belt screening.

Cllr Fitt asked Cllr Alvey if she was right in thinking that parking and garaging was an objective matter rather than subjective. Cllr Alvey felt it was an objective matter.

Cllr Cooper said that policy G3 related to damage to existing tree canopy and T2 related to excessive parking.

The applicant said that there is a Cornish hedge by the proposed garage

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THE PARISH HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSED DWELLING ON THE CONDITION THAT THE AGREEMENT MADE IN 2017 REGARDING THE TREE BELT IS HONOURED. HOWEVER, WE DO OBJECT TO THE GARAGE AND SIZE OF THE PROPOSED PARKING AREA IN CONSIDERATION OF NDP POLICY GA3 WHICH ALSO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH CLIMATE EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY T2. WE FEEL THERE IS A LACK OF AMENITY SPACE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SITE REORGANISED. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO SEE FURTHER PLANTING TO ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY AND THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS A CONDITION IN RELATION TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY DPD POLICY G1, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP, CARRIED WITH 6 IN FAVOUR, 4 AGAINST AND 1 ABSTENTION.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that it concerns him the Climate Change DPD is policy but some is objective and some subjective and on the balance of planning. Would Cllr Alvey be able to lead a workshop for the Parish Council's on the Climate Change DPD policies and which are objective and subjective?

Cllr Alvey said that there would be planning training available on the Climate Emergency DPD and he hoped this would be made available to Town and Parish Councils.

7. CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk had circulated her to report to the Councillors with the agenda.

8. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Attendance at outside bodies

Cllr J Allen had attended the Cornwall Council Climate Change online workshop and felt that it was very poor and there was a lot of misinformation and she felt it was an indoctrination on climate change. There was not a question and answer session which would have been useful and Cllr J Allen has fed this back to the organisers. Cllr Fitt said she also attended and felt it was well based on science, very educational and accurate.

The Chair said that when Councillors attended events as a representative of the Council they needed to ensure they represented the Council's agreed view.

Cllr P Allen had attended the Restronguet Creek Society AGM, they were looking for new Committee members.

Cllrs Brickell and Cooper were shortly attending a Community Led Affordable Housing workshop.

9. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

The Climate Resilience team had some funding for projects which was based on nature recovery or climate resilience and Cornwall Council would match up to £5k.

He had circulated to the Clerk the Council planning protocol flowchart which explained the process regarding calling applications to Committee and that applications were not automatically “called in” even if we requested it.

The level 3 devolution deal was no longer happening as it was likely that it would fall at referendum. A level 2 devolution deal was now being considered which did not include very much more than Cornwall Council already had.

Cllr Brickell asked how much it cost to take a planning application to Committee as this seemed to vary across the country. Cornwall Council estimate that it costs around £5K per application to take an application to Planning Committee in Council/staff time.

If an application went to Appeal then both the applicant and Council can claim costs and the Inspector would determine if either party had acted unreasonably. If it was found that Cornwall Council had acted unreasonably in relation to the refusal then the applicant could claim costs against Cornwall Council. This also worked the other way around and the Council could also apply for costs but this was rare.

Cllr J Allen asked that with the new car parking charges would there still be the option to pay in cash. Cllr Alvey said that this was still a decision to be made but that he understood that cash would be an option to pay.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked if the level 3 devolution deal affected the offshore windpower project. Cllr Alvey said that the commission of the wind power project was related to level 3 and they still hoped to have some funding for the windpower project.

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Clerk had circulated the October 2023 figures which were the latest figures available online.

There had been 5 crimes in total.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated the invoice list by email and gave an overview of the Council’s current financial position including reserves but would give more details to the Finance Committee when they met next.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT LIST, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Fitt said she was interested in joining the Finance Committee, the Clerk said that she could put herself forward for this Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

New Financial Regulations

The Clerk had circulated amended Financial Regulations which were in line with the latest NALC model financial regulations and outlined the main changes.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AS CIRCULATED, SECONDED BY CLLR STEEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chair said that a resident had raised a comment about grants and how these are awarded and the Chair recommended that Finance Committee look our scheme of grants, and also the Your Choice funding. The Clerk would add this to the next Finance Committee agenda for further discussion.

Amendment to bank signatories

The Clerk explained that Barrie Thomas (ex Chair) needed to be removed from the signatures on the account and to add Cllr A Allen as the current Chair.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED EX CLLR BARRIE THOMAS BE REMOVED AS A SIGNATORY, AND CLLR A ALLEN BE ADDED AS A BANK SIGNATORY, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved updated Asset Register

Cllr Cooper said that following a meeting today with the commons land team all common land that was registered in 1970 needed to be registered on land registry, this wasn't a requirement at the time the ownership of the land was claimed. This was being discussed further by the Access & Amenities Committee.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THE NEW ASSET REGISTER AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock ward

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that posts missing and new time tables in Feock for the bus stops had not yet been resolved and asked the Clerk to chase this up.

The road through Feock was being closed for resurfacing/patching works but some residents had not been made aware of this. The Parish Council had publicised this on their website and social media.

Cllr Alvey said that he had been in touch with Highways about this who had now been in touch with the businesses at Loe Beach due to access concerns raised about the narrowness of the road and no diversion for the time the road was closed. Cllr Alvey said that residents would be notified via a yellow sign on the road.

Devoran ward

The Chair said that the Point Road will be closed from 2nd May until 20th June for the installation of the footway. The Chair asked Cllr Alvey if this would really take 6 weeks. Cllr Alvey said that they build in extra time to take account of bad weather or an emergency elsewhere so that they do not need to reapply for the road closure, it will not be closed for the whole period of time and they would complete the work as quickly as they could.

Cllr Kemp gave an update for the local Celebrations in Devoran, she had been attending meetings with the Church and local groups with Cathy Whitmore. This had been a good local group linking exercise.

Carnon Downs ward

There was a problem with a street light on Mount Agar Road. The Clerk would report this.

Cllr Gates said there was a disturbance on Wellington Place who was clearing a lot of hedge on the byway at Wellington Place, it was suspected locally this was linked to the planning application on the site that had gone to Appeal. The Inspectorate had been notified of the works that had been carried out to the site.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked when the Bissoe Road ditch would be filled in. The Clerk would chase up Highways to find out if there was a date for this works.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair reported that 151 planning applications had been received during the last financial year, just one less than the previous year. The Chair thanked everyone on the Planning Committee and to Debbie Searle, the Assistant Clerk for all their work over the past year. There were vacancies on the Planning Committee if any Councillors wished to join. A full planning report and breakdown would be presented at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. The more contentious applications would still come to Full Council as per the agreed procedure.

13. SUBMITTED PLANNING APPLIATION CONSULTEE COMMENTS

The Clerk said that the Council needed to pass a resolution to agree the comments agreed by email since the last Planning Committee meeting, these had been circulated prior to the meeting to all Councillors.

RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THE COUNCIL AGREE ALL THE SUBMITTED COMMENTS, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Clerk has circulated the draft Access & Amenities Committee minutes to all. Cllr Hambly-Staite, the Chair of Access & Amenities highlighted the resolution to take advice on the Penpol Pond Common Land issue. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that himself and Cllr P Allen had met to discuss the 30 minute walk projects.

Penpol Pond Common Land issues

Cllr Fitt said that herself and Cllr Cooper had met today with a representative from the Common Land team at Cornwall Council. The land has registered ownership with the Parish Council, since this was done in 1970 the process had changed and all our Common Land now needed to be registered with Land Registry. This needed to be done asap. The lane that the houses are on it was suggested by the Common Land team should be registered as a public right of way. It was important that the history of the encroachment was documented. It was suggested that two Councillors could visit the landowners who had been encroaching onto the land to explain the issue and how the Parish Council wished to rectify this.

RESOLUTION: CLLR FITT PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK START THE PROCESS TO REGISTER WITH LAND REGISTRY ALL OUR PIECES OF COMMON LAND THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD CLAIMED OWNERSHIP OF IN 1970 AND REGISTER THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE LANE AT PENPOL POND, AND CHECK LAND REGISTRY OF PROPERTIES IN THE PENPOL POND AREA, SECONDED BY CLLR COOPER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. FEOCK ECO REPORT

The Clerk had circulated the report from the Feock Eco group.

16. URGENT HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There were no urgent highways issues to raise.

17. YOUTH COUNCIL

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the June agenda for further discussion.

18. 20s PLENTY SCHEME

The Chair said that Towns and Parish Council's had been invited to a meeting with Cornwall Council where Highways would give details of the roads they suggest in the Parish would be reduced to 20mph.

Cllr Steel said that he had lived in the 20mph zone in Devoran and as it was not enforced so although he wished to see the 20s Plenty put in place that it did need to be enforced.

Cllr Alvey said that the Police were now engaged with enforcing 20mph limits, primarily through the Community Speedwatch scheme.

The Chair asked if the Council were in principle in favour of the 20mph scheme.

Cllr J Allen said that she was not in favour of the 20mph scheme and felt people should be trusted to drive sensibly and that there should be more timed flexible changes to speed limits depending on the time of day and if the roads were close to a school. Cllr J Allen had not seen data for the parish where people had been killed by vehicles going at 30mph.

Cllr P Allen said he did not like the average speed cameras, he did however agree with 20s Plenty in the correct places. He said there was some useful information from the Welsh Parliament on their 20s Plenty scheme. There was little evidence regarding the effect on emissions in this information. Cllr P Allen felt that an Active Travel plan needed to go alongside the 20s Plenty to encourage active travel. There were also an economic cost to putting in place 20 mph schemes as it slowed down deliveries. Cllr P Allen would like to see the national cycle route through Carnon Downs made 20 mph.

Cllr Woolcock had personally attended through his 3 fatalities in the parish which had been caused by speed. Cllr Woolcock said that there would be less wildlife killed on the roads if traffic was slower. Cllr Cooper agreed with Cllr Woolcocks point about wildlife and said that pedestrians and cyclists would feel more confident using the roads if the speed limits were lower, where there were 20mph limits the roads could be shared more safely.

The Chair said that in principle the majority of Councillors supported 20s Plenty and asked that when we had sight of the plans for the roads proposed to be reduced to 20 mph that if there were any other roads in the Parish that would benefit from a 20mph limit this should be raised at the meeting with the Community Network Panel so that Cornwall Council could consider them as well.

RESOLUTION: CLLR WOOLCOCK PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL WERE IN PRINCIPLE, SUPPORTIVE OF 20S PLENTY IN THE PARISH, THE EXACT ROADS IN THE PARISH TO BE AGREED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED WITH ONE VOTE AGAINST.

The Chair asked that our Community Network Panel representative put across this as the view of the Parish Council.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIR PROPOSED THAT THE STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED AS THE 3 HOUR LIMIT HAD BEEN REACHED AND PROPOSED THE MEETING BE EXTENDED, SECONDED BY CLLR J ALLEN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

19. DEFIBRILLATOR FOR PENELEWEY

The Chair said that the residents at Penelewey were fundraising for a defibrillator and has asked if the Parish Council could be responsible for it and cover it with their insurance.

RESOLUTION: CLLR COOPER PROPOSED THAT WE ADD THE DEFIBRILLATOR AT PENELEWEY (WHEN IN PLACE) TO OUR INSURANCE POLICY AND THE OTHERS AROUND THE PARISH THAT WERE PRIVATELY OWNED IF REQUESTED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. GOOD GROWTH FUND

Cllr P Allen said he had met with the new Sustrans Officer and the Cornwall Council Active Travel Officer and his amended proposal for a funding application had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

There were issues with the cycle route down both sides of the A39 as it was not an appropriate route due to pedestrian use, especially where this meets the sliproad going into Carnon Downs.

Cllr P Allen had suggested that we promote National Cycle Route 3 which connects to the Grenna Lane car park and then on to the mining trails at Bissoe. He had updated his proposal to take this into account. He felt phase 1 should be between Devoran and Carnon Downs and provide a route that is safe and well signposted. The road markings on shared pathways also needed to be replaced and upgraded to the latest priorities included in the highway code.

Cllr Cooper was happy to support phase 1 as it did not involve removal of nature, however phase 2 she felt would have more impact on nature and she would like more details on this.

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt it was an excellent idea and that the Council would support it, he would hope that we would include in the application scheme enhancing biodiversity along the route to help wellbeing. Cllr P Allen said that there was a tight timescale on this and including biodiversity may slow down the project and affect receipt of funding. Cllr Cooper asked if a bullet point relating to biodiversity be added to the proposal. Cllr P Allen would be getting the scheme costed so that the application can be submitted.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE REVISED PROSPECTUS FOR THE GOOD GROWTH FUND TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF A BIODIVERSITY ELEMENT, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting moved into closed session at 10.18pm and members of the public left the meeting.