

MEETING NO. 1091

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 26th February 2015 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 6.00pm

Members present:

WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen	B Shankland	R Andrew
	B Richards	V Gordon	C Johnson

In attendance: Amy Nettley, Our Place Project Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor C Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Blake and West.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th January 2015 were agreed by those present.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew made the following declaration of interest statement.

"I (Cllr Andrew) declare an interest in planning matters related either directly or in proximity to my land and property in Feock. For the public record, I am an employee of Cornwall Council working on the Localism Agenda. I have been advised by the Monitoring Officer that as a Parish Councillor I have no personal interest in the Neighbourhood Planning Agenda and related issues. However, if during the course of discussions issues are discussed of which I have a personal involvement it may be appropriate to leave the meeting and take no further part in the debate and for it to be recorded in the minutes"

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

6. OUR PLACE PROJECTS UPDATE & DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Project Officer summarised that the scheme has been running for one month at relatively low cost to the Parish Council. There had been 16 trips in the month but momentum appeared to be increasing through 'word of mouth'. Two new volunteer drivers had been recruited in the past month and training had been arranged for them in March. All drivers are currently happy to continue as volunteers, all but two people using the scheme had given a contribution. The journeys to date had all been to the Doctors, Dentist or Church, with the exception of one to school in Truro (which it had been agreed would not be repeated as this was outside of the scope of the scheme) and one request to take to Sainsbury's in Truro (this has been refused, again because it was felt to be outside of the scope of the scheme).

Devoran School had recently purchased a second hand mini bus and it was hoped that this may be available to use for specific community events in the future.

The Committee recorded their thanks to Amy Nettley, Project Officer for her work in delivery the community transport scheme.

The Committee unanimously agreed:-

- The scheme should continue, preferably indefinitely (to be managed by the Parish Clerk).
- All volunteers should be thanked in writing asap and a date agreed to meet to gain feedback from them on progress with the scheme
- Cllr Gordon to write a press release for the local press, presenting a positive view on the transport scheme
- Work to be undertaken to work towards a social element to the scheme, for example group lunches at local venues (Old Quay Inn has already offered this).
- It was agreed for a notice to be distributed to all households informing residents that the scheme is continuing.
- Our Place funding should be used to print Roundwalks leaflets/maps

**Actions: Project Officer to draft 'thank you' email to volunteers
Cllr Gordon to draft article to the West Briton.**

7. RISK ASSESSMENTS

It was agreed to put the item of Risk Assessments on the next meeting agenda, consistency was needed in reporting and recording risk assessments. Cllr Allen suggests that the committee needs to agree signage to be purchased as soon as possible, so that the public aware of who to call in regards to any problems on public land.

Cllr Johnson proposed adding 'Signs' to the agenda for the following meeting.

8. DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENTS / FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The Cory funding for access improvements had been delayed and would go before the Cory Funding Panel on Monday 27th April. Cllr Shankland shared quotes for new play equipment with the committee and the potential options for new good quality facilities. The committee would need to decide which options to put forward to consultation in the near future.

Cllr Richards suggests that the cost could be spread over two years, rather than seeing the upfront cost as a barrier for aiming for a more ambitious plan.

Cllr Allen suggests looking for schemes which fit between £10-20k bracket, with the aim that they would be able to access external funding.

Cllrs Shankland and Gordon to look at new play equipment up to £20K inclusive of installation.

Clarify with Parish Clerk on match funding from the Parish Council in relation to the Cory funding and possible Lottery funding.

Action: Cllrs Shankland and Gordon to design consultation document.

Action: Cllrs Shankland and Gordon to reconsider options and get results of consultation and agree that £10k from council is suitable.

9. INVESTIGATIONS INTO ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LAND AT BISSOE VALLEY

Cllr Johnson thanks Cllr Allen for his work on this. Cllr Allen reports that he met with the Planning Officer. Cllr Allen proposes asking full committee if the EA would consider giving the Parish Council ownership of the land, subject to understanding the conditions of the land and possibility of commercial viability.

Cllr Andrew suggests considering putting the land into a separate organisation/agency. Cllr Johnson proposes talking to the Environment Agency and formally express our interest in obtaining the land to the full council.

Action: Cllr Allen to look into the Land Trust and Land Stewardship Grant

10. TREES ON COMMON LAND AT MARKET STREET, DEVORAN

Cllr Allen commented that consideration needed to be given to whether we wished to remove any trees from the patch of common land on Market Street, which looked unsightly. Cllr Johnson suggested that the members of the Committee should look at site and report back to the Planning Committee so this could be discussed further. Cllr Richards commented that if we did decide to remove the trees we would need to check if planning permission was required as they were in the conservation area and check if they were subject to any TPOs.

Action: Councillors to look at site asap and report back at Committee meeting

11. MICRO/COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Cornwall Council have confirmed that we will be having a Micro Library installed and the legal agreement is now being finalised. Our last library van visit is likely to be late March.

12. BT PHONE BOX ADOPTION, DEVORAN

Cllr Johnson reported that the Parish Council were in the process of adopting the phone box at the bottom of Market Street. It was agreed the defibrillator should be sited in this phone box. Cllr Johnson would speak to Ferris Garage regarding possibility of siting a defibrillator there and consideration also to be given to a site in Point (ask Point Quay Association), it was agreed for the location of the second defibrillator to be discussed again at the next meeting.

13. PARKING PROBLEMS ON FORTH COTH, CARNON DOWNS

Residents in Carnon Downs had again raised the issues caused by people parking on the pavements in Forth Coth, likely to be clients of the Dentist.

Actions: Cllr Richards and Allen to meet to discuss and talk to Cormac / Highways on possible solutions

14. POSSIBLE VIRTUAL PAVEMENT ON GREENBANK ROAD, DEVORAN

Cllr Shankland advised that further investigation into the work needed was required with Cormac. Cllr Andrew suggests reminding Cormac (Ben Dickenson) of the commitment they made in 2014 regarding cutting the hedgerow back to increase the amount of tarmac for the potential to create a virtual footpath.

Action: Cllr Shankland to contact Ben Dickinson, Cormac

15. FINGERPOST REFURBISHMENT AT PENELEWEY

Cllr Johnson said that the Milestone Society are looking for volunteers to help with refurbishment of this fingerpost but there were health and safety considerations as it was next a main road. The Parish Clerk is going to check practicalities with Cormac.

16. REFURBISHMENT OF COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD IN FEOCK

A local resident has offered to re-varnish the community noticeboard, the Parish Council would need to reimburse him for the cost of the varnish.

S100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (as amended) - Members of the press and public may be excluded from any discussion on the following items on the basis of the likely enclosure of exempt information

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TO BE AGREED