

MEETING NO.

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 6th April 2020 at 6.30pm held remotely via Zoom meeting

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

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey
 Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Lightfoot

1. **INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Andrew and Steel. Cllr Lightfoot was late to the meeting.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2020**

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH 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 KEMP AND WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEETING.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest. Cllr A Allen was a member of the WI in relation to Item 17.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Clerk advised that no questions or comments had been received from the public and no members of the public had requested the link to attend the meeting remotely.

6. **CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Clerk gave the following update.

Oystercatchers drain blockage had been reported again. Cllr Blake reported that due to the recent dry weather there had obviously been no recent flooding, however the last time it had rained there had been flooding. The sediment depth in the drain had been recorded by Cormac.

Harris Hill hedge – the need to clear up road of cuttings had been reported. Cllr A Allen confirmed that this has now been tidied up by Cormac.

Pedestrians in road sign near to Retallack park – the Clerk was sourcing the road sign and checking the specification and exactly where it should be placed.

The planned litter picks had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

The VE Day commemorations have been postponed, consideration was being given to holding these in August in conjunction with VJ Day commemorations.

Cormac have been contacted regarding the pool of water at Fourturnings, and they have confirmed that they are working to resolve this. A new drainage ditch has been dug in the area.

Cormac have been given the instruction to go ahead with the highways improvements to Old Carnon Hill (after the Tour of Britain) and Bissoe Road works.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr A Allen had attended the Code of Conduct training at County Hall.

Cllr Brickell had attended the Climate Emergency meeting in Cllr P Allen's absence.

8. CURRENT REPORTS

Cornwall Council

Cllr Alvey reported as follows. Regular reports regarding the Coronavirus pandemic from the Leader, Julian German are being received and circulated to the Chairman and the Clerk, these were able to be made public and passed on to residents. There is information available on Cornwall Council's website about Coronavirus and support available.

The grant to small businesses linked to business rates is currently being processed and all eligible businesses should now have been contacted with details of how to apply.

Cornwall Council has enforcement authority for businesses that shouldn't be trading. The police are responsible for members of the public flouting the rules.

He has taken up the issue of the EA car park not being closed with George Eustice MP.

Concerns have been raised about Devoran Quay and Tram Road usage being high and social distancing not being observed. He has suggested a generic poster be printed off by Parish Councils to put up with a consistent message about distancing and virus transfer on surfaces.

He was aware that there are concerns about new planning protocol that has come in to manage planning during the pandemic. Cllr Alvey and other members of the Council are challenging this new process.

He has a Skype meeting with the new MP tomorrow to pass on any concerns from the area and asked Councillors to let him know any issues they wished to have raised.

Cllr P Allen asked for the cycle way between Falmouth and Truro to be raised with the new MP as she had said this was one of her priorities but he understood with other current issues this was secondary but did not wish it to be forgotten.

Cllr Blake said that Loe Beach (which was privately owned) has been closed and there had been occasions recently when it was crowded and people were not adhering to social distancing. People have been trying to use the slipway even though the beach is closed.

Cllr Alvey said landowners were concerned about surface transfer of the virus on stiles and gates. He was looking into this issue with Cornwall Council. There was also a moot point around driving to exercise and the Police enforcing this.

Cllr Gason has put up Natural England notices over the weekend, the footpaths and Bissoe cycle trail had been very busy.

Cllr P Allen said this would be discussed under the Access & Amenities Report item. At Loe Beach below mean high water is owned by Cornwall Council through the harbour authority. Point Quay Association have decided at the moment not to close their slipway and he was waiting to hear back from the Harbour Authority about any notices to be issued and decisions relating to this.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that it was not right that Planning Officers felt under pressure to determine applications within the usual timescale as otherwise they feared an appeal would be submitted due to non-determination. Cllr Alvey said he would raise this with the MP during his Skype call.

Devon & Cornwall Police Report

The Clerk advised the 'Your area' crime mapping page now taken down to allow the Police to concentrate their efforts on the issues caused by the Coronavirus.

Cllr Blake said the Police had been notified about various issues within Feock village.

9. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Feock Ward

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that a byway at Roundwood Quay had become impassable due to very large potholes in the surface and Cllr P Allen and Cllr Alvey had managed to get this repaired so that access has been improved and deliveries can be made, the residents who lived there were very grateful.

Devoran Ward

There had been issues at Devoran Quay with large numbers of people using it, Carolyn Tyson the Chair was arranging notices to be put up to remind people about social distancing.

Cllr Thomas said that people were very pleased that the bins were still being collected and asked Cllr Alvey to pass our thanks on to those on the bin lorries. Cllr Alvey suggested that people might like to leave a note on their bin to thank them to get the message directly to those working.

Carnon Downs Ward

Cllr Parker said that dog fouling on Devoran Quay was very bad and this was an issue across the parish.

Cllr Kemp said that there had been a plea in the press for information about the arson on Belmont Terrace in Devoran.

The Chairman said that Carnon Downs Spar have made a huge effort to support the Parish and the community, they had done a very good job in difficult circumstances.

Cllr P Allen said the large stones on the verge at Tregye Road were still there. He was very keen to ensure we have proper walkways provided around the parish and where there was no pavement this should be where there were wide verges.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he didn't know if the village halls were struggling due to having to close and not having any income. He wondered if we should write to the Village Halls to ask if they need any additional funding or were in difficulties. The Clerk would contact them and offer support.

10. FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk had circulated to those present, prior to the meeting, 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 BLAKE PROPOSED THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

St Feock Churchyard Grant

The Clerk advised that St Feock Church had requested their annual grant towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Cllr Hambly-Staite asked if this was a Living Churchyard as this designation was a condition of the grant. The Clerk confirmed that it was, together with Devoran.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL AWARD THE USUAL GRANT OF £420 TO ST FEOCK CHURCH FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD ON THE CONDITION THAT THIS WAS AS LIVING CHURCHYARD, SECONDED BY CLLR A ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. WELLBEING PROJECT REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended two Zoom meetings with the other EU partners, there is a delay across Europe due to the Coronavirus. Interreg are now considering a request from the HAIRE project for an extension into 2023, it is currently due to end in September 2022 and we are waiting to hear the outcome. There has been some progress with the Guided Conversations paperwork. We had the opportunity to include in the paperwork icons reflecting the parish and its villages and we could ask residents via our newsletter for their input into choosing these. Community Connect is still continuing and Sharon Nettleton has been a valuable link between the health professionals and the surgeries. The current situation will give us a lot of evidence to inform HAIRE.

The Clerk would write to all those who had applied for the positions to advise them of the delay.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr P Allen had circulated a report on the project and also ideas for the Climate Emergency update to be included in the next Parish Council paper newsletter. This was to be focussed on shopping habits, waste disposal and recycling. It was more interesting if we could have articles written in the newsletter by different people. It was hoped the paper newsletter could be issued late Summer but this could always go out initially by email to those signed up to the weekly newsletter and be followed up with a paper copy. The Clerk would set up a Zoom meeting for the Climate Emergency group to meet remotely.

Cllr P Allen said that it had been suggested to declare an Ecological Emergency as well as a Climate Emergency and if we don't go as far to declare we should acknowledge the ecological difficulties currently being experienced. Cornwall Wildlife Trust have some useful information on their website. It was suggested to contact the Wildlife Trust and invite them to attend a meeting to give a presentation.

Cllr Thomas took over the Chair of the meeting as Cllr Lightfoot had been called away for work and had left the meeting.

13. ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Clerk had displayed a notice on all our parks confirming that in line with Government restrictions these were closed until further notice.

The contractor had started work on the road sweeping and weed removal but this had ceased for the time being due to the need to comply with social distancing requirements.

Cllr P Allen said we have the Chatty Bench in Forth Coth and also at other parts of the Parish. Should we be considering taping them off? Cllr Hambly-Staite said that he felt we should ask advice from Rachel Wrigglesworth, if Public Health advice was that we should tape them off then we should. In the meantime, the Clerk, Cllr P Allen and K Gason would arrange for notices to be put on our benches and on footpaths to remind people about social distancing and virus transfer on surfaces.

Point Quay had taped off some of their benches to ensure social distancing.

Cllr Alvey would raise the question with Public Health about closing footpaths and health risk of transfer of virus on surfaces of benches.

Cllr A Allen was very concerned about the suggestion to close footpaths this would mean lots of people would be condensed into a small area for walking, such as the Old Tram Road and this area was already proving an issue.

Cllr Gason said she did not see we needed to go to the expense of removing benches but we could have signage on them regarding the risk of virus transfer.

The Chairman (Cllr Thomas) said we would wait to hear from Cllr Alvey regarding the Public Health advice.

14. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Assistant Clerk had produced a report for the last year with number of planning applications, number approved, refused and those that went to 5 day protocol and appeal which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Freeman said that there were a lot of emails and time needed to try to resolve a comment for planning applications and she wondered if Planning Committee should meet via Zoom rather than trying to do via email as this was very time consuming.

There were concerns that people may not always be aware of planning applications locally as they were not out and about to see yellow lamppost notices but these would be included in the newsletter going out weekly to draw peoples attention to applications in their local area.

There was a pre-application on Bramblebanks and Trelissick Gardens.

Seamark and Little Trevilla have now been resubmitted with mitigating circumstances in response to objections the Parish Council had previously raised.

15. CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE & VOLUNTEER HELP

The Clerk said the support scheme proving delivery of Spar shopping and prescriptions had been very well received and very busy. A weekly newsletter was being sent out to around 400 people each week, again feedback had been very good.

16. REQUEST FROM PENPOL & POINT WI TO USE ORCHARD AT POINT QUAY

The Clerk advised the WI had requested permission to use the Orchard for their annual Tea Party on 10th August 2020 (Coronavirus dependant).

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THAT AUTHORISATION BE GIVEN (SUBJECT TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS BEING ADHERE TOO), SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm

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