

Minutes of Feock Parish Council Full Council Meeting

held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran

Councillors present:	Richard Brickell	Carnon Downs ward
	Brian Yates	Carnon Downs ward
	Cathy Kemp	Carnon Downs ward
	Sarah Scoltock	Devoran ward
	Julian Newman	Devoran ward
	Rick Bowers	Feock ward
	Corine Dyke	Feock ward

In attendance: Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Councillor
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Richard Brickell

1. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Avar, Hambly-Staite and Allen.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Brickell declared an interest in Item 14 Carnon Downs Village Hall and would leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR SCOLTOCK PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2026 WERE APPROVED AS AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerks report had been circulated.

Pill Creek PROW improvements – meeting held with Cornwall Highways to look at further section that may require a handrail in addition to the steps and new wooden structure (funding already agreed for this work), awaiting quote before going ahead.

Public Works Loan Board – Clerk has confirmed to Councillors by email length of time left on the loan and outstanding balance.

Annual Governance Statement & Audit – paperwork submitted.

Community Gardening Project – will be discussed further at MyFeock Community Hub Meeting at the end of July.
Neighbourhood Priority Statement – on agenda for further discussion. First Steering Group meeting held on 6th July 2026.

Dowr Glan Motion – Clerk has contacted group to confirm Parish Council's support.

Contribution towards Penelwey Highways Safety Scheme – Clerk has confirmed to Community Link Officer at Cornwall Council that the Parish Council will contribute 5% towards this.

The Clerk confirmed the Highways Meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 28th July at 10am, venue to be confirmed. If Councillors had items for discussion please could they let the Clerk know in advance so that these could be provided to the Highways Manager and hopefully an answer given at the meeting.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Scoltock reported on a meeting with Derek Thomas, Place Director for Integrated Care Board (ICB), Cllr Hambly-Staite, Jeremy Rowe from Volunteer Cornwall and Alison Hunt from Carnon Downs Surgery regarding wellbeing and support from the ICB for our wellbeing work. A lot of working is being done on neighbourhood health, moving support closer to home and avoiding hospital admissions whenever possible. Access to data to steer the work we are doing was important but not all data was available to us due to GDPR, however some soft data and would be available via the Care Co-ordinators and Social Prescribers. Support with communication and marketing may also be available via the ICB.

Cllr Newman attended the Devoran Quay Preservation Society AGM where there was quite a change of Committee members, their main issue was managing the Firework Display this year in the face of other local displays not going ahead. Cllr Newman was happy to be the link between the Parish Council and DQPS. Cllr Newman had also attended the Devoran Market Street Christmas Lights first meeting and outlined the groups plans for a display in Market Street and fundraising.

Cllr Bowers had attended the Community Area Partnership Meeting, Cllr Teresa Cowling had been elected as the new Chair, the group were focusing on cycle network and improvements locally from Feock parish and Truro and out to the new bridge over the A30. Details of the Green Energy Summit were provided and Artswell gave a presentation on arts for wellbeing which was a project funded by Cornwall Council.

8. LOCAL WARD REPORTS

Carnon Downs ward – Cllr Brickell reported that he had witnessed speeding vehicles in the village over the weekend and he was concerned that there would soon be an accident. Community Speedwatch does have a group of volunteers in the village but desperately need additional volunteers and more support for their volunteering. There had also been some abuse of the volunteers on the local Facebook page which did not encourage new people to come forward and the Clerk would speak to the administrators of the page regarding this.

Cllr Alvey suggested the issues with speeding should be fed back to the Police so this can be noted and may see additional speed monitoring in the village. Cllr Newman felt that the differing speed limits between Devoran and Carnon Downs should be looked at and it was agreed to add this to the agenda for the Highways Meeting later this month.

Cllr Yates mentioned about a bike that was often parked too close to a junction in the village, the Chairman said he would try to speak to the owner about this.

Devoran ward – Cllr Bowers reported that the scything training event at Dyson's Field went very well. Four 4 people were trained and a path will be cut around the perimeter of the field to give better access for walkers.

Feock ward – Cllr Dyke commented about how dangerous it was for pedestrians walking on the Feock road and it was agreed to raise safe pedestrian access at the next Highways meeting

9. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

The Cornwall Civic Awards were being reintroduced and Cllr Hambly-Staite had been given an award at a ceremony to be held later this month. Congratulations were recorded on Cllr Hambly-Staite's award which was very much deserved.

The planning appeal system has been revised and one change made is that additional information is not able to be submitted as part of the planning appeal, all the information to be considered needs to be submitted with the planning application in the initial consultation phase, no additional information will be able to be provided if the

application is refused and goes to appeal. The Parish Council can add to their existing comment on the Planning Portal if further information comes to light after they have discussed the application. There was a discussion regarding the S106 conditions on planning applications and what these can provide.

The anti-social behaviour stopping up order on a property in Carnon Downs had been to court recently to progress and this had moved to the next stage.

There was ongoing work regarding the adoption of the highway in Ash Tree Close and it was hoped this would be resolved soon.

Cllr Alvey commented that he had also received complaints from residents about speeding, especially on Bissoe Road just past the Surgery where there was no traffic calming.

10. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT

Cllr Avarde would be attend the Police Parish Liaison group meeting this week and would feedback at the next meeting. If Councillors had any issues to raise could they please let Cllr Avarde know.

11. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk updated the Council on the payments being made this month and had circulated the invoices for payment in hard copy. The Chair checked and signed the bank reconciliation.

RESOLUTION: CLLR NEWMAN PROPOSED THE PAYMENTS AS SET OUT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LIST AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR KEMP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. RECENT PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS

Cllr Kemp said she was very disappointed and disheartened with the recent planning appeal decisions over turning Cornwall Council planning decisions, this all seemed to be due to Cornwall Council not being able to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply. Cllr Alvey commented that once the new Cornwall Local Plan is in place we will at least have a plan that maps to the local housing targets but that won't be until around 2028.

Cllr Dyke said she felt that we should write to the Planning Inspectorate about these inconsistent decisions to express our concerns about the work of their Inspectors, although there was no right of appeal once the appeal decisions have been made and these latest two decisions would stand, it was important to raise the issue of inconsistent decisions and also ensure our MP has a copy of the letter.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WRITE TO THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE WITH A COPY TO OUR MP ABOUT OUR SURPRISE AND DISMAY AT RECENT PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. POINT QUAY LEASE

The Clerk had received correspondence from the PQA/CIO confirming their intention to produce drafts of a Deed of Surrender in respect of the current lease and a new draft lease (excluding the Orchard area) for the Parish Council's consideration at their next meeting.

14. CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL CIO

The Clerk had circulated to Councillors a copy of the Village Hall CIO constitution for information which included a clause to protect the Village Hall building in the event of the CIO folding.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT COUNCILLORS READ THE INFORMATION CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK AND IN PARTICULAR POINT 14 AND TO LET THE CLERK KNOW IF THEY WERE HAPPY THIS CLAUSE GAVE PROTECTION TO THE VILLAGE HALL PROPERTY IN THE FUTURE BY THE END OF JULY, IF ALL COUNCILLORS WERE IN AGREEMENT THE CLERK WOULD SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AS AGREED PREVIOUSLY AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION TO OUR SOLICITORS, SECONDED BY CLLR SCOLTOCK AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CITIZENS ADVICE REQUEST FOR FUNDING

A request for funding had been received from Citizens Advice and there was a discussion regarding how they are currently funded. The Clerk had invited them to the September meeting and the Repair Café and this request would be considered further then.

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENT

Cllr Dyke summarised the first Joint Steering Group meeting held with Kea Parish Council regarding the joint Neighbourhood Priority Statement. The Clerk had circulated the draft terms of reference which needed agreement and also the Council this evening needed to nominate the four Councillors to sit on the Steering Group.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED HERSELF, CLLR AVARD, CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE (CLLR BOWERS SUBSTITUTE) AND CLLR AVARD (CLLR BRICKELL SUBSTITUTE) SIT ON THE JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STEERING GROUP, SECONDED BY CLLR YATES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENT STEERING GROUP BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. TRUSTEE BUSINESS – DEVORAN RECREATION GROUND (CHARITY NO.300536)

This was a standing item and the Clerk advised there was no business to raise.

18. CO-OPTION TO FEOCK AND DEVORAN WARD VACANCIES

The Clerk advised no applications had been received.

RESOLUTION: CLLR KEMP PROPOSED CLLR ALVEY BE ALLOWED TO STAY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION, SECONDED BY CLLR SCOLTOCK AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

In accordance with S100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as specified in the paragraphs of the Act

19. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK SEWAGE LEAK

The Clerk read out an update from the homeowner on the plans to locate the sewage treatment system on their own land. This was taking longer than anticipated and he undertook to give a further update on the timescales.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm