

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025
STARTING AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN DEVORAN**

Councillors present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	P Allen		R Bowers
	R Brickell		K Hambly-Staite
	C Kemp		C Dyke
	A Avarð		
	B Yates		

Public present: 2 members of the public

In attendance: Debbie Searle, Assistant Parish Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey

Chair: Cllr Brickell

1. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Brickell welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present of the Civility & Respect Pledge the Parish Council had signed up to.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Newman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

There were no nominations for Vice Chair at the Annual Meeting due to a large number of apologies and this position needed to be filled at this evening's meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD NOMINATED CLLR ALLEN AS VICE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2025/26, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ELECTION TO VACANCIES ON FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

There remained vacancies on the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD NOMINATED CLLR NEWMAN TO BE A MEMBER OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE NOMINATED CLLR YATES TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MAY 2025 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK WITH THE AMENDMENTS AGREED BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr John Mumford inquired about the current situation regarding the obstruction of the channel caused by the bridge and barge at Penpol Creek.

Cllr Alvey provided the following update: The MMO had taken the barge owner to Crown Court, where he was found guilty of mooring the barge without the necessary licence. The court imposed significant costs, which were expected to be paid a few weeks ago. However, the owner has since appealed the conviction to the High Court, which remains pending. The MMO has confirmed that they are continuing to pursue the case and have a plan for the next steps. With regard to Planning Enforcement by Cornwall Council, a planning enforcement notice was issued to the barge owner over two years ago. The owner has appealed the enforcement decision to the Planning Inspectorate. Due to the specialised nature of the case, the matter is awaiting a suitably qualified inspector to be assigned. The Council decided not to include the bridge in the current case. Even if the appeal is rejected, the Planning Inspectorate will grant the owner a specified period to remove the barge. Cllr Alvey advised that the area beyond the Pandora Inn is not under the jurisdiction of the harbour authority. As a result, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has oversight, but they have indicated that they are not currently taking steps to have the bridge removed. The appellant is reportedly seeking legal advice on the matter.

Cllr Allen suggested that public pressure might be more effective than the Parish Council's efforts in engaging statutory bodies, such as the MMO and MCA, in resolving the issue. He acknowledged that the MMO had taken the matter seriously and acted within the limits of its powers.

8. CLERKS UPDATE

The Clerks report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting with the agenda pack.

9. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Avarad advised that she would be unable to attend the Devon & Cornwall Police Parish Liaison meeting on the 18th of June and invited any other Councillor who wished to attend.

Cllr Bowers provided an update on the Emergency Plan working party, explaining that they would be launching an advertising campaign to encourage people to attend a consultation. A drop-in session will be held at Devoran Village Hall on the 28th of June from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, where attendees will be asked to fill out questionnaires on how they could support the Parish in an emergency. Another session will take place on Tuesday, 15th July, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Carnon Community Methodist Church Hall.

10. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

No reports were made.

11. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey reported the following: The new administration at Cornwall Council has been formed, with the new leaders and cabinet now in place. The Leader is Cllr Leigh Frost, a Bodmin Councillor, and his Deputy is Cllr Adam Paynter, a Councillor from Launceston. Cllr Rob Nolan is now the Chair of Cornwall Council, a civic position rather than a political one. Cllr Alvey himself has taken on a role with the Chief Officer's Employment Committee, a small group responsible for the recruitment of Strategic Directors and the Chief Executive, as well as appraising the Chief Executive. He is also on the Harbour's Board, where he was elected Vice Chair. In addition, he serves on the Corporate Finance and Scrutiny Committee, which oversees the Council's performance management, ensuring adherence to the budget, and reviewing quality, diversity, resource use, IT, and customer satisfaction. Cllr Alvey has returned to the Standards Committee, which he previously served on from 2017 to 2021. This committee handles complaints against both Cornwall and Parish Councillors, as well as looking at how complaints to the Council are dealt with and overseeing member training. Furthermore, he now sits on the Strategic Planning Committee, which deals with large-scale applications such as renewable energy projects and major housing developments. Cllr Alvey also provided members with z-cards from the Cornwall Safety Partnership.

Cllr Brickell asked who had taken over from Sarah Mason as Chief Executive of CALC. Cllr Alvey explained that CALC is a separate organisation from Cornwall Council, supporting town and parish councils, and is affiliated with the national body.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked whether, in reference to historic issues the Parish Council has been trying to resolve with Cornwall Council, it would be more effective to raise these matters with cabinet members rather than officers under the new administration. Cllr Alvey suggested that it would be worth raising the issues with the relevant cabinet member.

Cllr Dyke asked whether he would be involved with the new Local Planning. He clarified that this would fall under the Neighbourhoods Cabinet Portfolio, with the Economy and Development Scrutiny Committee taking the lead.

Cllr Bowers asked whether he was still the Emergency lead. Cllr Alvey confirmed that he was not, and that Thalia Marrington is now the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods. The Community Chest will also fall under her responsibility, along with Community Safety and Public Health.

Cllr Allen mentioned that it had been reported in the press that Councillors might be removed from decisions on smaller planning applications and asked if there was any update on this. Cllr Alvey responded that there was no update but that the new planning act still suggested taking more planning decisions away from local Councillors, leaving them to officers for all but the largest strategic applications. Cllr Allen noted that this may require local plans to be better structured, providing more guidance for officers. Cllr Alvey explained that the Local Plan would likely be updated towards the end of next year, but in the meantime, much of the groundwork, including the current Call for Sites, can be started.

12. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT

The Chair read out the latest crime figures for March 2025, 7 crimes had been reported, which were broken down as follows:

Feock x 3 comprising of Violent & Sexual Offences x 3

Carnon Downs x 4 comprising of 1 x Public Order, 1 x Antisocial behaviour, 1 x Other theft, 1 x Violent & Sexual Offences, a total of 7 crimes

The local PCSO is coming to the Retallack Picnic in the Park.

13. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk provided a financial summary for the last month and circulated to Councillors the accounts for payment list received since the last meeting. Cllr Hambly-Staite questioned if the grant from GWR had been reported. It was confirmed that it had been on the report at the last meeting.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN ROPOSED THE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

14. REVIEW OF FEOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr Dyke proposed that the Parish Council begin work on a new Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), stating that while she had considered other options, updating the current NDP was the best approach.

Cllr Allen suggested that the terms of reference for the new NDP should be established, and he was happy for this to be decided by the working group. He proposed that the Council resolve to set up an NDP working group to determine the terms of reference, including the resources required and associated costs.

Cllr Hambly-Staite expressed the desire for a plan that addresses both social and economic factors, not just planning. Cllr Dyke agreed, stating that the plan should combine elements of both an NDP and a Parish Plan.

Cllr Kemp asked if the process would involve re-writing the current NDP to incorporate community information. Cllr Hambly-Staite pointed out that the current NDP does not focus enough on wellbeing. Cllr Dyke responded that, given the time it was created, the current NDP was very good. Cllr Allen noted that the Parish Plan, which preceded the NDP, involved a high level of community consultation. He emphasized that much of what he brought to Council was based on the 2007 Parish Plan, and he supported Cllr Hambly-Staite in raising awareness of it. He stated that a lot of effort had gone into the Parish Plan and that the new plan should build on it.

Cllr Kemp suggested that more local community members had been involved in the process in the past than Councillors, and questioned whether these individuals should be called upon again. Cllr Dyke agreed, noting that there should be a clear vision, and gave the example of local interest in developing cycle paths. Cllr Kemp also proposed that the plan could be a live document on the website with linked

updated documents. Cllr Dyke acknowledged this, stating that while there were rules to follow, an action/delivery plan could be developed.

Cllr Allen stated that much of the work in the new plan would serve to legitimise existing ideas, with the core principles remaining largely unchanged. Cllr Hambly-Staite highlighted the need for administrative support and emphasized the importance of addressing infrastructure that supports the community. He questioned whether CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) could be applied to support this. Cllr Alvey clarified that CIL could only be used for capital items. Cllr Allen suggested that if the plan had a long-term benefit (over 10 years), it could be considered a capital item. Cllr Dyke mentioned that while she had looked into funding options, there was currently no available funding, though she remained hopeful it may become available in the future.

Cllrs Hambly-Staite and Allen agreed on the vital need for administrative support, and all members agreed that additional support should be sought. Cllr Allen concluded that, given the direction of planning, the new plan needs to be more procedural.

RESOLUTION: IT WAS PROPOSED BY CLLR DYKE THAT THE NDP BE UPDATED AND A WORKING PARTY FORMED. MEMBERS TO BE CLLRS YATES, HAMBLY-STAITTE, BOWERS, DYKE, ALLEN, KEMP AND AVARD. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

The meeting moved into closed session.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THE STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ENABLE CLLR ALVEY TO REMAIN IN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.