Clerks Report and supporting information for Parish Council Meeting - Monday 14th October, 6pm

Item 6. Clerk's Report

Actions from previous meeting

Old Carnon Hill traffic calming layout

The Clerk has contacted Highways who have checked the layout and signage and advised that it meets all requirements for visibility etc. and no changes are required. The Clerk has forwarded on to the resident who raised this the response from Highways. The temporary VAS will be located at the existing Wellington Place location for a period of time once the locking key for the sign has been located by the previous contractor. A qualified contractor had now been appointed to do this work with the VAS.

Overgrown Hedges

The Clerk had written to the property in Carnon Downs where it was raised that the hedge was overgrowing into a narrow piece of highway on Tregye Road.

Noticeboards

The noticeboard by the old carpenters shop in Carnon Downs has now been moved to Point to replace the old one there that had fallen off its legs. The Carnon Downs Parish Council noticeboard is now the noticeboard by the Village Hall.

Tram Road letters to residents re hedge cutting

The Clerk will send out the letters before the Council meeting.

Active Feock Working Party

The Clerk has arranged a working party meeting on Thursday 24th October, the members are Cllrs Hambly-Staite, P Allen, A Allen, B Yates, R Bowers and C Dyke. This meeting will look at the installation of bench seats.

Supporting information on items on the agenda

Item 12 - Quenchwell Road Traffic Calming Consultation

Deadline for responses 24th October 2024

Council to consider providing a consultee comment on the proposed scheme.

This has been publicised on our website, social media and in the library.

Cormac Solutions Ltd on behalf of Cornwall Council is inviting comments on a proposal to provide traffic calming measures on the approach to Carnon Downs and the Garden Centre.

Being able to walk to the Garden Centre safely is something that residents have had concerns about for a number of years and it is hoped this scheme will improve safety for pedestrians on this route.

The safety improvements proposed include a priority give way, speed cushions and street lighting.

- The priority build-out will be sited on the south bound approach to the village slightly north of the Garden Centre entrance.
- Street lighting will also be sited out to the build-out from the village.
- 3 sets of cushions will also be installed between the proposed build-out and the village.

As highway widths do not allow the provision on a footway/pavement, the purpose of this scheme is to provide traffic calming on the approach to Carnon Downs and improve the pedestrian safety on this narrow section of highway by The Beeches.

(map on following page)

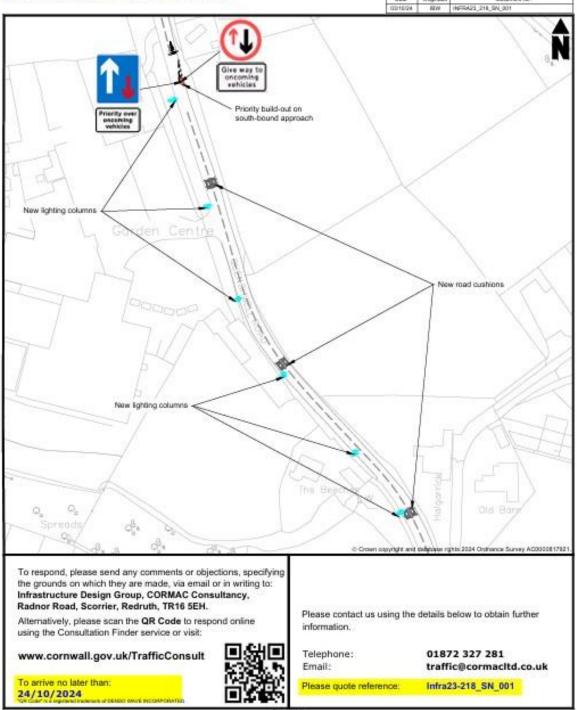
PROPOSAL

CORMAC Consultancy,

on behalf of Cornwall Council, is inviting comment on the following proposal







Item 13 - HAIRE Report

Council to agree ongoing actions from report circulated at Access & Amenities Committee

Cllr Hambly-Staite has proposed this is deferred until the next Parish Council meeting when himself and Cllr P Allen who drafted the report are present.

The report taken to Access & Amenities in September is below.

HAIRE Report

Below is the summary of outcomes and action points taken from the report with the actions the Parish Council has taken on these to date and possible future actions.

Summary of principle outcomes and key action points from HAIRE project:

1. Individual support is important for many older residents and Feock PC will provide resource for this on an ongoing basis.

Action taken: Information & Wellbeing Adviser appointed on a permanent basis.

Helpline phoneline set up and manned weekday mornings, residents are signposted to local groups for support or pointed in the direction of local Council and voluntary sector services that may be able to assist them if their query/request is outside of the Parish Council's remit.

2. Information regarding activities and services is extremely important and Feock PC will both extend its range of information methodologies and also support those provided within the community.

Action taken: Whats On Monthly Events/Groups guide set up and produced every month in hard copy from various points around the Parish, available to download online (PC website and MyFeock website) and from social media (MyFeock Wellbeing, Parish Council and Whats On Devoran). Also distributed monthly by email to subscribers with monthly Connect newsletter. Consider setting up Instagram for MyFeock and other social media methods.

Social media links:

What's On - Devoran, Carnon Downs, Feock and Point & Penpol | Facebook group

1.9K members.

Feock Parish Council Facebook page - 1.2K followers

MyFeock Facebook page – 837 followers

- 3. The loss of personal transport options can be very difficult for older people and Feock PC will actively support alternative options under three categories:
- a. personal volunteer car service

Action taken: Information & Wellbeing Adviser manages the Feock Local Transport Service, co-ordinating volunteers, lifts and prescription collections.

b. general – improved bus services

Action taken: Councillors met with Cornwall Council regarding bus service provision and promotion. Additional loop on 493 bus Truro to Feock secured with effect from 1st September 2024 to include Penpol. Flyers produced to promote this and articles included in local newsletters.

c. groups – support of a community bus

Action taken: Current provision needs assessing, St Feock Church have a community minibus which is proving very popular, investigation needed into if another minibus is needed or is the St Feock bus is sufficient and meeting the current need.

4. Village/Church halls and other places housing community services are very important as local meeting places. Feock PC will encourage these through active support and the Planning Process.

Action taken: The HAIRE project set up Repair Café in conjunction with The Hub Carnon Community Church and Information & Wellbeing Adviser continues to run and co-ordinate this each month with the Hub volunteers and our volunteer repairers. This group is proving very popular. The Carnon Crafters group which was supported by HAIRE providing funding to pay for venue fees at Carnon Downs Village Hall to start up, the group continues to go from strength to strength and are now fully self funding. Local venues/events are promoted via social media and posters on noticeboard (when there is space). Additional community noticeboards being considered.

5. Older people particularly value community groups and cultural organisations active within the Parish and Feock PC will seek to encourage a wide range of such groups.

Action taken: The monthly Whats On Guide and MyFeock website helps to promote the different groups and activities, the Information & Wellbeing Adviser is in regular contact with the groups to ensure their details are up to date. Staff at the new MP's office were very surprised at how much goes on in the Parish when sent a copy. The Repair Café provides a way for people with skills to get involved in the community as well as people with items for repair to meet new people whilst at the same time have something that often means a lot to them repaired and given a new lease of life. The Walk & Talk fortnightly walks set up by HAIRE continue to run and co-ordinated by the Information & Wellbeing Adviser. Posters to promote events are included with the Connect newsletter as well as Whats On, and these are also promoted via our social media and on noticeboards (when there is space). Consideration is being given to new noticeboards around the parish for community information.

6. Older people value the distinctive heritage, landscape and environment within the Parish and Feock PC will develop programmes which both protect and sustain these aspects whilst making them more accessible for all residents.

Action taken: The new project Active Feock includes environmental aspects and getting people out and about in nature and the impact this has on wellbeing. It is anticipated that the Information & Wellbeing Adviser will be involved with this project.

7. Feock Parish Council provides an important first port of call for residents navigating local government and public services, it will continue to actively liaise with other councils, schools, health services and other public services in order to provide appropriate information to residents.

Action taken: Helpline phoneline set up and manned weekday mornings, residents are signposted to local groups for support or pointed in the direction of local Council and voluntary sector services that may be able to assist them if their query/request is outside of the Parish Council's remit. The Parish Council office is manned weekday mornings for drop in callers. The library at the office has a large noticeboard to display information regarding events and groups and also has lots of information leaflets available for residents to pick up.

Other local Parish Councils have been involved in focus groups for Active Feock and the Clerk liaises with local Clerks on common issues. Our social media pages are used to share information regarding the local Doctors Surgeries and they in turn share our information about our wellbeing work.

14. POINT ORCHARD SEPTIC TANK ISSUE

Councillors to receive an update on this issue and agree the way forward

Latest updated from owner of septic tank:

A percolation test took place on Monday 30th September, has chased up results of this and proposal for resolution of the issue. Unsure if has enough space on own land for a treatment plant but is getting this checked. He will be in touch as soon as he has the proposals.

15. CO-OPTION TO CARNON DOWNS WARD VACANCY

Council to consider applications received for co-option to this casual vacancy and appoint new ward Councillor

One application has been received and details circulated for the Carnon Downs ward vacancy. Applicant is attending on Monday.

16. RENEWAL OF DEVORAN PRE-SCHOOL LEASE

The lease with Devoran Pre School expires in January 2025, Council to agree appointment of Solicitor to carry out the lease renewal.