

**MINUTES OF THE FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN
DEVORAN**

Councillors present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK
P Allen A Allen K Hambly-Staite
J Allen C Dyke

In attendance: Alison Avard
Edwin Lanyon
Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Chair: Cllr A Allen

1. MEETING PROCEDURES & INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present of the Civility and Respect Pledge.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brickell and Bowers.

3. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2024 AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MATERIAL DECISIONS MADE FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Bowers queried the minutes relating to placing of notices on boards and it was agreed this would be amended to read “Cllr Bowers suggested notices should be placed on all boats to ask owners to advise the Parish Council of their intentions with their boats. The meeting decided Cllr Bowers would agree the wording with Debbie and then put the notices on the boats.”

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED THE MINUTES WERE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR WITH THE AMENDMENT AGREED, AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

It was agreed to move the Item 9 Dyson’s Field update to the start of the meeting and to suspend Standing Orders to allow Edwin Lanyon to speak on this item and for the Committee to ask questions.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THE STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED, SECONDED BY CLLR P ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. DYSON'S FIELD UPDATE

Edwin said he was very pleased to have the opportunity to work on Dyson's Field, he is doing a degree in Environmental Science at the University. The trees have taken very well with only a couple of casualties, there were already flower buds on the apple trees. Edwin has collected wildflower seeds and from Meadowmatch and these had been planted in a horseshoe shape, nothing had been sewn in a triangle between the entrance and picnic benches so that this could be cut during Spring and Summer every other month to enable use of the field. The rest of field where there were wild flowers needed to be cut in July and September which will allow flowers time to come up and flower before they are cut, as the grass becomes less vigorous the aim was to cut the grass a bit later on in the year. IT was important to remove the grass cuttings to reduce the vigour of the grass. This year this had been raked by hand and used to mulch the trees but in future it would need to be collected by machine and disposed of on site.

The hedge should not be allowed to grow any further out towards the trees and the mowing needed to be done in the same pattern as this year and mown at the base so it does not encroach onto the grass or trees. The top left corner was going to be left scrubby to benefit wildlife.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said there should be a site visit by Councillors to look at the maintenance required.

Edwin said he would like to plant daffodils and other bulbs to reflect the fields Market Garden history. These had been sourced at a cost of £136.50 for 150 bulbs. The Clerk advised this could come from the Access & Amenities budget.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT £136.50 WAS ALLOCATED FOR BULBS AND CLLR P ALLEN SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Hambly-Staite suggested there should be a sign on the Tram Road showing the whole length of the road and where various landmarks are.

The Clerk had circulated examples of nature board designs that may be suitable for Dyson's Field. The Active Feock Working Party would look at the designs and styles of board. Edwin would be invited to attend and the Clerk would send him details of the example boards. Restronguet Creek Society had indicated they could help with funding for a nature board. The Clerk would respond to RCS taking them up on their offer.

Cllr Hambly-Staite would speak to the Doctors Surgeries about wellbeing and how patients could access Dyson's Field as part of the Active Feock project. Cllr Hambly-Staite has donated two bird boxes and one had already been used this year, he would like to

donate another two but needed to know the type of birds these should be for. It was suggested maybe a blackbird box and an owl box.

The Chair thanked Edwin for all his hard work on the field and said it was very much appreciated.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no other members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the sponsorship of the Carnon Gate roundabout was now all in place and this would be tidied up at the end of the month. The HAIRE Report and actions would go to Full Council.

7. MYFEOCK REPORT

Cathy Whitmore's report had been circulated. The Clerk would write to Penny Brickell to thank her for her help at the Repair Café. Cllr Hambly-Staite had attended an event at the University of Exeter recently where our wellbeing work was highlighted in a case study as an example of how small communities are effective in delivering to the needs of people.

8. SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that two applications had been received, one from Carnon Downs Village Hall towards purchasing a new ceiling mounted projector and one from Devoran Village Hall to go towards a new bench seat.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED BOTH APPLICATIONS FOR £200 EACH WERE APPROVED, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK

Cllr P Allen updated the Committee on the view of the Point Quay Association. The owner was having a percolation test carried out in the Orchard to establish if a soakaway could work. The Clerk to request the percolation test results from the owner. The homeowner was trying to find a resolution and the Council wished the matter to be resolved as soon as possible as public land was closed off to the public and even once the old tank had been removed it may be some time before the contamination on the land had subsided.

10. HEDGE CUTTING ON TRAM ROAD ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND

The pros and cons of flailing were considered as it was likely this would be needed as it was a large job, it was noted that with flailing all the cuttings go back into the hedge. If a

hedge trimmer was used on a tractor that would also work but needs clearing up as it is very messy. A brush cutter would not be suitable as it very time consuming and a large job.

It was felt that the best method would be by tractor and flail and a tidy up afterwards.

RESOLUTION: CLLR J ALLEN PROPOSED A TRACTOR AND FLAIL CONTRACTOR IS EMPLOYED WITH A TIDY AFTER THE CUT, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllrs P Allen and A Allen would meet with the tractor driver to explain the areas to be cut.

11. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the Fourturnings bus shelter had tiles on the roof that needed repairing and Porthgwidden had leaves needing clearing out of the gutter. The Clerk would ask our contractor to do this work.

Cllr P Allen reported that at Chycoose Beach the steps had needed work and this had been completed by our contractor. There were also invasive grasses in the drainage gully and these were also taking over the beach and needed removing.

Cllr Dyke reported that there was a stile in the wall from Ferris Garage and where the footpath goes towards Point there were 3 stones making a stile in the wall down into the field, the bottom step is very smooth and slippery. The Clerk would report this to the Countryside Access team.

12. COMMON LAND

The Clerk had circulated advice received from the Open Spaces Society. Cllr P Allen felt that the Council could demonstrate that we had been managing and maintaining the land at Restronguet Point. Consideration needed to be given to whether the Council wished to register the foreshore and beach area at the same time as the land.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO REGISTER LAND AT PENPOL POND THAT THE COMMON LAND AT RESTRONGUET POINT BE REGISTERED INSTEAD AND THIS BE TAKEN TO FULL COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY CLLR DYKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was felt that the Council needed to start managing the other areas of Common Land. Penpol Pond would continue to be managed as a wildlife site, there were yuccas that needed to be removed as part of this and to invite Laura from Cornwall Wildlife Trust to

work with us on this. The Clerk would send round the Cornwall Wildlife Trust report to all members.

A resident had requested permission to put a memorial bench on the land at Penpol Pond where the pink hydranga was growing. The Chair would speak to the resident about this.

13. ENHANCED LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Cllr P Allen advised that the contractor had been asked for an update on this project and to quote for any outstanding work.

There was some work still needed to the stile at Tregoose, stile at Narabo, the surface of the work on the underpass and widening the path at Chycoose. What needs doing.

14. ACTIVE FEOCK

The Clerk had circulated details of the recycled bench style similar to that installed outside of the Carnon Downs Spar. Location priorities were agreed as follows:

1. Carnon Downs Jubilee Wood entrance
2. Carnon Downs Cherry tree avenue on the bus lane
3. Carnon Downs Drovers Way
4. Carnon Downs Langdons strip
5. Devoran - Carnon Valley flats (EA land)
6. Devoran Village Hall
7. Devoran School Garden
8. Penpol Pond
9. Path from Retallack Field to La Grange
10. Restronguet/Harcourt bus stop

RESOLUTION: CLLR A ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE ABOVE LIST OF BENCH LOCATIONS BE PRIORITISED AND WORKED ON BY THE WORKING GROUP WHICH COMPRISED OF CLLRS HAMBLY-STAIITE, P ALLEN, A ALLEN, BOWERS, DYKE AND YATES, SECONDED BY CLLRP ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that 'expert witnesses' would be useful to invite and co-opt as necessary.

The Council needed to be in a place to apply for funding as soon as it became available.

Surfacing of footpaths was discussed and this needed to be agreed by the Council as part of works for Active Feock as there were checks to be carried out before doing this type of work, one example that needed to be considered was the path at Penpol near to the stepping stones which was part of one of the Feock Strolls routes.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he would like health professionals to review our Feock Strolls walks and for them to give us their views, he was happy to approach the Surgeries about

this. Cllr P Allen had provided a copy of the summary presentation of the Active Feock feasibility study outcome to the new MP, Jayne Kirkham. The working group would look at the presentation.

15. FUNDING APPLICATION FOR EVERYDAY HERITAGE GRANTS: CELEBRATING WORKING CLASS HISTORIES

Cllr P Allen had circulated details of a project he would like to apply for funding for to create short films of the local regattas and record local people's memories of these. Funding was available from Heritage England, the deadline was too short to take this to Full Council for agreement so he was asking the Access & Amenities Committee to approve the request to apply for funding. The application would be in the region of £12K to £13K.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITTE PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL APPLY FOR THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT, SECONDED BY CLLR J ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm