

MEETING No.

**Minutes of the Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council held on
Monday 27th May 2025 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran, TR3
6QA at 6pm**

Members present:	CARNON DOWNS	DEVORAN	FEOCK
	A Avarð		C Dyke
	R Brickell		R Bowers
	P Allen		K Hambly-Staite

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

4 members of the public

Chair: Cllr Brickell

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed those present and remind attendees of the Civility & Respect Pledge.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Yates and Newman

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR OF ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

There were no nominations for Chair or Vice Chair of the Committee. Cllr Bowers said he was happy to continue as Vice Chair but he was happy for this item to be deferred due to apologies for tonight's meeting and that the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to be on the June agenda for formal consideration.

It was agreed that Cllr Brickell as Chair of the Parish Council would chair the meeting in the absence of a Committee Chair.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were four members of the public present.

A resident spoke about the new 'No Through Road' sign that the Parish Council had planned to put up at the start of the bridleway at Harcourt. Residents were not happy with this as the path was not a road and they felt the sign should be a Red circle sign (no motor vehicles) with except for access underneath. The Clerk confirmed that both Highways and the Public Rights of Way team had given authorisation for the sign to be put up.

Residents were pleased that the Parish Council had arranged to have more signage put up to show which parts of the path were bridleway and which were footpath.

It was agreed to bring item 13 forward on the agenda.

13. SIGNAGE AT HARCOURT – BRIDLEWAY 305/46/3

Councillors felt that if residents wished to put up a circular no motor vehicles sign themselves that would not be an issue and would leave this for residents to arrange.

It was agreed to bring forward item 14.

14. SURFACE OF FOOTPATH AT FEOCK CHURCHTOWN – FOOTPATH 305/43/3

Cllr Allen commented that the Parish Council needed to be careful not to put up signs that not all residents were happy with, as had just been heard about in the last item. He suggested the neighbours speak to each other and come up with an agreement and then come back to the Parish Council to see if they were able to help with signage.

The Chairman commented that if traffic management plans on planning permissions are not being complied with then this needs reporting to Planning Enforcement.

The Clerk would send on the advice received from Highways regarding stating the width on signage but not the weight of vehicles.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows on actions from the previous meeting.

Picnic in the Park – planning was well underway for event in Retallack.

Small grants paid to the 3 successful applicants from the last meeting.

Bus shelter cleaning query: All of the shelters, (including the metal and Perspex ones) are cleaned inside and outside every three weeks or so, depending on their state of dirtiness and the weather. (If it's raining people are often inside them and don't take kindly to being turfed out!) Cleaning is timed to avoid the busiest times using a pressure washer and disinfectant if necessary. Chewing gum, leaves and rubbish like food wrappers and cigarette ends are removed and any seriously encroaching foliage like brambles etc. cut back.

Restronguet Creek Society request for 5 knot speed limit sign at Carnon Mine discussed by Full Council and not agreed and RCS advised.

Two additional passing place signs now put up on the Tram Road.

New lidded leaflet holders put up in Carnon Downs bookswap phonebox (new shelving unit also purchased due to old one collapsing recently).

Burncoose have been chased up regarding the replacement Cherry Tree but it was unlikely this would now be available until September.

Cllr Bowers asked what was happening with putting notices on abandoned boats. The Clerk said more notices could be made if needed following those put on boats before.

8. MYFEOCK INFORMATION & WELLBEING ADVISER MONTHLY REPORT

The following report was presented.

Retallack Picnic in the Park: Local groups and charities have been contacted to participate in the event on Saturday 21st June. So far three groups have requested a stall space: Cats Protection, Carnon Downs Memory Café, and Karenza Quilters.

Transport and Prescription Service Lines: Regular services requested to four GP surgeries, two in the parish and two outside; two dental surgeries one local and one in Truro; five people regularly attending the Perranwell Wellbeing Club on a fortnightly basis.

We have five regular volunteer drivers, one of whom, Diana Wallis, recently contributed an article in the Feock Parish Magazine about her positive experience to promote the benefits her volunteering in the local community has brought to her wellbeing and social interaction.

Three people have their monthly prescription orders collected and delivered by our service.

Enquiry and Information Line: recent requires have been received concerning the speed of delivery and construction vans in the 20mph zones in Carnon downs and Devoran, especially around the parks. Other subjects include bulky domestic waste collection and random strangers encroaching on private property with the excuse of seeking an individual. This issue had been reported to the Police earlier that morning, but the resident was concerned that they may approach other properties so wished to inform FPC.

Repair Café: I would like to express my great thanks to Cllr Corine Dyke for running the April Repair Café during my absence. We continue to have a good turnout of items to repair and very talented repairers who really endeavour to fix whatever is put before them.

Rewind Radio 'Cornwall Hero Awards': I would like to recommend the Repair Café crew and our Volunteer Drivers jointly as Feock for a nomination for the Rewind Radio Cornwall Hero Award in the Team Spirit category (see email from clerk Debra Roberts dated Tuesday 20th May 2025). The closing date for nominations is 29th June.

It was agreed to nominate the volunteer drivers in the Team Spirit category but also to include Cathy Whitmore as part of the team.

9. ACTIVE FEOCK UPDATE

CCF Funding update

It was proposed to install a bench on the footpath by Ferris Garage in the field which would be funded by a resident, this was apparently leased so any new bench would need to be approved by the leasee before being installed. The Clerk was asked to contact the leasee to seek permission.

The funding application to the CCF for funding of the graphic design of a Parish map showing facilities and walks had been put on hold due to the large number of applications received. It was suggested that the production of the map was a priority and this should be funded from the Active Feock budget.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT £1900 BE APPROVED FROM THE ACTIVE FEOCK BUDGET FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PRINTING OF A PARISH FACILITIES MAP TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE NOTICEBOARDS, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Retallack Picnic in the Park event update

Cllr Hambly-Staite thanked the Clerk and Wellbeing & Information Officer for their work in making the arrangements for the Retallack Picnic in the Park.

Committee to receive an update on Cllr Allen's meeting with Environment Agency regarding Feock Stroll walk on Carnon Valley and also proposed signage for beside the new FPC bench on the walk route

Cllr Allen reported that one of the new Feock Strolls was within the Carnon Valley at the Devoran end. He had met with Richard Ryder from the Environment Agency who would take this to the EA Board as it involved opening up a short stretch of the fenced off area. The EA had some concerns in this area around the toxicity of some of the sand but this is the same level of toxicity as other areas that were already open to the public. How to deter bikes and signing this as a pedestrian only route needed to be given consideration if this area was opened up. If there was a positive response from the EA Board then some improvements to the surface would be needed and this could be funded by CIL.

Cllr Allen reported that the Mining Trails have worked with Cornish Lithium to put in consistent signage and he suggested a Mineral Trails sign be funded by the new Active Feock bench on this Feock Stroll route. The EA were in agreement for us to put up a sign adjacent to the bench. It was estimated that this would cost up to £250 in total for design, production and installation. The focus would be on Devoran and the railway and the Docks. It was suggested that this could be paid for from CIL funding, the Clerk advised that CIL could not be used for this as it was for infrastructure so this would need to be found from another budget.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT UP TO £250 BE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE (BUDGET TO BE AGREED) FOR THE DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A MINERAL TRAILS SIGN, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED.

Cllr Allen said that he was keen to improve the cycle route from Truro out to the Mining Trails. Highways have disappointingly said that they will not support this as they had other priorities relating to cycling. The route existed but changes may be needed on Bissoe Road/Ringwell Hill to the speed limit and also the crossing point at the bottom of Bissoe Road over to Grenna Lane car park. The rest of the route needed signing. Cllr Allen asked if this could be agreed in principle for funding from CIL. The Clerk advised that this item was not on the agenda so needed to be put on a future agenda. Cllr Allen was drafting a report which would inform the discussion at a future meeting. The Clerk advised that permission would be needed to spend CIL money in other parishes from their Parish Councils.

Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that the cycle route from Truro would link with the GWR project.

10. CARNON VALLEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND AT BISSOE

Cllr Allen commented that the Parish Council have a lease on land in Kea Parish on the old tip site at Bissoe which we have planted with trees to create a community woodland. There is a terms of reference for the working group which includes members from Parish Councils in Chacewater, Kea, the Mining Trails Forum, Feock Parish Council and Cornwall Council. The working group was administered by Kea Parish Council but had not met for some time.

Cllr Allen would approach Cllr Alvey at Kea Parish Council about this.

11. REQUEST FROM RESIDENT TO REMOVE JUVENILE SYCAMORE AT CARNON MINE ON FORESHORE BANK TO REDUCE DRAIN SYSTEM DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES

Cllr Hambly-Staite felt that it needed to be checked if the roots were interfering with the drains before giving any permission for works to the tree. Cllr Brickell would check the roots.

Cllr Dyke felt we needed advice from the Tree Officer at Cornwall Council, especially as we had previously applied for TPOs in the area. The Elms needed to be preserved.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THAT THE CLERK CONTACT THE TREE OFFICER FOR ADVICE ON TAKING DOWN THE TREE, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. S106 OFF SITE OPEN SPACE FUNDING FROM PA21/09830 VALLEY LANE, CARNON DOWNS

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council will shortly receive £3,774.29 as a S106 contribution to be spent on either Pengelly Meadows Recreation Area or Park an Gwarry Play Park in Carnon Downs and asked the Committee to consider ideas on what this could potentially be spent on.

Initial thoughts were that the pitch at Pengelly Meadows needed topsoil to improve it but that we should do some community engagement to see what residents wished to potentially see this money spent on. This would need to be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

15. RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk had received a quote for replacements of the Devoran Park gates, the Chairman felt they could be repaired. The Clerk would seek further quotes.

The Clerk had received quotes for works to the play equipment in Retallack Park and it was agreed which elements to go ahead with on the basis these could be completed before the Picnic in the Park. The bench around the tree in the parking area at Retallack also needed some refurbishment work. The Clerk would arrange this.

16. BUS SHELTER GRAFFITTI/DECORATION/MURALS

Cllr Dyke had found some artists who may be interested in doing this work for us but needed to know what budget was available. The Clerk would check and respond to Cllr Dyke.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.