

Feock Parish Council News Update

May & June 2017



Welcome to our latest Parish Council News Update. Below you will find set out, just some of the ongoing issues and concerns which your Parish Council are currently taking forward on your behalf.

Don't forget members of the public are more than welcome to come along to Council meetings, these are public meetings and there is a 15 minute session at the start of the meeting for residents to make representations to the Council on issues they are concerned about. Agendas are displayed 3 days prior to the meetings on the noticeboards situated around the parish and also on our website which list the items to be discussed.

There is also lots of information and news about the work the Council are doing on our website www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk as well as our Facebook page, search for 'Feock Parish Council'. If you do not have online access, copies of minutes and agendas can be collected from the Parish Council office on request.

Parish Council Elections 2017

As you may be aware there will be no elections in Feock Parish on Thursday 4th May, this is because there were not enough candidates to require elections to be held. There were 5 candidates for the 5 seats in Carnon Downs, 4 candidates for the 4 seats in Devoran and 4 candidates for 5 seats in Feock, leaving one vacancy for Feock ward, filling 13 seats out of a possible 14.



We are delighted to welcome two new Councillors, Lindsey Morgan-Lundie for Feock ward and Richard Brickell from Carnon Downs. Lindsey is an artist living in Feock and Richard is a retired businessman living in Carnon Downs.

The new Parish Council from 5th May will be as follows:

Carnon Downs – Bob Richards, Paul Lightfoot, Richard Brickell, Cathy Kemp and Phil Allen.

Devoran – Barrie Thomas, Caroline Johnson, Stuart Parker and Iain MacDonald

Feock – Rob Andrew, Lindsey Morgan-Lundie, Colin Blake and Keith Hambly-Staite (plus one vacancy).

It is hoped that the Feock ward vacancy can be filled by co-option at the Parish Council meeting on 15th May, however if it is not filled and you are interested in joining the Council please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk or phone 01872 863333.

All the Councillors contact details will be added to the website from 5th May if anyone wishes to get in contact with them or they can be contacted via the Parish Council Office www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/councillors

Electors Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 15th May from 6pm

The **Electors meeting** will be held at 6pm in the Parish Council Office and will report on local activities and is also a chance for residents to raise current issues in the community with the Council. The Chairman of the Council will chair the meeting. At this meeting the presentations on the community "Your Choice" funding applications will be given by the groups and the voting on the groups to receive the grants will open (see more details below).

The **Annual Parish Council meeting** will be held following on from the Electors Meeting and will elect the Chairman, Vice Chair and the members of all the Council's Committee's and working groups as well as nominating representatives on outside groups. Once this business has been completed the remainder of the meeting will be the normal Parish Council meeting for May.

"Your Choice" funding

The Parish Council runs a grant scheme available to local groups and charities, this is a Participatory Budgeting Scheme which gives local residents a say in which local groups and charities the Parish Council supports, by allowing them to vote online and on paper voting slips. Last year we had a record number of voting slips and online votes cast, 435 in total, more than double the previous year!



This year voting starts on Monday 15th May and closes on Monday 29th May. The groups who have been shortlisted and put forward for the voting process are as follows. It is hoped that they will all be attending to give presentations at the Electors Meeting and their presentations will also be available to view on the website and in hard copy in the community library at the Parish Council Offices.

1. Sunbeams Babies & Toddlers Play & Stay Group (Carnon Downs) for Outdoor play equipment - £250
2. Carnon Valley Messy Church for "Food for Thought" project to offer good quality small meals for those attending Messy Church - £250
3. Devoran Explorer Unit to replace expedition equipment for D of E awards - £400
4. Carnon Downs Community Association for Christmas tree and lights for the village - £400
5. Devoran Village Hall to landscape the area in front of village hall and cycle parking - £400
6. St Feock PALS Lunch Club for a commercial microwave - £275
7. Carnon Downs Memory Café for a Summer outing to Bodmin & Wenford Steam Railway - £400
8. Carnon Downs Methodist Church for a projector Screen for the hall - £205
9. Feock Home & Garden Society, Feock, Pill Creek & Loe Beach Regatta Committee and Feock Big Lunch Committee (joint application) for outdoor tables for use by all 3 societies - £400
10. Feock Methodist Soup Lunch Group for new crockery, glassware, utensils and hoover - £400

Votes can be cast in two ways, on paper voting slips and online via our website (blank voting slips can also be printed from our website to be distributed to those who may not have internet access and an also be picked up from the community library in Devoran).

To ensure that voting is fair for all groups and is in the spirit of the scheme, votes are limited to one per person and voters will be required to include your name and address on the voting slip/online form, this information will be used purely to ensure that one vote per person is being adhered too and to ensure that only those who live in the Parish are voting. This information will be destroyed once votes have been counted up and the funding awarded.

Voting is carried out on a 'ranking' basis, this requires those voting to rank all the groups in the order of preference that they feel they should be awarded the funding (so number 1 for your favourite group down to number 10 for your least favourite) so that the Council have an accurate indication of which groups are the most popular with residents rather than the group with the largest number of members being the winner. This has been introduced as many people have said that they felt that they would like to support a number of groups and did not feel they would be able to pick just one. It is at the Parish Council's discretion the amount of funding that groups receive and the amount of funding requested may not be guaranteed to be awarded. If anyone has any questions regarding the voting process please contact the Parish Clerk.

Feock Trails Walks Leaflets

Just a reminder that the footpath leaflets and maps are available free of charge from the Parish Council Offices in Devoran and also available to download from www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/feocktrailsproject If you are a member of a local community group and would like Councillor Phil Allen who the co-ordinated the project and wrote the walks to come along and give a talk on the project and bring leaflets for your members please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.



Feock Action on Speed & Traffic (F.A.S.T.)

The Parish Council are currently investigating what can be done to resolve various traffic issues that residents have reported to them. These issues are spread all over the Parish and come under our project called Feock Action on Speed & Traffic (F.A.S.T.). Below is an update on the latest progress in each ward. Keep up to date with the project on our website www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/traffic

Carnon Downs - The Parish Council have written to residents in Carnon Downs to advise them of proposed changes to highways in the village (Forth Coth, Bissoe Road and Quenchwell Road) the full letter can be read on the news page of our website and the Council are currently considering the comments that they have received from residents on the proposals and will be discussing them further once the F.A.S.T. group members from the new Council have been elected.



Devoran - The Parish Council have now given the go ahead to Cornwall Council to start work on the implementation of a 20mph zone for Devoran Village. This will include physical traffic calming comprising of speed cushions on Greenbank Road, the old A39 and Market Street. Cornwall Council have now completed the formal consultation process with residents and the Parish Council will consider the feedback from the consultation at the May Parish Council meeting. It is hoped that the work will be carried out in June/July this year.

Feock – Two of our Parish Councillors will very soon be receiving the necessary training to take forward the Community Speedwatch programme. Once this initial training has been completed, we will be looking for community volunteers to be trained to operate the Speedwatch equipment. We hope to have the programme operational within the next couple of months. The Speedwatch programme is essentially a driver awareness programme. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit for the roads being monitored will be reported to the police and it is the police who will be responsible for contacting the registered keepers of offending vehicles and advising them of any offence committed.



Community Library

The Community Library in the entranceway to the Parish Office in Devoran is open every weekday (Mondays from 9am to 5.30pm and the rest of the week from 9am to 3pm). The listed building application to expand the library area within our office in Devoran has now been approved and it is hoped by the end of the summer that the building work will be completed to expand the library area. There are around 250 books to choose from and you just need your library membership number to borrow a book. If you can't see what you are looking for you can order a book for delivery online using the Cornwall Libraries online service.

The Cornwall Council librarian, Chris, visits once a month (generally on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday) to refresh the stock and deliver online orders.

We still have the bookswap in the office in Devoran and have also recently installed a bookswap in the phonebox on Forth Coth in Carnon Downs. Please don't use this just to dump your unwanted books, the bookshop at Trellisick Gardens are always happy to receive donations which they sell to raise funds.

Feock Community Transport Scheme

As well as taking people to the Doctors, Dentist, Spar shop or Hairdressers, we are now trialling using our transport scheme to take people to places for social outings. Perhaps you have a group of friends who would like to meet up for lunch but don't have the transport to get there? Please phone us as we may well be able to help you!

The booking line is open between 9.30am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. There is a recommended voluntary donation payable at the time of the journey which goes directly back into running the scheme. **Please give 48 hours notice of trips as this gives time for a volunteer to be found, however we appreciate that this is not always possible for medical appointments.**



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Planning

The Parish Council are a statutory consultee on planning applications and continue to be consulted by Cornwall Council on a large number of planning applications each month. All current planning applications that the Council is being consulted on are listed on our website under the Planning section, with links to copies of the application on Cornwall Council's website and also our Facebook page. Alternatively, plans can be viewed in the Parish Council office on request.

Please be aware that yellow planning notifications which are sometimes seen on lamp posts are not displayed for every planning application, immediate neighbours should receive a letter from Cornwall Council. Residents with online access can also go to the Planning page on Cornwall Council's website www.cornwall.gov.uk

Community Defibrillators

Just a reminder that there are now three Community Defibrillators located as follows:

- On the outside wall of Ferris Garage, Feock
- In the phonebox at the bottom of Market Street in Devoran
- In the phonebox on Forth Coth in Carnon Downs (outside of the Dentist)



Training is **not** needed to use the defibrillators, the defibrillator will speak to you giving verbal instructions on how to proceed. In the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest first **phone 999**, start performing CPR and ask someone to go and collect the defibrillator whilst you continue with CPR.

CPR is the most important part if someone has a cardiac arrest and shouldn't be stopped.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted to Cornwall Council on 26th April, the next step in the process is for Cornwall Council to check the legal compliance of the Plan and report to the Cabinet Member. Once this is complete the submission consultation will be processed by Cornwall Council and a further period of consultation be carried out before the plan is independently examined and then progress to a referendum. All the documents submitted as part of the Plan can be viewed on our website

<http://www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan>



No dogs please in our Playing Fields and Parks!

Recently we have had reports of dogs being exercised in Retallack Park in Feock, just a reminder that dogs are not allowed in any of our playing fields and parks. There has also been a spate of dog waste not being picked up, especially in Feock on the footpaths, in Devoran on the pavements and on the footpath running down the side of the bypass from Carnon Downs to Devoran, people can be fined up to £1000 for not picking up after their dog.



Next Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings are provisionally planned to be held as follows (to be confirmed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting), all in the Parish Council Office in Devoran (unless stated otherwise).

Monday 15th May - Annual Meeting of Electors and Annual Parish Council Meeting starting @ 6pm

Thursday 25th May – Access & Amenities Meeting @ 6pm

Tuesday 6th June @ 7.15pm

Monday 3rd July @ 7.15pm

Planning Committee meetings are arranged as necessary depending on the number of applications received, these are generally held monthly. Check the website and noticeboards for the dates and agendas, or call us at the Parish Office for details of items on the agenda and the next meeting date.

Parish Council office hours and Parish Council Staff

From 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday the Clerk or Assistant Clerk will be in the office to help members of the public with questions or concerns. You can contact the office on 01872 863333 to discuss any issues or arrange a time to come in, alternatively you can contact Debra Roberts (Parish Clerk) by email debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk (every day) or Debbie Searle (Assistant Clerk) Debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk (working days Monday, Tuesday & Thursday)



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