



## Feock Parish Council News Update November and December 2015

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.

There is also lots of information and news about the work the Council are doing on our website [www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk) as well as our Facebook page, search for Feock Parish Council.

### Devoran Park New Play Equipment Official Opening

The grand opening of the new play equipment in Devoran Park was held recently under beautiful blue skies! More than 100 children and parents attended the event after school to enjoy a picnic, as well as tea and cake provided by Devoran Pre-School with the donations going to charity.

The Parish Council decided several months ago, after exploring various funding options, to fund the new equipment from parish council funds. The new birds nest swing, which is suitable for older children and those with disabilities was also part funded by the Cornwall Community Cashback scheme through Devon & Cornwall Police.



Cllr Bob Richards, the Chairman of Feock Parish Council, formally opened the new equipment and thanked the Council's Access & Amenities Committee for their work on the project, and in particular Councillors Vanessa Gordon, Ben Shankland and Caroline Johnson. He said "I am pleased that the local children seemed to be really enjoying the new equipment, the design of which they had chosen through a vote at Devoran School and which has been installed by a local company".

The Council have also been successful in being awarded funding by Cory Environmental to improve access in the park, this work is very nearly complete and has provided two pathways down the grass slopes from each gateway, made from recycled ground granite chippings, new benches made from recycled materials, trees over the benches to eventually give some shade and work to the bank around the slide, including some log stepping stones up the side of the slide.

### Community Defibrillators - Devoran, Carnon Downs and Feock

The parish's first community defibrillator located in the phonebox at the bottom of Market Street in Devoran, was officially opened by Cllr Caroline Johnson on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

The defibrillator can be used by anyone, training is not necessary, the defibrillator actually talks you through how to use it and will not allow a shock to be delivered unless it decides that the heart is in a 'shockable' rhythm so it is very safe for anyone to use. It is portable so can be collected if needed and taken to the patient.

The Parish Council are running free CPR and defibrillator familiarisation sessions, please contact Debra the Parish Clerk on 01872 863333 or [debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk) if you would like to book a place.



Another defibrillator will be installed on the outside wall of Ferris Garage in Feock and it is hoped this will be in place by the end of the year.

The Parish Council are also considering locations for a third community defibrillator in Carnon Downs, and are considering adopting the BT phonebox located on Forth Coth in Carnon Downs. This would however mean that the pay phone would need to be removed from the phone box.

If anyone has any concerns about the possible removal of the phone please can they contact Debra, the Parish Clerk by Monday 30th November 2015.



### **Traffic and Highways issues**

The Highways Feasibility Study for Devoran which covers the installation of a virtual pavement along Greenbank Road (on the opposite side to the creek), The Old Tram Road to be classified as a 'Quiet Lane' and 30mph limits in Devoran village to be reduced to 20mph limits, has been received and the Council are considering its contents and the costs involved, which unfortunately are substantially more than the Council had hoped.

There is a page specifically set up on the website for residents to be kept up to date with progress with this work, go to the "Projects" tab and then "Traffic Issues".

If you have any comments regarding traffic in the parish please contact the Parish Clerk or one of the Councillors (a list can be found on the website or in the Parish Council Office).

### **Report a problem online & Lengthsman Scheme**

There is a form available on the website [www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk) under Community Info – Report a Problem, to report a problem or safety issue to the Parish Council on their land or missing footpath signs, overgrown verges, blocked drains etc. or you can still phone us on 01872 863333 or call into the office.

The Council is keen to progress its Lengthsman Scheme and has drawn up a list of additional works that may be required to be carried out periodically (for example clearing gulleys of leaves, repairing footpath signposts, additional verge cutting etc). This work will be put out to tender by the end of the year for a contractor to carry this work out on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Feock Reading Room Re-development**

The Parish Council's plans for the conversion of the Reading Room into one dwelling have now been submitted to Cornwall Council for planning permission and we are awaiting the outcome.

### **Micro Library in Parish Council Office**

It is hoped that the Micro Library will be installed in the entranceway to the office by the end of November. The Bookswap has been reduced in size and is now located in the Parish Council Office. The library will have a PC where you can order books to be delivered from Cornwall Council's library stock to the Parish Council Office.

### **Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan Update**

Since my last update I am very pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Plan is now at a stage where we will be consulting you again in the next few weeks before submitting the final document to Cornwall Council for the necessary consultation and inspection stages which will lead to the Referendum. It is important to emphasise that the whole plan and the policies within it based upon information and evidence gathered from you as Parishioners and also reflecting current Planning and other guidance from Cornwall Council and other relevant bodies.



It may appear that this whole process has taken a very long time but please be assured that the time has been extremely well spent. It is also important to mention that we would not be at this stage of the plan without the

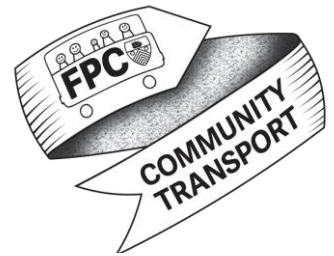
involvement of Parish Councillors and members of the community in drawing together information from many sources and formulating appropriate policies, documentation and guidance.

Part of the public consultation process will include a household drop giving more details so please keep an eye out for this and in the meantime please feel free to contact me through the Parish Council Office should there be any queries or comments.

*Cllr Bob Richards, Chairman of the Steering Group*

### **Community Transport Scheme – Volunteers wanted!**

So far the scheme has provided over 200 journeys for people within the parish. The scheme continues to attract new users, the majority of trips are to help people to get to the Doctors Surgeries within the Parish, but also trips to the Spar shop, Hairdressers, Trelissick Gardens and visiting friends. We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteer drivers who continue to offer their time to provide this essential service to people who really need it.



**07904 547822**

Due to the success of the scheme we need some more volunteer drivers, if you have your own car and can spare an hour a week to help out please contact the Parish Clerk. The commitment can be as little or much as you wish it to be.

The booking line is open between 9.30am and 3.00pm Monday to Thursday, and Fridays between 9.30am and 1.00pm. The car service itself is available Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 3.00pm (however if you need transport outside of these times or at weekends please contact us and we will do our best to help).

There is a recommended voluntary donation payable at the time of the journey which goes directly back into running the scheme.

**To book a journey or volunteer as a driver please call 07904 547822.**

### **National Association of Local Council Star Council Awards**

The Parish Council is delighted that their Parish Clerk, Debra Roberts, won the “Clerk of the Year” Award at the National Association of Local Council’s Star Council Awards ceremony, held recently in Birmingham. Their judging panel described Debra as “epitomising the best of what a clerk to a local council can do”. An impressive all-rounder she scores highly across the nomination criteria for this category and stood out for going above and beyond what is expected of a parish clerk with her work having a transformational impact in just one year”



### **Plastic pots, tubs and trays recycling trial**

Some of Feock Parish is included in this new Cornwall Council recycling trial which starts on 30<sup>th</sup> November, residents can check on Cornwall Council's website using this link <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/my-area> to find out if they are included, just enter your postcode. All residents included in the trial will also receive a letter through their door.





## Is your number up?

Our local community first responder group wanted to ask if your house name or number is visible day and night, when the emergency services or doctors out of hours service might be called to your home or business?

While the postman might know where you are through experience, can your location be found in the dark?

Every second counts and it might be one of those jobs you have been meaning to do for a while, so please make sure you are visible from the main road.

Our community first responders might not have knowledge of your home and not know where all the houses and businesses are here in the villages so clear unobstructed signs are essential.

In the event of an emergency always dial 999 and stay calm.

Lights on and all the curtains open are a clear sign for the emergency services too.

Your car on the drive or out outside your location with hazard warning lights are also one of the things that single out your address in the dark.

## Next Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings are being held as follows, all in the Parish Council Office in Devoran (unless stated otherwise) starting at 7.15pm.

### Access & Amenities Committee

### Planning Committee

### Full Parish Council

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### November date to be agreed

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.30pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### December date to be agreed

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

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 Offices Opening Hours

The Parish Council offices normal opening hours are as follows, residents can call into the office during these times discuss any issues of concern with the Parish Council staff.

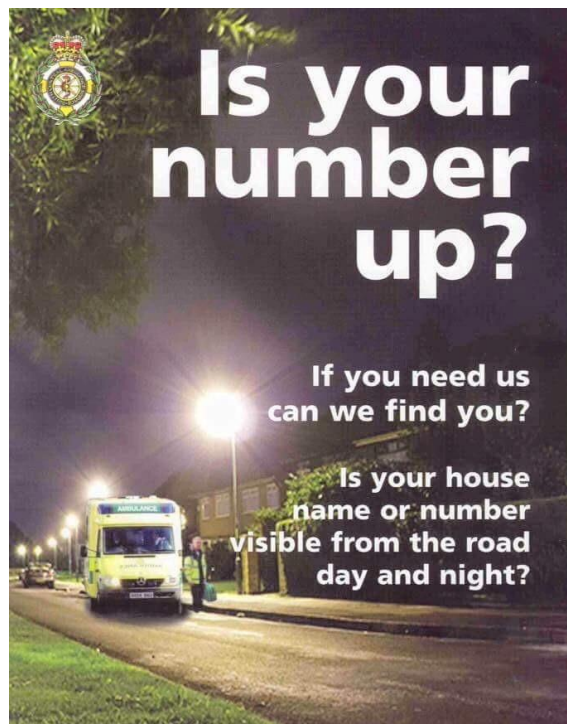
Mondays	9.00am – 5.30pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays	9.00am – 3.00pm
Fridays	9.00am – 1.00pm

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](mailto:debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk) or Debbie Searle (Assistant Clerk) [debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk)



## Christmas Opening Hours

The Parish Council will close for Christmas holidays at 1pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-open at 9am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



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