Minutes of Feock Parish Council Full Council Meeting

held on Monday 12th October 2026 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran

Councillors present:	Richard Brickell	Carnon Downs ward
	Cathy Kemp	Carnon Downs ward
	Alison Avard	Carnon Downs ward
	Phil Allen	Carnon Downs ward
	Rick Bowers	Feock ward
	Corine Dyke	Feock ward
	Keith Hambly-Staite	Feock ward
	Sarah Scoltock	Devoran ward
In attendance:	Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Councillor	
	Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk	
	16 members of the public	
Chair:	Richard Brickell	

1. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Yates and Newman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 16 members of the public present.

A resident asked for an update on the meeting that it was proposed for the Parish Council to hold with the owners of Loe Beach and asked if there was any discussion regarding splitting the land for sale and was there any chance the Parish Council would be able to buy some of the land.

The Chairman advised the meeting had been held with the owners and advised that the Parish Council did not have the funds to purchase the beach. Cllr Allen gave an overview of the meeting which he felt was constructive and very useful. All the various issues were discussed including the owners wish to ensure the public to continue to have public access although there is no formal registered public right of way.

A potential Asset of Community Value application and registering as a Village Green was raised by the Parish Council with the owners. It was felt that it was unlikely that we would be able to establish the beach as a Village Green. It was suggested that if the beach was purchased by a group of residents thought needed to be given to how it would be run and managed in the future. The Harbourmaster had expressed an interest in being involved due to the moorings being off the beach. The Parish Council were very grateful to the family for coming to the meeting to clarify the issues. It had not yet been resolved as to if the beach could be split off from the land.

A resident asked about the significance of registering the Asset of Community Value and how this would work.

The Clerk explained that if an application to register the beach as an Asset of Community Value was successful this would firstly give a 6 week period for any group to start putting together a plan to purchase the property and then at the end of this 6 weeks they would declare whether or not they wish to pursue this. If the group did then it gave a 6 months pause for the funds to be raised and then at the end of the 6 months the property would go back on the open market and the group could make a bid for it. There was no guarantee that their bid would be accepted

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and no obligation on the owners to accept a community bid. If at any point the group felt that they could not raise the money during the 6 month period they could advise the Parish Council (as the applicant for the ACV) of this and then the 6 month pause would end immediately and the property go back on the open market.

A resident asked why it was felt that the beach could not be registered as a Village Green.

Cllr Alvey advised that in 2009 a sign was put up on the beach stating it was 'Private' so it was likely that evidence of use would need to pre-date the erection of the sign by 20 years. Evidence would be needed from people who had not used the beach 'under licence', for example if someone paid to park their car or rent a mooring this was classed as 'under licence' as they would be paying for use of the facility, evidence was needed from people who used the facility without paying and this made evidence harder to gather.

A member of the public suggested the Parish Council approach the Duchy of Cornwall to ask them to purchase the beach and car park for the publics use The Chairman said that although this was a good issue, the issue was that the Parish Council didn't own the beach, it was a business property that is up for sale by its owners but there was nothing stopping a member of the public sending the sales details to the Duchy of Cornwall which they said they would do.

The Chair of Loe Regatta Committee said he felt the most urgent thing to do was to submit the Asset of Communtiy Value application, he had been working on getting support and evidence for this and then if this was successful the community would have time to look at raising the money and how it could be managed in the future if the community bought it.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he had received an email from the National Trust recognising the importance of the beach to local people and they have requested a meeting to discuss this further with the Parish Council, the Council would reply to the National Trust following this evenings meeting.

Cllr Alvey had shared information that Cllr Hambly-Staite had found relating to the sale of the land in the 1920s and a public right of way that existed at the time with the Countryside Access team at Cornwall Council.

A resident commented that he was aware that public rights of way (PROW) applications could be fast tracked in cases like this and he had been involved in the PROW applications for Devoran Quay and Charlestown Harbour which had been fast tracked due to their nature and importance.

A resident asked if the Parish Council could contact the Duchy of Cornwall with all the emails that have been received to prove the strength of feeling locally. The Council advised that GDPR would preclude this but there was nothing to stop residents contacting the Duchy of Cornwall themselves with their concerns.

Cllr Dyke said that very many emails had been received by the Parish Council and it was very useful as it gave the Council a good steer on feelings locally and what the public wished to see them do.

The Public Participation session closed and the Council moved into discussing the Loe Beach item on the agenda.

6. SALE OF LOE BEACH

Following the public participation session the following proposal was made.

Cllr Bowers proposed that the Parish Council apply for an Asset of Community Value, apply to register a public right of way on the beach and the beach as a Village Green.

After discussion Cllr Bowers agreed to amend his proposal as it was felt that the work to register a public right of way and village green could take a number of years and the more urgent work was to register the asset of community value which could help give immediate protection to the beach.

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PROPOSAL: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL APPLY TO REGISTER LOE BEACH AND THE CAR PARK AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and they all left the meeting.

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that the Parish Council must not forget about registering the beach as a Village Green and a Public Right of Way on the beach and appreciated that this required input from the public to evidence use.

PROPOSAL: CLLR BOWERS PROPOSED THAT IN DUE COURSE THE PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDER REGISTERING LOE BEACH AS A VILLAGE GREEN AND A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ACROSS LOE BEACH, IT WAS NOTED THAT THESE APPLICATIONS WERE DEPENDANT ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO EVIDENCE USE AND COULD TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

The Clerk would put these registrations on a future agenda for discussion.

7. POINT QUAY LEASE
It was agreed to defer this item and discuss at the November Parish Council meeting.

8. **CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU PRESENTATION**
Wailim Wong from Citizen's Advice attended the meeting to give an overview of their work and explain the statistics for the parish that had been distributed to those present.

Since Covid there has been a high demand on Citizen's Advice services which hasn't dropped off as was expected. Benefits and universal credit are the highest areas of support they give in the parish which had been exasperated by the cost of living crisis, which was putting pressure on their services and debt enquiries are increasing substantially. The Truro office is soon to be expanded and it was hoped that more volunteers could be recruited and asked the Parish Council to help spread the word about this. It was noted there were no volunteers from Feock parish. Wailim was attending the November Repair Café and he hoped to be able to attend regularly if they could to provide advice and hopefully recruit volunteers.

Cllr Avard asked if the report could be broken down into wards as it would be interested to see how the 26 contacts were spread across the Parish. Wailim would investigate and come back to the Parish Council if this was possible.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 WERE APPROVED AS AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNIMOUSLY.

9. CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerks report had been circulated and was as follows.

Loe Beach – a meeting been held with the owners as agreed at the last meeting.
The SLOW markings at Come to Good had been requested to be repainted
Trolver Croft road resurfacing has started and this was discussed at September Access & Amenities meeting
Yellow hatchings had been requested from Highways to be installed on Carnon Gate roundabout to stop the congestion on the roundabout, an email response from Highways requesting evidence had been circulated.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORT FROM ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE BODIES
Cllr Avard, Dyke, Hambly-Staite and Scoltock had attended the Carnon Downs flu clinic and Happy Feet event in their roles on the MyFeock Community Hub Steering Group to carry out the wellbeing survey. More volunteers were needed for the next sessions, if anyone was available they should get in touch with Cllr Avard.

11. LOCAL WARD REPORTS
Carnon Downs

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It was noted that part of the Carnon Downs bypass was being resurfaced.
There were groundworks being carried out in the fields opposite the Garden Centre, these may be being done under permitted development.

It was noted that there were Skid Risk 10 mph signs along Point Road, these had been up for some months and the need for these was queried, were they still applicable? Cllr Allen would report this online to Highways.
Cllr Allen had also reported an issue with the HGV diversion signs on Point Road whilst roadworks were being carried out at Come to Good and this had been rectified very quickly.

Cllr Avard said the bus lane grass verge was looking untidy with cuttings on the pavement, she would check if this had now been tidied up.

Feock
Cllr Bowers said there was flytipping in the parking area at Fourturnings, he would report this to Cornwall Council online.

Devoran
There were no issues to raise in Devoran

13. CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT
Cllr Alvey reported as follows.

Cllr Alvey had been in touch with Planning and the public consultation on the the application to produce a joint Kea and Feock Neighbourhood Priority Statement has now been issued by Cornwall Council. It was hoped the residents survey would be available shortly.

Cllr Alvey had attended a meeting regarding the barge at Point and the gangway which it was felt was causing a hazard to navigation.

He had also attended the Community Resilience event at Wadebridge, together with the Clerk and Cllrs Bowers and Hambly-Staite.

Cllr Kemp asked if there were any other reports of migrants coming ashore in Cornwall, Cllr Alvey advised the only occurrence they were aware of was the one recently reported at Mylor.

Cllr Avard thanked Cllr Alvey for his support at the Happy Feet event on Saturday.

13. DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE PARISH LIAISON REPORT
There had been no Parish Police Liaison meeting and the Clerk reported the latest crime figures available online for the parish for August. If any Councillors had questions they wished Cllr Avard to ask at the next meeting they should email them to her.

14. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
The Clerk updated the Council on the payments being made during the last month and had circulated the list of invoices for payment in hard copy. The Chair checked and signed the bank reconciliation.

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD 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 DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LICENCE TO CREATE FEOCK STROLL 5 ON CARNON VALLEY
The Clerk had circulated a copy of the draft Environment Agency Licence to create Feock Stroll 5 on the Carnon Valley. A contractor had quoted for this work which would be paid from CIL money. A requirement of the licence was for the Parish Council to put in place indemnity insurance for the path. Cllr Allen and the Clerk would undertake investigations regarding the insurance implications. Cllr Hambly-Staite thanked Cllr Allen for the work

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he had put in to get to the point where we would be able to create a short walk on the Carnon Valley as part of our Feock Strolls project.

16. FEOCK PARISH TO TRURO CYCLE SIGNAGE FUNDING
The Clerk had circulated two reports to all Councillors from Cllr Allen.
The project was to improve signage and the cycling route from Carnon Downs, Devoran and Point & Penpol into Truro and to link up with the Truro Loops.

Unfortunately no support had been able to be provided by Cornwall Council or Sustrans as this route was not a priority for them. Cllr Allen advised that the CAP have been supportive of the initiative and project which linked with a much wider route and would be of benefit to the wider CAP area, they had suggested they would encourage other parishes to carry out a similar project.

This is part of the Active Feock project and Cllr Allen would like to be able to give an update to the CAP meeting being held the next evening. It had been agreed previously that this project would be funded by CIL with a figure of £3000 being agreed. The estimate for the work was in the region of £15,000 and Cllr Allen requested the Council agree an additional £12,000 from CIL money for this project to enable discussions to be held regarding the design of the scheme with Cormac. It was noted that this figure did not include the reduction of the speed limit on Bissoe Road (past the Doctors Surgery) from 40mph to 30mph but it was hoped this could be funded by CAP Highways funding as a joint TRO with other parishes.

Cllr Avard had concerns about the scheme include the route down Bissoe Road due to it being a dangerous road even if the speed limit was reduced, she did not agree with encouraging more people to use this route even thought it was part of National Cycle Route 3, she felt it as simply too dangerous for pedestrians or cyclists.

Cllr Bowers said we should be trying to make roads safer for cyclists, not identifying roads that cyclists shouldn't use due to safety concerns. Cllr Dyke felt that cycling is done outside as well as inside the parish to connect with other areas locally and she would support using CIL funding for this project.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that this project came out of the Active Feock Feasibility Study that was funded by the Growth Fund and should be supported as it met the aims of Active Feock.

Cllr Scoltock said she would like to be involved this project and attend the meeting that was being set up to discuss with Cormac. The Clerk would send Cllr Scoltock the details.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE TO FUND UP TO A MAXIMUM OF £15K FROM CIL FUNDING (AN ADDITIONAL £12K IN ADDITION TO THE £3K ALREADY ALLOCATED) FOR THIS CYCLING PROJECT TO ENABLE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD WITH CORMAC TO FINALISE THE PROJECT, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE, CARRIED BY A MAJORITY.

17. REPORT ON DYSON'S FIELD
A report on progress with Dyson's Field had been circulated and Cllr Bowers proposed due to time that this be deferred to the November meeting.

18. WEED CONTROL
The Clerk advised that no further correspondence had been received from Cornwall Council on this subject regarding weed control proposals for the coming year.

19. CO-OPTION TO FEOCK AND DEVORAN WARD VACANCIES
The Clerk advised no applications had been received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm.

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