

Minutes of Feock Parish Council Access & Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran

Councillors present: Philip Allen Carnon Downs ward
Richard Brickell Carnon Downs ward
Brian Yates Carnon Downs ward
Julian Newman Devoran ward
Rick Bowers Feock ward
Corine Dyke Feock ward

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Rick Bowers

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Keith Hambly-Staite and Alison Avard.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR YATES PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2026 WERE APPROVED AS AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR NEWMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. SMALL GRANTS FUNDING

The Clerk advised that no applications had been received since the last meeting.

7. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk reported as follows.

Maintenance work instructed in the last month for Committee's information:

Devoran Recreation Ground - walkway to wooden tower in Devoran has now been pressure washed, awaiting anti-slip strips. Replace rotting wood on structure. Shackles on log steps to be replaced.

Pengelly Meadows, Carnon Downs - remove graffiti from table tennis table. Gym sign fixed back on pole and park name sign fixed back onto fencing.

Park an Gwarry, Carnon Downs - Swings - all swing fixings and chains to be replaced to meet current safety standards. Fence repaired following storm in January.

Play boat - Replace all missing fixings/caps, remove graffiti, treat rust, tighten any loose fixings.

Hippo springer - treat rust on spring

Retallack Recreation Area, Feock

Self closure on gate to be reset to meet current regulations.

Large Tower - remove graffiti and replace rotted wood.

Fence separating parking area and play area - replace affected timber sections.

Upright on balance beam replaced.

Chicken spring plate repaired.

Other maintenance

New battery installed in office alarm system panel (annual inspection picked this up).

Grit bins topped up across parish.

Restraining strap on Point Green phonebox to be replaced.

Litter bin at Wellington Place to be moved further up the pole as has slid down.

The Clerk had circulated details of the Community Payback scheme and it was agreed for the Clerk to contact Volunteer Cornwall regarding work the Council may need assistance with, suggestions were tidying Point Orchard, planting trees and laying scalplings on public rights of way.

The Chair asked when the bike racks would be installed. The Clerk advised she need to send details of the installation locations for the new bike racks to Highways for them to draw up a license to occupy the highway (where these would be on highways land) and the bike racks would be installed before the end of this financial year.

8. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Advisers report was as follow.

MyFeock Community Wellbeing Hub:

The next Steering Group Meeting is Tuesday 10th March. Several of the steering group will attend Mount Hawke Community Hub on Thursday 5th to observe their format.

Repair Café:

The Cornwall Repair Café Network Waste Management Officer, Leonie Walker, made a visit to the January Repair Cafe to continue promoting repair across Cornwall and to work more collaboratively as a Network, ensuring all Repair Café's feel supported. The new data feedback system has been established online with the following results for January 2026:

From the nine cafés that submitted surveys, we've learned that in January 2026, your groups collectively:

Repaired 92 items

Volunteered 1825 hours

And saved a fantastic 2,412.8 kg CO₂e by keeping items in use and out of waste streams

To put that into perspective, this is equivalent to:

driving 10,020 miles,

taking 1,508 showers

or flying 14,712 miles

These calculations use the Farnham Carbon Calculator, a widely adopted tool in the Repair Café community that estimates emissions saved based on average product weights and embodied carbon.

The next Repair Café on Tuesday 31st March will be attended by Cats Protection Charity to promote fundraising and adoptions; our April Repair Café will be attended by our Neighbourhood Police representatives to promote safety and community awareness, such as antisocial behaviours, such as fly tipping.

Support Lines:

We have a small group of people who regularly use our Transport and Prescription Collection Services. Recent requests have been for shopping trips to Carnon Downs Spar and Truro Sainsbury's and the emergency purchase of paracetamol after running out and experiencing severe pain in the night. The service helps those who have no close relationship with neighbours and / or no family close by to assist.

9. MURAL ON FOURTURNINGS BUS SHELTER

Cllr Dyke had contacted the artists who were keen to do another mural for us but this would need to wait until the weather improved. The Clerk advised that an email seeking sponsorship from local businesses had been drafted but an idea of costs were needed before approaching sponsors. There was a discussion regarding design and how this may incorporate recognition of sponsors and if sponsorship would be a one off cost or annual. Cllr Dyke would report back at a future meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESIDENT REGARDING CONDITION OF SURFACE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY 305/43/3 AT FEOCK

The Chair read out correspondence from the residents regarding their concerns about damage to the surface of the public right of way used to access their own and other properties in Feock which it was felt was caused by construction traffic related to a nearby development site.

It was noted that in responses to planning applications the Parish Council had requested conditions regarding reinstatement of access road surfaces following completion of developments but this was not always agreed by Cornwall Council Planning.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BRICKELL PROPOSED THE CLERK RESPOND TO THE RESIDENTS AS FOLLOWS, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Parish Council have asked for the lane to be inspected by Cornwall Council who advised that they are satisfied that it is safe for use as a public right of way, no conditions have been put in the planning permission documents relating to the surface of the lane in relation to the planning application at Meadowside and therefore there is no duty on the builders or homeowners to make any repairs to the surface. Concerns regarding the surface of the footpath and should be directed to Cornwall Council who are responsible for surfaces of Public Rights of Way irrespective of ownership.

Cllr Dyke suggested we request a meeting with our Community Link Officer regarding planning applications and conditions. The Clerk to arrange.

11. RISK ASSESSMENT & PARISH ASSET MONITORING PROCESS

The Clerk advised that there had been several versions of the risk assessment form and asset checklist but these needed reviewing and agreement as to which Councillors would be responsible for monitoring which Parish Council assets and frequency of checks/inspections.

The current version of the Risk Assessment form was circulated and all were in agreement to continue to use this format. The play equipment is inspected on a monthly basis by an external company and therefore did not require any inspections by Councillors (except for any obvious damage/graffiti that may have occurred between monthly inspections).

The Clerk would contact our insurers regarding risk assessments of land, who was able to carry these out and the recommended frequency.

It was agreed to continue with regular monitoring of Parish land and any issues would be reported to the Clerk (either using the checklist form or by email) who would record these on a table and report back actions at Access and Amenities Committee.

It was agreed to decide on frequency of maintenance checks at the forthcoming site meetings.

12. PARISH LAND SITE MEETING DATES

The Clerk had circulated dates to Councillors for site meetings and dates of visits were agreed and would be circulated by the Clerk to all.

The Tram Road site visit date would be re-arranged.

Clerk to provide paper copies of reports regarding current maintenance schedules.

13. REPORTING LOCAL ISSUES ONLINE

The Clerk advised that she had promoted in the new issue of Connect how residents could report issues such as pot holes and flooding directly to Cornwall Council. The Clerk would email the link to all Councillors regarding highways and refuse collection problems.

14. GWR RAILWAY 200 PROJECT ACTIONS

This item was deferred as Cllr Hambly-Staite had given his apologies.

15. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE AGENDA

The following items were noted for the next Access and Amenities Committee agenda.

Use of byways by vehicles

GWR Railway 200 Project

Fourturnings bus shelter mural update

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56pm.

The next meeting would be held on Monday 30th March 2026 at 6pm.