

MEETING NO. 12 ..

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7pm at the Parish Council Office, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		R Brickell	S Parker	R Andrew
		C Kemp	B Thomas	K Hambly-Staite
			C Johnson	H Freeman
				C Blake

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Sue Cooper (resident)
Trevelyan Foy (resident)

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Johnson

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Councillors introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Lightfoot, Allen and Morgan-Lundie.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2019 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 WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew gave the following 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 in the Place Shaping team. 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. I am currently seconded part-time to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and due to this declare an interest in Item 12 Planning".

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present who had come to speak about Item 12 Planning Committee report on the item of the Emergency Tree Preservation order. He was very pleased that the Emergency Tree Preservation Order had been put in place as he felt this was very important to protect our countryside.

It was agreed to bring forward Planning item 12 to enable the resident to listen to the discussion.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Emergency Tree Preservation Order

Cllr Alvey advised that he understood the Emergency Tree Preservation Order had been put in place on land known as The Stitch on the Old Tram Road in Devoran. The deadline for consultation was 13th March. Cllr Kemp said that the Parish Council was very keen to see trees protected and this was covered in our Neighbourhood Plan policies. Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested that the possibility of a tree survey being commissioned for the whole parish be put on the next Access & Amenities Committee agenda for discussion. It was agreed to put this on the next Access & Amenities Committee agenda.

There were concerns raised that when trees were removed although a condition was placed on the approval that they would be replaced this was not always monitored or enforced by Planning.

It was agreed to bring forward Item 13 Climate Change Emergency.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Cllr Andrew made the following proposal:

- 1. Feock Parish Council declares a climate emergency**
- 2. Set up a climate change working party that includes stakeholders, people with an interest and partners (not a formal committee)**
- 3. The working party is tasked with undertaking an audit on our impact on climate change and the impact of climate change on us as a parish**
- 4. The working party engage with residents and stakeholders to put together a costed action plan within 6 months to inform the 2020/21 budget setting process.**

It was accepted that the definition of a Climate Emergency was an internationally recognised declaration being used globally by Councils and other Local Authorities, predominantly in the UK, Australia and the USA, the publicly declare concern over the IPCC's findings which recognises the adverse global impact of the changing climate. The declaration also serves as a commitment to take urgent action and aspire towards carbon neutrality.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Thomas and carried with 8 in favour and one abstention.

The Clerk would investigate the costings for an audit to be carried out of the Parish Council's business to ensure it worked in an environmentally friendly way.

The Chair commented that she read through the Surfers Against Sewage toolkit and felt this was applicable to businesses and could form part of the action plan.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Feock road sweeping

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there were still some banks of leaves on the King Harry Ferry Road that needed removing, as well as on the lane leading to Trevilla Road. The Clerk would contact Biffa to request additional sweeping.

Bissoe Road pavement

The clerk advised that revised plans for the pavement had now been received from Cormac and been considered by the Access & Amenities Committee.

Pengelly Meadows recreation area land transfer

The Clerk advised that trial pits have now been dug to establish the condition of the soil and the amount of landscaping required. Prices were being sought for landscaping and fencing works. The

Clerk would be writing to residents local to the recreation area to advise them of the plans for the recreation area.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Brickell had attended the CALC conference and there was a very useful presentation relating to plastics and litter. Cllrs Johnson and Hambly-Staite had attended the opening of the Point defibrillator with the Truro Lions. There was a discussion regarding providing CPR and defibrillator training, the Clerk would investigate.

It was agreed for the Clerk and Chair to liaise with regards to setting a date for a Parish-wide litter pick.

Cllr Brickell had attended the Police Liaison Meeting and the Cold Calling project would be discussed later on in the meeting.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported that Cornwall Council's headline budget had been agreed, a 3.9% increase of that 2% is ringfenced for adult social care. A briefing was held last week on Adult Safeguarding and the lead on this was keen to meet with Councillors with regards to our volunteers and how they can recognise abuse of elderly people. The polling district review was being carried out. There were ongoing planning enforcement issues at Penpol Boatyard and a meeting would possibly be arranged to look at the issues and it was agreed for this to be held in the Parish Council office and for the Parish Council to be represented. A way forward has been identified with the land drainage team and the Environment Agency to try to alleviate the flooding issues at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill.

Police report

The latest figures available were from December 2018 and had been reported

9. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk had circulated the Accounts for Payment for February 2019 to all those present and gave a summary of the financial position.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Payments for approval since the last meeting totalled £34,600, this included £16,142 for the installation of the 20mph zone in Devoran, plus £9,972 for highways improvements in Carnon Downs. A grant of £420 had been paid to St Feock Church as a contribution to the churchyard maintenance. It was noted that there had been a discussion as to whether Devoran and St Feock Churchyards were 'living churchyards' which helped to promote biodiversity, the Clerk would investigate.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that some of the roads have been swept of leaves but others still needed attention. There was a large drain near to Trevilla House that needed unblocking.

Cllr Blake has replaced the aluminium cast footpath sign that had been repaired and this has been re-sited on the path near to the park.

Cllr Freeman said that a stile was broken near to Trevallion Park, the Clerk said she was aware of this and that it had been reported to Cornwall Council for them to arrange for the landowner to repair this.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that Trevilla Hill was closed this week for works and apparently the bus company had not been notified of this. The Clerk had contacted Cornwall Council to establish what the procedure was for closing a road. Cornwall Council advised they had notified the bus company of the road closure by letter and signs were also displayed on the roadside. The Clerk advised that she monitored planned roadworks via the roadworks website and Cornwall Council would also notify her as well.

It was expected that if there were to be changes to the speed limit on the road to Trelissick, as part of the National Trust's proposed new access works, that the Parish Council would be consulted and able to give their views. The Chair would write to Trelissick to enquire as to progress with their proposals for the speed limit changes to the road.

Devoran

A van has been parked on the bus stop on the old A39 down towards the cycling car park and this had not moved for a number of weeks, and this was obstructing the bus stop.

Carnon Downs

There had been work in the field off Valley Lane due to the sewage pumping main rupturing in the field.

11. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there were a number of additional works required which needed budget authorising.

The fencing at Penpol car park needed replacing and a quote had been received to do this work for £582.

RESOLUTION: CLLR JOHNSON PROPOSED THE WORKS TO PENPOL CAR PARK BE APPROVED AND BUDGET AMENDED TO INCLUDE £582 FOR THIS WORK, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The passing places on the Tram Road had been getting overgrown and quote had been received to keep these cut out of £480 a year.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE WORKS TO KEEP THE TRAM ROAD PLASSING PLACES CUT OUT BE APPROVED AND BUDGET AMENDED TO INCLUDE £480 FOR THIS WORK, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The common land at Carnon Mine had got very overgrown and also had a lot of garden waste dumped on it, to have the whole area cleared would cost £390.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE WORKS TO TIDY CARNON MINE LAND BE APPROVED AND BUDGET AMENDED TO INCLUDE £390 FOR THIS WORK, SECONDED BY CLLR FREEMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

To have additional palms planted on the Carnon Gate roundabout and additional tidying would cost £204

RESOLUTION: CLLR FREEMAN PROPOSED THE WORKS TO TIDY CARNON GATE ROUNDABOUT BE APPROVED AND BUDGET AMENDED TO INCLUDE £390 FOR THIS WORK, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

To have the verges on the entranceway to Devoran cut back regularly each year would cost £65 for the initial tidy up plus £280 a year.

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE WORKS TO TIDY THE VERGES ON ENTRANCEWAY TO DEVORAN BE APPROVED AND BUDGET AMENDED TO INCLUDE £345 FOR THIS WORK, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Concerns had been raised by a member of the public in relation to the gap in the newly installed yellow lines on Quenchwell Road as they felt this had created a parking place. The Access & Amenities Committee has requested the Clerk find out the cost of having the lines joined up. The Clerk advised that this would require the whole consultation process to be gone through again and this would cost in the region of £5K. It was agreed that this cost was prohibitive and that a Councillor would speak to the residents of the house where the gap in the lines was and suggested we put up a No Parking sign on their wall to discourage people parking there.

FAST Project

The project team was made up of Cllrs Johnson, Brickell and Hambly-Staite, any other Councillors were welcome to join this team. It was agreed for Cllr Allen and Thomas to also sit on this team. Some Community Speedwatch sessions had been held in the parish but there were difficulties with getting the Police to approve new sites, this was down to staffing issues.

With regards to the road between Carnon Gate roundabout and Old Carnon Hill crossroads, Cllr Brickell has been investigating works that would be required to widen this road. The Clerk advised that a feasibility study would need to be commissioned from Cormac to enable improvement works on this stretch of road to be considered.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK REQUEST A STUDY IS CARRIED OUT INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVEMENTS WORKS TO THE ROAD BETWEEN CARNON GATE ROUNDABOUT AND THE CROSSROADS AT THE BOTTOM OF OLD CARNON HILL, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was agreed to put up the spare dog waste bin at the start of the footpath by Ferris Garage. The Clerk to arrange.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman asked those present to consider that we needed to elect a new Chair of Planning following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, thought also needed to be given to a new Chair of the Parish Council as Cllr Johnson would be stepping down after her 2 years in May at the Annual Meeting.

Cllr Kemp chaired the last planning meeting and gave an overview of the meeting, the minutes would be available shortly. The re-arranged appeal for Valley Lane is being held on Thursday 26th March in Devoran Village Hall.

14. WELLBEING PROJECTS UPDATE

Community Connect

Regular updates from the Project Manager were being circulated to all Councillors on a weekly basis. The project was working with a cohort of patients from Carnon Downs Surgery and also a cohort of

students from Devoran School. Cllr Hambly-Staite is working with Devoran School, the National Trust and Cornwall Gardeners Trust on a project to create gardens with grandparents. Cllr Kemp asked to be kept up to date with the projects linked to the school as she was the representative on the Parish Council with the school as an outside body.

Local Transport Scheme

A meeting had been held with our Volunteer drivers and also representatives from Gwennap Parish Council as they were interested in setting up their own scheme. The scheme was unfortunately no longer covering its costs and it was agreed to increase the recommended donation for each trip by 50p. The Clerk would write to all users of the scheme to advise them of this increase.

Community Library

The Book Group continued to meet in the library on the first Monday of the month and a Story session had been run by a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer from Penair school which was very well received.

Connect Newsletter

A copy of the newsletter was circulated to everyone present and this would be delivered to all dwellings in the parish by the middle of March.

Administration of Wellbeing fund from Transport Scheme and Meet & Eat Lunches

The Chairman said there was a surplus of money from the Meet & Eat lunches in the Wellbeing fund. The Clerk requested that an agreement on this funding should be administered.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MEET & EAT VOLUNTEERS MEET TO DECIDE HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FUNDING SPENT AND THEIR SUGGESTIONS ARE THEN DISCUSSED AND AUTHORISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR ANDREW AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. YOUR CHOICE FUNDING 2019/20

The Clerk had circulated the revised criteria for the Your Choice funding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ANDREW PROPOSED THAT THE 2 YEAR RESTRICTION WAS REMOVED FROM THE CRITERIA TO ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE GROUPS, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. PILOT TRADING STANDARDS PROTECTION AREA

Cllr Alvey said that Trading Standards had done some work in Carnon Downs as there had been a number of instances of rogue traders and cold callers. In other areas of the country there were 'no cold calling' zones. Cornwall Trading Standards would like to set one up in Cornwall as a pilot for this and have suggested Carnon Downs for the pilot. This would involve leafleting door to door and signage on the lampposts when you enter the zone. It was hoped this would discourage rogue traders and cold callers. These leaflets would also make it clear to people how they can report rogue traders or cold callers. Cllr Brickell has been out delivering leaflets with the PCSO over the last few days. It was noted that the example 'Buy with confidence booklet' was a national project and would not currently be rolled out here.

17. CORNWALL COUNCIL POLLING DISTRICT & POLLING PLACES REVIEW

The Clerk advised that a review of Polling Districts and Places was currently being carried out by Cornwall Council. The Council agreed that they did not have any comments to make on this or any changes to polling station locations to suggest.

18. COMMUNITY NETWORK AREA SOS VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

The Clerk had circulated details of this new project where Cornwall Council would provide volunteer hours to help local groups nominated by Cornwall Councillors. It was agreed for Councillors to consider any groups they would like to nominate and bring this back to the next meeting. The deadline for nominations was 12th April.

There being no further business the meeting closed 10.00pm