

MEETING No.

Minutes of the Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council held on Monday 29th September 2025 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA at 6pm

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

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Cllr Bowers

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR YATES PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 28TH JULY 2025 BE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD, SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

Benefit Body & Mind attended PC meeting and bootcamps agreed to be held on Parish land over the Summer, awaiting risk assessments and insurance details.

Spreadsheet of current budget for funded projects circulated by Clerk

Capital Expenditure group discussed at Full Council and will be discussed again at a future meeting

Have asked our contractor to survey our wooden benches and report on their condition, work needed or if any need replacement

Contractor booked to tidy Carnon Gate roundabout.

Cllr Newman queried why there was no longer a sign on Carnon Gate roundabout pointing to Devoran village. The Clerk would report this to Highways.

7. MYFEOCK WELLBEING INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The passing of a resident of Trolver Croft, Brian Ashdown was noted who had previously attended the Repair Café, the Committee and Council were very sorry to hear of Brian's passing.

Repair Café: We have gained two new recruits to our Volunteer Repair Team in the last month. Their skills are in anything from aero technology to woodworking, which fits the range of repairs we see each month. Both people approached us directly, the first one turned up to the June event ready to work and the second called into the office to ask if he could join. This brings our regular team up to eight skilled repairers and seven hosts and meet and greet volunteers.

The 29th July Repair Café has been moved to Carnon Downs Village Hall, New Hall, while the car park at The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church is resurfaced.

Support Lines and Enquiries: There have been very few enquiries made during the past month; mostly overgrown footpaths and hedges.

Lifts to surgeries are still requested by a small group of people and are greatly appreciated as this service is not available in many other parishes.

Summer Bootcamps: Benefit Body and Mind have started their Summer Bootcamps, 21st Jul to 30th August, across all three of our recreation areas in the parish. This follows the outdoor gym equipment demonstrations by Danny Woods at the 'Picnic in the Park' Active Feock event in June.

Small Grant Scheme 2025-26 Requests: I have received an enquiry regarding application for funding from the Small Grants Scheme from Carnon Downs Bowling Club. I would be most grateful for confirmation that the scheme will be running again this year. It was noted this item was on the October Parish Council agenda for discussion, budget had been allocated.

8. RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk had circulated the risk assessments completed since the last meeting.

Carnon Yard

The footpath if it was proposed in the future to make it more accessible as part of the Feock Strolls routes would need some work to the surface and the Council would liaise with Trolver Croft Residents Association about this.

The benches needed wood treatment, the Clerk would contact our contractor to request this was carried out.

A bench had been placed on Carnon Yard by persons unknown but there were concerns it wasn't very stable, it was agreed Cllr Bowers would remove it to avoid any accidents.

Blocks of wood or granite were still needed to barrier off the space that had been cleared for parking, following a discussion it was agreed for Cllrs Bowers, Brickell and Allen to carry out a site visit and work out a solution.

The broken glass panel and light in the phonebox bookswap at Point still needed attention. The gate on Point Orchard needed checking for safety as it was looking as though it was coming off its hinges. Cllr Allen would check it.

Devoran Park

The Clerk would barrier off the large gate in the centre of Devoran Park that led out onto St John's Terrace as the central wooden section had disappeared. Cllr Brickell said he was happy to try to fix the gate. The Clerk would seek quotes as well.

There was also two holes in the football pitch area which were dangerous if a child caught their foot in them. The Clerk would contact our contractor about this to get them filled in.

Retallack Park

The issue of dead trees in the hedge at Retallack was raised together with tree inspections. The Clerk would investigate if our play equipment inspector could survey the trees.

9. GWR PROJECT

Cllr Hambly-Staite said the project was coming to a conclusion, most of the products have been designed and produced. Working with Devoran School Cllr Allen had taken the staff around on a walk around Devoran, Year 6 are designing a 'time traveller' during their art class and their designs will feature at The Railway that made Devoran exhibition in November.

The pull up vertical banner is to show the legacy the railway has left and showcases the green spaces that have developed from the railway, such as Devoran and Point Quays.

The interpretation board part funded by Restronguet Creek Society includes birds that are likely to be seen if someone visits the creek, together with a map showing the Tram Road and the original route of the railway. An A1 information board would be located outside Devoran Village Hall next to the seat the Parish Council provided and would be unveiled at the November exhibition by Jayne Kirkham MP.

The Feock by Foot parish map is currently being worked on and would be launched at the exhibition.

10. BENEFIT BODY & MIND BOOTCAMP REPORT

The report provided by Benefit Body & Mind had been circulated to the Committee. It was felt this was a positive project and the consensus was that the Committee were happy to recommend to Full Council to continue allowing the use of parks for the bootcamps next year.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Doctors Surgeries again to highlight the provision of outdoor gym equipment available.

11. ADDITIONAL PASSING PLACE SIGNS

The Clerk said there were 2 spare passing place signs in the office when locations had been identified. The layby at Tallacks Creek was suggested.

RESOLUTION: CLLR NEWMAN PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL PASSING PLACE SIGN BE LOCATED AT TALLACKS CREEK, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED.

12. ADDITIONAL FENCE FOR PENGELLY MEADOWS RECREATION AREA

A resident had kindly offered to install a run of fencing to make the recreation area more secure for children along the side bordering Bissoe Road. It was suggested that Hawthorn/native hedge could be planted in front of this as well which the Parish Council were happy to fund.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE OFFER TO INSTALL A NEW FENCE, AND FOR CLLR YATES TO BE DELEGATED TO SPEAK TO THE RESIDENT TO AGREE THE DETAILS, IE. HEIGHT, AND A HAWTHORN HEDGE PLANTED IN THE FUTURE, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES FOR PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Cllr Allen felt we should publicise and celebrate more the land we own but he felt that a schedule of how we expected maintenance to be carried out should be drawn up so that this was easier for our contractors to follow rather than instructions being given verbally. He had made a start on this and the Committee were happy for him to continue to work on this. The Clerk would order more tree guards to protect the trees on our land.

14. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ENHANCED LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING APPLICATION

The Clerk asked the Committee to consider which paths and improvements they would like her to apply for funding from Cornwall Council for. Both access to Carnon Mine and Pill Creek had been suggested for improvements and costed.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT BOTH ROUTES BE APPLIED FOR BUT WITH A CLEAR INSTRUCTION THAT CARNON MINE WAS THE PRIORITY IF FUNDING WAS LIMITED, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

St Mawes Harbour film, the link had been circulated for Committee members to watch before the meeting.

Pacific Oysters – survey work and infestation

Fruit trees – for all our land and Point Orchard

Maintenance of the Feock Strolls routes.

The meeting moved into closed session.

16. ACCIDENT IN DEVORAN APRK

The Clerk updated the Council that she had send all requested paperwork to our insurance company as requested.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03pm