

**MEETING NO.**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**  
**STARTING AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN**

Councillors present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	R Brickell	J Newman	R Bowers
	P Allen		C Dyke
	C Kemp		
	B Yates		

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk  
Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey  
3 members of the public

Chair: Cllr Brickell

**1. INTRODUCTION & CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Avard and Hambly-Staite. It was noted that Cllr Dyke may be late arriving.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Brickell declared an interest in the Carnon Downs Village Hall item.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**University of Exeter Carnon Valley project**

Misty Reid from the University of Exeter explained an environmental project on the Carnon Valley they were bidding for funding for and seeking partners and asked the Parish Council to consider becoming a partner. The 3 year project if their funding bid was successful would start in early 2027. There was no cost to the Parish Council in becoming a partner in this project.

The Standing Orders were suspended to enable Misty to answer questions. and this item brought forward on the agenda.

#### **14. RECLAIMING THE CARNON RIVER: A COMMUNITY ENGAGED APPROACH TO REHABILITATING A SACRIFICE ZONE**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL BECOME A PARTNER IN THIS PROJECT IF THE BID WAS SUCCESSFUL, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### **Carnon Downs Village Hall**

Anne and Penny from the Village Hall thanked the Parish Council for arranging the insurance for the hall to ensure it was covered as a temporary measure. The issue now was one of ownership, this needed to be resolved as otherwise it would cause problem in the future for the hall and trustees and just needed resolving and they wanted to work with the Parish Council to resolve this.

Anne believed that there was an intention on establishing the CIO that the hall ownership would be transferred to the CIO but for various reasons unfortunately this was not progressed.

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow Anne and Penny to speak and answer questions and item 12 brought forward on the agenda.

#### **12. CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL CIO LAND OWNERSHIP**

Cllr Allen would like to see the Parish Council still involved as a 'constant body' to ensure that in the worst case event the Village Hall wasn't able to form a trustees committee it wouldn't fold due to lack of volunteers and the concern that if this happened what would happen to the hall? The Parish Council did not wish to take the risk of the hall being sold and a very valuable community asset being lost.

The Parish Council understood that the main reason for changing the hall to a CIO was to remove personal liability from the volunteer trustees.

Cllr Dyke felt that it was important to establish the legal position and who owned what, as although to consensus was that the Parish Council owned the hall as they owned the land and the deeds were in their name this needed confirming by a legal expert.

The Village Hall trustees concern was that their insurance company had inferred that it could be difficult for them to insure the hall if the property was not registered in the CIOs name and at the moment the insurance was costing them more as they were still having to pay for public liability insurance and the building insurance that had been arranged by the Parish Council.

It was suggested a peppercorn lease could be a solution where the Parish Council lease the property to the Village Hall who then continue to be responsible for the insurance and day to day running as they have been, with a Parish Council representative as a trustee.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE VILLAGE HALL CIO TRUSTEES SPEAK TO THEIR INSURERS TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION IF THEY WERE TO LEASE THE VILLAGE HALL FROM THE**

**PARISH COUNCIL, THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD ALSO CONTACT THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY REGARDING HOW THE HALL COULD BE INSURED IF THE CIO LEASED THIS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL, SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **6. CLERKS REPORT**

**The Old Quay Inn Asset of Community Value** – application submitted to Cornwall Council, awaiting response.

**Bus Shelter Mural** – almost finished, one more day of painting to be completed which will be carried out w/c 20th October. Has been delayed due to sickness and pre-arranged holiday.

**Litter sign for layby in Feock** – Clerk has been supplied with details of Cornwall Council's supplier to produce the sign and who hold the standard sign artwork and has contacted them to obtain a price.

**Tree Protection Orders** – Cllr Bowers to liaise with resident who had requested TPO at Tresithick. Deputy Clerk has contacted Cllr Alvey to request a meeting be arranged with the Tree Officer and will put TPOs on a future Planning agenda.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Review/Neighbourhood Priorities Statement/Call for sites comments**

Deputy Clerk will put this item on a future Planning Committee agenda.

Clerk and Deputy Clerk attended online Cornwall Council briefing regarding NDPs/NPS and summary circulated to all Councillors.

### **Abandoned Boats**

Cllr Avarad has started work on producing list of maintenance carried out on common land as evidence for future Land Registry application.

### **Public bin at Elm Grove**

Clerk has contacted Cornwall Housing to advise PC do not wish to take on the bin and reasons for this.

### **Mineral Tramways Sign for Feock Stroll no.5**

Clerk has contacted sign company to give go ahead to produce sign.

### **Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting – Monday 6th October**

Meeting was cancelled and item for discussion is Item 17 on this agenda.

There had been no progress unfortunately on the meeting with the Tree Officer. Cllr Bowers asked for clarification on what the Parish Council were doing regarding TPOs and the request for a TPO at Tresithick. The Clerk advised that the Council had said they wished to look at TPOs across the whole Parish and wished to have a meeting with the Tree Officer to discuss this which unfortunately has not been possible to set up. Cllr Alvey commented that individual members of the public are able to apply for TPOs, this does not need to be done by the Parish Council but

that Cornwall Council are able to put an Emergency TPO on trees if they have concerns a tree is at immediate risk of felling prematurely.

## **7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Bowers had attended West Cornwall Health Watch meeting, something to note is that currently if someone is given an outpatient appointment they are given the soonest available appointment regardless of where this is located. It has come to light that you have the right to ask for an appointment in your local area but you may have to wait a little longer but have an appointment at a closer location. West Cornwall Health Watch are campaigning to get this information included in Treliske's Out Patient system to make it more widely available.

Cllr Bowers reported on the last Emergency Planning Meeting, the insurance company had advised as expected that proof of training and competency would be needed to cover volunteers using chainsaws or other mechanical equipment. Cllr Bowers asked for Emergency Planning and budget to be included on the next Parish Council agenda.

## **8. LOCAL WARD REPORTS**

### **Carnon Downs**

Cllr Dyke advised the bus shelter mural was almost finished and was looking good.

There were no other ward reports to note.

## **9. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr Alvey commented that the application for 9 new dwellings past the Garden Centre on Quenchwell Road has been refused. The current Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan still carry some weight with regards to planning decisions. Cllr Alvey had appeared on Government South West recently.

There are 3 Cornwall Council consultations currently open as follows: (1) Fire & Rescue Service Risk Management Plan, (2) Dogs on Beaches and (3) Age Friendly Cornwall and he would appreciate the Parish Council sharing details of these.

## **10. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT**

Our local PCSO had attended the Repair Café and would be attending again in the future. The crime figures had been circulated to Councillors as part of the Clerks report.

## **11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk provided a financial summary since the last meeting and circulated to Councillors the accounts for payment list received since the last meeting.

**RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.**

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation, and this was signed by the Clerk and Chairman as correct.

**12. SMALL GRANTS SCHEME**

**RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THE SMALL GRANTS SCHEME CRITERIA REMAIN AS SET OUT AND CIRCULATED, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. REPLACEMENT CHERRY TREES**

Cllr Allen proposed that three Cherry trees were purchased to replace 3 trees that had either failed or been stolen (from Pengelly Meadows and the bus lane).

**RESOLUTION: CLLR YATES PROPOSED A MAXIMUM OF £80 PER TREE BE SPENT TO REPLACE THE 3 TREES, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15. CO-OPTION TO DEVORAN AND FEOCK WARD VACANCIES**

The Clerk advised no applications had been received.

The meeting moved into closed session and members of the public left.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm