

MEETING No.1380
Minutes of the Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council
held on Monday 23rd June 2025 at 6pm at the
Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran TR3 6QA at 6pm

Members present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	R Brickell	J Newman	C Dyke
	P Allen		K Hambly-Staite
	A Avar		R Bowers
	B Yates		

In attendance: Debbie Searle, Assistant Parish Clerk

Public present: Dee Reeves, Chair, Restronguet Creek Society
Trevor Baker, Secretary, Restronguet Creek Society

1. INTRODUCTION

Cllr Brickell, as Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed those present and thanked members for their help with the Picnic in the Park. Cllr Hambly-Staite also expressed his thanks to those that had contributed to the event on the day. Cllr Dyke informed the meeting that people had suggested that it became a regular event. Cllr Brickell also reminded attendees of the Civility & Respect Pledge.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR OF ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED CLLR BOWERS AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED CLLR NEWMAN AS VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

The Chair wished his thanks be recorded in the minutes for the tremendous amount of work the Clerk, Debra Roberts, had put into the organisation of the Picnic in the Park event.

3. APOLOGIES

No apologies of absence were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27TH MAY 2025 AS AMENDED, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

During this item, Agenda Item **10. ABANDONED BOATS AROUND THE PARISH** was brought forward for discussion and it was resolved, Cllr Allen proposed, Cllr Avar seconded and unanimously carried that standing orders be waived to allow discussion with Restronguet Creek Society.

Dee Reeves (DR), Chair of the Restronguet Creek Society, introduced herself and provided background on the Society. RCS has over 300 members and has been active for more than 50 years, with the aim of protecting the landscape and water quality of Restronguet Creek.

DR explained RCS's involvement with the start-up of Wreck Free Fal & Helford, a group concerned with the increasing number of abandoned boats along the coastline. The initiative's website (wreckfree.org) includes an interactive map for reporting and tracking abandoned vessels. RCS has mapped several such boats around Restronguet Creek and circulated supporting documents during the meeting.

She outlined the complexities surrounding ownership and jurisdiction of the creek. The Truro Harbour Masters have no authority over the area, and the fundus is largely owned by private individuals, with some areas under Cornwall Council's ownership. This creates a unique situation where boats are often moored by non-residents, some of which are later abandoned.

To monitor local activity, RCS has formed a "Boat Watch" group. This informal network helps identify vessels that break moorings or are grounded, particularly during storms, enabling efforts to contact owners when possible. However, unregistered or abandoned boats pose a continuing problem.

DR highlighted two main concerns:

The long-term issue of dealing with end-of-life boats, which she hopes will be addressed at a national level.

The immediate concern of already-abandoned boats in the Fal and Helford areas.

RCS has plotted several of these abandoned boats, many of which fall within areas listed on the Parish Council's asset register. Notable locations include Penpol Creek, Chycoose Beach, the upper river, and Carnon Yard. It was noted that the Parish Council has already taken some action regarding vessels at Restronguet Point and the dinghy park.

RCS is keen to work collaboratively with the Parish Council to address this issue. DR suggested initiating a dialogue to develop a joint process for identifying and removing genuinely abandoned boats. She referenced Clean Ocean Sailing, an organisation experienced in marine waste removal, which has engaged with the Wreck Free forum.

DR proposed that the Parish Council consider commissioning Clean Ocean Sailing to assess the most problematic vessels and provide a cost estimate for their removal. RCS would support efforts to secure funding to facilitate this process.

Discussion followed in which Cllr Brickell questioned the identifiableness of the boats and Cllr Allen clarified the situation regarding Parish Council asset land. The discussion continued with DR confirming that RCS would cover the cost of a survey by Green Ocean Sailing. Following the discussion, the following resolution was made.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT WE ASK CLEAN OCEAN SAILING TO CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE ABANDONED BOATS. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

Standing orders were reinstated.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

A report from the Clerk as follows on actions from the previous meeting was presented:

Picnic in the Park – on agenda for discussion/feedback.

Signage for footpath at Feock Churchtown – Clerk has sent on to residents response from Cornwall Council Highways regarding permitted signage.

Bookcase for Carnon Downs bookswap – bookcase received, needs to be put together and installed.

Abandoned boats – on this evening's agenda for discussion with Restrouguet Creek Society.

CIL funding for cycle way improvements from Truro to Mineral Tramways – on this evenings agenda for discussion

Mineral Tramways sign to go beside new Active Feock bench on Feock Stroll – report attached

Juvenile Sycamore at Carnon Mine – emailed Forestry Team at Cornwall Council for advice.

Retallack Playing Field – contractor instructed to go ahead with works identified in safety inspection and tree bench refurbished.

Bus shelter murals – confirmed that no budget yet allocated to this.

8. MY FEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The following report prepared by Cathy Whitmore – MyFeock Information and Wellbeing Adviser, was presented and discussed.

Repair Café: *I would like to express my great thanks to Cllr Corine Dyke once more for running the June Repair Café during my absence and to Cllr Rick Bowers for offering to assist. Information regarding hygiene concerns has been added to our poster and articles published in local newsletters due to a recent increase in vacuum cleaners and food processors coming in unemptied and unclean.*

I am attempting to create a 'standby rota' to cover absences if either Cllr Corine Dyke or I are unavailable. I understand that additional time is sparse but any support for an hour and a half on the last Tuesday of the month would be most appreciated.

Rewind Radio 'Cornwall Hero Awards': *I have submitted a nomination for our Repair Café & Transport Support Volunteer Team as a joint application as to separate their value is to pitch them against each other and not in the spirit of belonging to Feock Parish Council in equal measure. After careful reading of the criteria for 16 categories, I have selected the category 'Community Champion' as this is more relevant to volunteering rather than excellence in a specific paid post. The closing date is 29th June, and the presentation is in October.*

Support Lines and Enquiries: *Concerns about speeding in Devoran by delivery vans continues in the 20mph zones close to the park. Concern raised over a resident parking over the marked cycle access on Bissoe Road, causing cyclists to have to move into the road to negotiate the 'pinch point' traffic calming near Manse Road junction.*

9. ACTIVE FEOCK UPDATE

Retallack Picnic in the Park Event:

Cllr Brickell reported that the event had gone well overall, although attendance could have been higher. He noted that the atmosphere was positive and expressed thanks to Cllr Newman for her handling of a difficult resident.

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that the event was well organised, with good engagement between stallholders and attendees, and a number of sign-ups for various initiatives.

Cllr Newman enquired whether any feedback had been received from The Aggie Folk Band. Cllr Brickell confirmed he had spoken to them. Cllr Dyke added that while the event had started quietly, feedback suggested it was worthwhile for those who attended.

Cllr Brickell expressed his gratitude to the Ferris family for allowing the use of their property for parking. Cllr Dyke agreed to thank them in person.

Cllr Yates suggested that members would benefit from having a shared contact list. A discussion followed.

Cllr Dyke informed members that she had spoken with Danny Wood, who was present at the event to demonstrate fitness equipment. She had invited him to present a proposal for Saturday morning boot camps in the parish parks.

Cllr Avarad confirmed that she had since contacted Mr. Wood and received a response. He expressed enthusiasm for starting a summer boot camp and provided his availability to attend a meeting.

Cllr Newman requested further information regarding the commercial structure of such boot camps and expressed interest in learning from other parishes' experiences. Cllr Dyke suggested that the initiative may be grant-funded rather than fee-based.

ACTIONS:

CLLR DYKE TO THANK THE FERRIS FAMILY FOR USE OF THEIR LAND FOR PARKING.

CLLR BOWERS TO INITIATE AN EMAIL THREAD FOR MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS.

CLLR AVARAD TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION FROM DANNY WOOD, INCLUDING INSURANCE DETAILS, AND CIRCULATE TO MEMBERS. SHE WILL ALSO INVITE HIM TO GIVE A FIVE-MINUTE PRESENTATION AT THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14 JULY 2025.

CLLR BRICKELL TO ASK THE CLERK TO INCLUDE THIS PRESENTATION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14 JULY 2025.

CIL funding – Active Feock projects for funding & Active Feock projects to apply CCF funding for:

The Chair shared the details provided by the Parish Clerk regarding the current level of funding and spending restrictions. A discussion followed.

Cllr Allen confirmed that the two Active Feock projects initially earmarked for funding were the Feock Strolls and the Cycle Route.

Feock Strolls: Funding for the Feock Strolls is not in question, although specific projects have not yet been priced. As a result, funds cannot be allocated until project costs are determined. The first project under consideration is the Feock Stroll through the Carnon Valley (Devoran stroll). This project aims to create a 200-

yard link around scrubland, requiring permission from the Environment Agency (EA). The relevant details have been submitted to the EA, and they are in the process of determining whether the work can proceed. The estimated cost for this project is a few thousand pounds, covering signage, directional fencing, and path surface work.

Cycle Route: The cycle route project has not yet been priced, and some of the work may extend beyond the parish boundaries. However, as the route will benefit the parish by connecting it to surrounding areas, a question was raised regarding the use of CIL funding for a sign in Kea Parish. Cllr Dyke noted that, according to correspondence she had seen, CIL funds could be used for such purposes, provided permission is obtained from the relevant parish.

Cllr Allen explained that when the decision was made to use CIL funding for Active Feock, it was based on the potential to leverage this funding for match funding and attract additional support.

Cllr Hambly-Staite provided an update on the two funding streams currently available: CIL and the Growth Fund.

Growth Fund: The Growth Fund has invited the parish to submit a bid. In the past, the parish bid for bicycle racks and a parish map. After discussion, it was decided to fund the cycle racks from the parish budget and apply to the Growth Fund for the parish map. However, the Growth Fund rejected the proposal for the map. The parish agreed to fund the map from its own reserves.

The Growth Fund is now inviting a second round of bids. Cllr Hambly-Staite proposed submitting the parish map project again, with a more detailed approach. The initial map proposal was split into two parts: the parish map itself, and the Feock Strolls, which now include 13 routes. The estimated cost for this updated project is £2,900 for graphic design, visualisation, and setup of a master template for one walk, with illustrations for the remaining twelve walks. These would be made available for digital production via home printing. Cllr Hambly-Staite recommended submitting this proposal to the Growth Fund, as there are still unallocated funds available.

In conclusion, Cllr Hambly-Staite noted that the CIL funding criteria align with infrastructure needs arising from local development. Therefore, he suggested that CIL funds could be used for the replacement and addition of benches, as they are considered infrastructure and support walking and cycling initiatives.

Cllr Dyke stated that she would appreciate a spreadsheet document which clearly detailed the projects and their funding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT THE BID TO THE GROWTH FUND IS TO SUPPORT THE FEOCK STROLLS WITH PRINTABLE SHEETS, GRAPHIC DESIGN VISUALISATION AND SET UP OF MASTER TEMPLATE AT A COST OF £2,900. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

ACTION: CLLR ALLEN STATED THAT HE WOULD COMMIT TO PREPARING A SPREADSHEET OF THE PROJECTS AND THEIR FUNDING BEFORE THE NEXT ACCESS & AMENITIES MEETING AS REQUESTED BY CLLR DYKE.

Discussion continued in which Cllr Allen felt that a small group should be formed to consider Capital Expenditure. Cllr Dyke agreed and wished for this to be linked to the work on the new Neighbourhood Development Plan as this will help with a delivery plan and costings.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED A RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL THAT A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE GROUP BE SET UP. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

Maintenance of existing benches:

Cllr Allen stated that he would like a review of the Parish's benches as some needed repair and some needed replacement. Discussion followed in which Cllr Yates questioned the current situation regarding the permission needed for the siting of the two benches in his possession.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT DAVID WOOLCOCK BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON EACH OF THE COUNCIL'S BENCHES STATING WHICH ARE SUITABLE FOR REPAIR AND WHICH REQUIRE REPLACEMENT, WHICH COULD THEN BE PRICED AND TAKEN TO THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

Cllr Hambly-Staite stated that parish maintenance needed to be on the agenda for a future meeting. He questioned the amount in the budget for parish maintenance and also the committee's delegated budget. This was provided.

Feock Cycling Project report:

Cllr Allen expressed his satisfaction that the report had been circulated to members and encouraged them to review it thoroughly. He explained that the project originated from the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), as residents expressed a desire for better connectivity both within the parish and to surrounding areas.

A feasibility study for a Feock cycle route was commissioned from Cormac in 2020 to explore potential connections. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the consultation process was limited, and as a result, the study did not fully meet expectations. Despite this, some elements of the study have been incorporated into the current report.

Cllr Allen outlined that, within the constraints of a reasonably funded project, the plan is to focus on improving connectivity along National Cycle Route 3. He also mentioned that Cllrs Bowers, Allen, Yates, Dyke, and Newman are scheduled to cycle the route together next week.

Proposed sign for Carnon Valley:

Cllr Allen presented his proposed design for the new sign, which follows the style of existing signage along the Mining Trail. He invited members to review the design and provide any feedback, particularly regarding the suitability of the photographs included.

He confirmed that the sign would be installed on the fencing at Grenna Lane, as agreed with the Environment Agency (EA), and noted that funding for the sign had already been approved at the previous meeting.

10. ABANDONED BOATS AROUND THE PARISH

This item was discussed and concluded during agenda item no.3.

11. CARNON VALLEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND AT BISSOE

Cllr Allen reported that the next task at the community woodland will be to import topsoil to improve the surface. He advised that 100 trees, mainly self-seeded Oaks from his own garden, had been planted this season, bringing the total to approximately 1,000 trees. Around 50% of the site has now been planted.

12. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllr Yates reported that the bus shelters in Carnon Downs and Penelewey are in need of general maintenance, including cleaning and weeding.

Cllr Allen advised that during an inspection of the trees planted in Pengelly Field, he observed bark damage. He notified the contractor, who confirmed he would visit the site to inspect. In the meantime, Cllr Allen applied a sealing compound to the affected trees and fitted plastic sleeves for protection.

Cllr Newman reported that a pane of glass remains broken in the phone box at Point Green.

13. BUS SHELTER GRAFFITI/DECORATION/MURALS

Cllr Dyke confirmed that the Clerk had advised that there was no current budget for bus shelter murals however this could possibly come from the Active Feock project fund.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL THAT IN PRINCIPLE FUNDING TO THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD COME FROM THE REMAINING ACTIVE FEOCK FUND, HOWEVER, DETAILS OF COSTS WILL BE NEEDED AND A DECISION MADE FOLLOWING THIS. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING,

ACTION: CLLR DYKE TO TAKE THE PROPOSAL FORWARD AND ESTABLISH COSTS.

14. REQUEST TO USE PENGELLY MEADOWS RECREATION AREA FOR FILMING

A request had been received for filming on Parish Council land. Following discussion the following resolution was made.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT IN PRINCIPLE THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE THE USE OF THE FIELD FOR A SUITABLE FEE SUBJECT TO RECEIVING ASSURANCE THAT THE CONTENT WOULD NOT EMBARRASS THE COUNCIL AND OTHER USERS OF THE PARK WILL NOT BE INCONVENIENCED. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

ACTION: CLLR YATES TO CONTACT THE CLERK TO DISCUSS HIS CONTACTING THE APPLICANT TO NEGOTIATE THE FEE.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.