MEETING NO. 1196

Minutes of the FEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 25th January 2018 at the Parish Council Office, Devoran at 6.30pm

WARDS CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK

P Allen B Thomas K Hambly-Staite

R Brickell S Parker C Johnson

In attendance: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that Cllr Parker had to leave the meeting at 7.50pm.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Blake and Andrew.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLUTION: CLLR THOMAS PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2017 BE APPROVED AS ACCURATE AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED BY THE MEETING.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present at the meeting.

6. CLERKS REPORT ON ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The noticeboard had now been erected at Porthgwidden noticeboard. Cormac have cleared the drains at Fourturnings on the way to Feock and this seemed to have resolved the flooding issue. The Clerk had contacted Truro Diocese to highlight to them the concerns about the large Eucalyptus tree overhanging Devoran Lane which may possibly be causing the large crack in the Vicarage wall, no response had been received to date but it was noted that warning cones had been put on the pavement by the large crack in the wall, she was unsure who had done this. The surplus meeting room chairs were being donated to Carnon Downs Village Hall and Cllr Brickell was delivering these tomorrow.

7. FORESHORE OWNERSHIP, LAND REGISTRY & COMMONS REGISTRATION

Cllr Allen said the barge issue at Point was still ongoing and this has highlighted the issues with foreshore ownership and registration and at the Point Quay Association meeting the issue had been raised again. Cllr Alvey is investigating the Cornwall Council ownership of areas of the creek. There are some areas of creek that are owned by Cornwall Council, however other people have registered areas of creek which may have cut across their ownership. We have various areas adjacent to the creek where we have common land or own land. The common land goes

down to the high tide mark, the common land does not include the foreshore. Cllr Allen had met with the Common Land Officer and he advised that a way forward could be to register those areas of foreshore abutting our common land areas as village green. If the areas were registered as Village Greens it would protect them from undesirable activities or development and conserve them for traditional use.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROCEED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF FORESHORES ABUTTING COMMON LAND AREAS AND WITHIN PARISH COUNCIL OWNERSHIP IN RESTRONGUET CREEK TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONAL USE FOR LEISURE AND RECREATION AND TO PROTET FROM INAPPROPRIATE USE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. F.A.S.T. PROJECT & HIGHWAYS PROJECTS UPDATES

Cllr Thomas said that we were awaiting a legal agreement to be drawn up for us to place the planters on the Forth Coth pavement. The consultation plans were being drawn up for the highways improvements in Carnon Downs.

The Devoran 20mph zone it is hoped would start in February. We now had a Speedwatch team set up with all volunteers trained, one site for monitoring had been agreed in Carnon Downs, Cllr MacDonald was pushing for a site in Penelewey but this needed to be approved by the Police as a safe and appropriate location.

There were ongoing issues with flooding at the bottom of Old Carnon Hill, the ditch was silted up and this was causing the majority of the problems, a meeting was being held in February with all involved parties and Sarah Newton MP to try to resolve the issue.

The Chairman had provided at the Highways Meeting a report on passing places on the Old Tram Road and had asked highways to deal with these when carrying out maintenance of the road. The Chairman had also provided a report on the flooding on Point Road and again had asked Highways to deal with this issue which had been ongoing for a number of years.

The road from Playing Place roundabout to Fourturnings was to be resurfaced in this financial year, it was also raised with Highways that the stretch from Fourturnings down to Feock village was also in need of resurfacing. Cllr Hambly-Staite was concerned about the state of the road near to Fourturnings as there were a number of large potholes there, he would also like to see the Old Tram Road enhanced for recreational use as this provided safe walking in the winter when some of the footpaths were too muddy to use. The Chairman said there may also be other areas in the parish that could fall under this project as well. The weight limit of Pill Bridge had been questioned and this was being looked into.

9. HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKING PARTY REPORT

Cllr Hambly-Staite reported on the meeting held yesterday. It was a very well attended meeting with both Carnon Downs and Devoran Surgeries represented. The Clerk, Cllr Hamby-Staite and Cllr Allen would be meeting with Age UK to look at how we could use their website to list the groups that are in the parish. The Clerk had started to draw up a spreadsheet to show the different groups were held in the parish and then this could be put into different formats and filtered by category. Cllr Johnson said that we were going to start by providing a list of the

events that involved food to the Surgeries and then hope that people would visit more than one lunch event.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said he would write a piece explaining the Health & Wellbeing projects aims and objectives.

Cllr Johnson said she would like to see the surplus money from the lunch club, transport scheme and library go into a fund, it was suggested this could be a separate Health & Wellbeing fund and this would need to be agreed by the full Parish Council. The Clerk would put this on the next Parish Council agenda for further discussion.

RESOLUTION: CLLR HAMBLY-STAITE PROPOSED THAT WE SET UP A HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND AND THIS BE PROPOSED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR THOMAS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE

It was agreed to put the suggestion regarding a new footpath in Carnon Downs on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman and the Clerk met with Penny Hodgson from Cormac before Christmas regarding improvement works needed on the footpaths. The Chairman would be drawing up a schedule of improvements required, for example remove stiles where there is no need for one or where stiles are to go over a Cornish hedge could a handrail be put in. The Chairman would like to set up a small working group for people interested in making improvements to the footpaths. A budget would be needed for these improvements, especially those on the Feock Trails routes and we would need this to be agreed by the Parish Council. Photographs of defects would be provided to Penny from the Countryside team.

RESOLUTION: CLLR ALLEN PROPOSED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE PUT TOGETHER TO LOOK AT FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk would put this on the next Parish Council agenda for agreement.

11. CARNON DOWNS NEW RECREATION AREA & EXISTING PARK IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY

The Clerk said that a number of residents had volunteered to be part of the working party and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting of the working group in February together with the Carnon Downs Councillors and herself.

12. DONATION TOWARDS COST OF REPLACING TRELISSICK GARDENS BRIDGE

The Clerk advised that the National Trust were looking to raise funds to replace the over the road bridge and it had been suggested by several Councillors that the Parish Council may wish to consider making a donation towards this. The Clerk advised that Councillors who were members of the National Trust did not need to declare an interest, however those who volunteered at Trelissick would need to declare an interest. There were no volunteers present at the meeting.

It was agreed for the Clerk to put this item on the next full Parish Council agenda for a decision.

13. SCULPTURE PROJECT FOR LOBB GARDEN ON MARKET STREET, DEVORAN

The Chairman has put a granite plinth in the centre of the Lobb Garden and he suggested that we could allocate space on the plinth for a 3 month period for members of the public to create their own sculpture. This would be open to everyone including the school. The Chairman would site his sculpture there after Easter. All agreed this was an excellent idea.

14. PROVISION OF BENCH SEAT AT CHYCOOSE BEACH

The Chairman advised that to provide a seat at Chycoose Beach on the roadside by the new fencing, to include replacing the two top wooden rails with key clamp rail put in their place so that the view was not so obscured would cost around £500.

PROPOSAL: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THIS TO BE TAKEN TO THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL FOR AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY CLLR JOHNSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATES

The Clerk and the Chairman had updated the Risk Assessments in the last few days and the Clerk would send these out to the whole Council when these were typed up. There were some works required at Point Quay to the vehicle barriers/benches. The steps in the Orchard also needed replacing.

16. COMMUNITY SEED & BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that this project was being run by Cornwall Council, we could apply to Cornwall Council for a £500 grant, this could cover planting trees, shrubs and wildflowers and work with people to encourage people to 'grow nature'.

Cllr Johnson said she felt we should be supporting the projects to reduce the use of one use plastics and also have refill water points throughout the parish. This could come under the Coastal and marine projects area of the Grow Nature Seed Fund.

The Clerk would put this item on the agenda regarding plastics for the Full Parish Council.

RESOLUTION: THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT WE MAKE AN APPLICATION UNDER THE SECTION "TURNING COMMUNITY GREEN SPACES INTO HABITATS FOR WILDLIFE" AND "SCHEMES TO REDUCE INVASIVE SPECIES, LITTER, NOISE OR LIGHT POLLUTION" TO THE GROW NATURE SEED FUND, SECONDED BY CLLR ALLEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk would check if we could use the funding for Refill Stations.

The Clerk to arrange a date for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42pm.