

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on Monday 11th January 2021 6.30pm

Present:	WARDS	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
		C Kemp	B Thomas	C Blake
		R Brickell	S Parker	K Hambly-Staite
		P Allen	A Allen	H Freeman
		K Gason		B Robson

In attendance: Councillor Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Councillor
Jo Sweet, member of the public
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Chairman: Councillor Thomas

1. INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Thomas, Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and was acting Chairman for the meeting as Cllr Lightfoot had given his apologies due to work.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Andrew, Lightfoot and Steel who all had work commitments.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 7TH DECEMBER 2020

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2020 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present who did not wish to ask any questions and no questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

6. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk advised she had submitted the precept request to Cornwall Council and drafted the Press Release and would issue this shortly with the amendments received. There was no news on when the TV programme filmed around the Devon & Chacewater Railway would be aired but it was hoped it would be soon.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no matters to report.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Councillor Alvey reported in the area the current Covid infection rate was 398 per 100,000. In the early Autumn this was in single figures. The rate for Truro was 575 per 100,000. 51 people were currently in Treliske with Covid and this does not include those in the north of the county who may be in one of the Devon hospitals. Vaccination clinics are up and running and Carnon Downs Surgery are working

with Mount Hawke Surgery to start getting these administered, two mass vaccination centres would be set up in Cornwall in the very near future. The testing centre at the Park & Ride at Tregurra was working well and other organisations were offering lateral flow testing. The Police were very stretched by the virus and subsequent sickness absence due to Covid.

Police Inspector Colin Wheeler has taken over from Inspector Rick Milburn who has taken up another role within the Police.

Cllr Brickell asked if the figures re Police sickness had increased as figures had been issued by the Police last week, Cllr Alvey said that the figures he had were as at last Friday.

Cllr Kemp said she knew the new Police Inspector and that he lived locally, was excellent and that we were lucky to have him as the new Inspector.

Cllr Freeman asked if Cllr Alvey was able to tell us if there were any clusters in the Parish or anyone from the Parish in hospital. Cllr Alvey said he did not have access to these details but some information about cases locally was available online and he would circulate the link.

Cllr Alvey advised that if there was a significant outbreak in his division he would be notified, thankfully to date he had not received any such notifications. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the figures had really increased in Cornwall, especially on the Roseland, he wondered if any lessons could be learnt about why these had suddenly increased? Cllr Alvey said that the main reason appeared to be people not sticking to the rules as strictly as they should be, and looking at what they could get away with within the rules, rather than asking themselves the question – do I really need to do that?

Devon and Cornwall Police

The Clerk advised there had been 9 crimes in November 2020 and that more details of these crimes were available online.

Carnon Downs – no crimes recorded.

Devoran – 1 crime (theft at Point).

Feock – 8 crimes

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Freeman said there were still problems with drainage on the roads in Feock. Cllr Hambly-Staite asked if Cormac were still able to fill the potholes in the lockdown, Cllr Alvey said that Cormac were trying to provide as normal a service as possible during this current lockdown period, however some works may be affected. There was a very deep pot hole at Porthgwidden and this had been reported but not yet rectified. Cllr Blake said he thought this had been filled but the repair had not lasted. The Clerk would report this again.

Cllr P Allen said that the byway at Quenchwell had been repaired recently and also the bridleway along Ropewalk had been tarmacked.

Cllr P Allen said that some very large granite boulders had been placed on the beach area at Carnon Yard and it was thought that this land was privately owned and was not Parish Council owned land. Cllr A Allen said that she felt that these were a hazard to boats as they went down below the water line and boats may not see them when coming at high tide. Cllr Alvey said that Cornwall Council had jurisdiction with regards to hazards to navigation within the Creek and the Harbour Office may be able to help.

Cllr Robson said that Roundwood lane needed more works carrying out to improve drainage to stop this flooding of gardens as the works recently carried out had not resolved this problem.

Cllr Hambly-Staite raised the issue of flood water near to Ferris Garage several times and this had been reported on numerous occasions. There is also a large puddle at the top of Harris Hill. Some improvements had been made but not sufficiently to resolve the issue. He felt the drainage was not sufficient and needed proper inspection as to what would be needed to ensure water did not pool after heavy rain.

Devoran Ward

Cllr Parker said that a kayak had been stolen from Devoran Quay over the last weekend and just wanted everyone to be aware of this.

Cllr Thomas said that we have had a complaint from a resident about the vegetation which is growing over the street lighting and making it very dark at night. The Clerk would write to the landowner, one side belonged to the Parish Council and the Clerk would arrange for our contractor to cut it back.

Carnon Downs Ward

Cllr Brickell said that he had received three complaints from Parishioners, one about the amount of rubbish in the bus shelter, one about a group that meet in the car park of the Carnon Inn and also about a party that was held over the Christmas period which was attended by the Police as they were called. There had also been an increase in dog fouling in the village, he would like to see more waste bins around the area.

Cllr A Allen said that the installation of the waste bin at Penpol had made a big difference to the dog fouling nuisance in that area. Cllr Blake said that there was also an issue in Feock near to Retallack Park even though a larger waste bin had been installed.

Cllr Robson said that there was also an issue with dog fouling at Roundwood and also at Wrinkling Lane. She had raised this with the National Trust who said they had in the past had used dog wardens which had been successful.

Cllr P Allen said this had been discussed before and we were waiting to hear if Biffa had the capacity to empty more bins and the Clerk would contact them again in the future, as although we could buy and put up new bins we would need a contract in place to empty them regularly.

It was agreed for all to consider where additional waste bins should be sited and send these to the Clerk for marking on a map for further discussion at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE COUNCIL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL WASTE BINS ACROSS THE PARISH AND SOME NEW SIGNAGE, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Alvey said the deadline for applying for the 'eyes' posters had now passed, there was also a system for Councillors to report dog fouling to Cornwall Council via way of a card notification.

The Clerk would circulate the information to all about enforcement of dog fouling offences that Councillors had the power to carry out with permission from Cornwall Council.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he would formally like his thanks recorded to Carnon Downs Community Association for the village Christmas lights display.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated to those present the list of accounts for payment since the last meeting. A bank reconciliation had been carried out and all was in order, the bank balances matched the balances on the electronic banking system.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite reported that himself, Cllr Blake and Bex Rawbone had a Zoom meeting with Cheryl Mackrory our MP who was very supportive of the project. We had hit the target of getting 75 people engaged to have Guided Conversations but there were some concerns that we were mainly speaking to the 'living well' group rather than those who were in need and we needed to engage with this group who were much harder to reach. Cllr Hambly-Staite said that if anyone knew people who may fall into this category could they please speak to them about taking part. Bex, the Project Co-ordinator continued to be very positive about the project but this was very difficult at the present time with home working and the Guided Conversations unable to take part in person due to Covid restrictions.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr P Allen said that he had written an article on sewage for the next issue of Connect and Cllr Brickell had written an article on recycling. Cllr P Allen asked Cllr Alvey if there was anyone in Cornwall Council who might be able to help with community ground source heat system, Cllr Alvey had provided this information and the Clerk would ensure this was forwarded to Cllr P Allen.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked if the Clerk could contact the Parish who had installed the community system to find out more about it.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dog fouling in Carnon Downs

This item had been dealt with previously in the meeting.

Cllr P Allen asked if this year due to the Covid lockdown, could Councillors carry out a risk assessment on their own areas and let the Clerk know which areas they are doing, rather than himself and the Clerk visiting all the locations.

Cllr P Allen was meeting with SWW re the connection of the water point at Point Quay tomorrow. The Footpaths Working Group had drawn up a list of potential works to be carried out under the Enhanced Local Maintenance Partnership funding and were waiting to hear from Penny Hodgson regarding a Teams Meeting to go through this.

A further meeting of the Community Woodland was being held by Zoom with the other Parish Council partners on 23rd January 2021.

Consideration to be given to continuation of bookswap facility in Defibrillator phonebox stations at Devoran and Carnon Downs

Cllr P Allen said that the dumping of books had become more frequent and piles of books had been left in both of bookswaps which had then become damp and had to be disposed of which was a shame.

These did need regular weekly tending to keep them tidy. It was also noted that it was important that the books must be kept tidy to ensure access to the defibrillator is kept clear which was the prime function of the two phoneboxes that the Parish Council owned.

Cllr A Allen said she felt that it would be a shame to lose these facilities and could notices be displayed in all the bookswaps requesting they are kept tidy by users (not just the two managed by the Parish Council).

Cllr Brickell said he has tidied up the Carnon Downs box on several occasions and was happy to continue to monitor and tidy it. Cllr Parker said he would monitor and tidy up the Devoran phonebox.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Assistant Clerks planning report had been circulated to all Councillors. There were some ongoing contentious planning applications which Cllr Freeman ran through the current position with and confirmed that comments continued to be agreed remotely and co-ordinated by the Assistant Clerk.

Cllr Freeman said the planning committee were very unhappy with some of the Planning Inspectors appeal decisions and the damage that these decisions had on the AONB and the additional development approvals that this led to on Restronguet Point due to the precedent being set by these decisions. Cllr P Allen said we had written to Sarah Newton MP in the past about this issue and he would support writing again to either the AONB or Cornwall Council about the impact of these appeal decisions. Cllr Alvey said that he was aware that Sarah Newton had raised this with the Planning Inspectorate and he did feel that since this and the NDP that the AONB had been given more weight when appeals were being considered so it may be worth holding off any further contact until we had a specific issue to raise.

There was a discussion about Cornish hedges and where planning stood with regard to removal of sections of these in relation to planning applications. Cllr P Allen would be speaking to the Historic Team at Cornwall Council about this with regards to the installation of new stiles and gates on footpaths.

15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Update from Highways Working Group

Cllr Thomas said that the group had met and Cllr Alvey had also taken up the issues we have with the parking at Trevilla and the problem it causes the bus. Photos of the parking issues had been provided to Cllr Alvey and the bus company had been contacted to ask them to contact ourselves and Cllr Alvey if there were problems again.

Correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding obstruction of verges

The Clerk was arranging a meeting with Cormac regarding obstruction and it was hoped to be able to meet with Matt Philips via Teams using Google Earth to show Cormac the areas we had concerns about. There were ongoing issues with residents claiming grass verges outside their houses belonged to them when in fact they had highways rights over them and people were allowed to walk on them.

Carnon Downs 'rat running'

We had been advised by Nigel Blackler that a traffic survey and report would take this issue into account for the Langarth development, unfortunately this issue was not covered in any report attached to the planning application. Cllr P Allen had drafted a response to go back to Highways on this issue which had been circulated to all Councillors today for comments and to send to Cormac, Cllr Alvey suggested that Adam Birchall also be copied on the email.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE LETTER AS SET OUT BE SENT TO NIGEL BLACKLER AT HIGHWAYS TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE LANGARTH DEVELOPMENT ON CARNON DOWNS, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Highways issues

Cllr Gason said when people come from Carnon Downs roundabout and are turning into Tregye Road (turning left), as there are additional parked vehicles on the pavement, people are cutting the corner and going at quite a speed on the wrong side of the road.

Cllr A Allen said she was pleased that some remedial work was going to be carried out on Point Road to repair the surface. Cllr A Allen said that the kerb stone at the new development on Point Road seemed to be a long way out in the road and she felt this was dangerous. The Clerk said she thought this had been reported before to Planning Enforcement who had confirmed that it was in accordance with the approved plans.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.