

# Feock Parish Council News Update

## July and August 2016



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](http://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.

### New Councillors

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council is now back to its full numbers of 14 members. We have filled the two vacancies for Devoran ward and welcome new Councillors Barrie Thomas and Stuart Parker to the Council. All the contact details for your local ward Councillors are available on the website [www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk)

### Highways projects

#### Footpath on the verge on the old A39 in Devoran

The groundwork for the path on the grass verge which runs up the side of the old A39 in Devoran has now been completed, it is hoped that this will give pedestrians better access when walking up towards the school or down to the bus stop and mean they do not have to walk in the road. We are looking for volunteers to help with laying a buggy/wheelchair friendly grid on top of the path which will be backfilled with chippings to give a more durable surface, and also help with planting some flowers/trees along the side of the path. Please get in touch with Debra the Parish Clerk if you are free to help one Saturday either towards the end of July or beginning of August. Lunch will be provided for volunteers!



### Parish wide highways feasibility study

The Parish Council has received large numbers of comments and concerns relating to roads and traffic issues right across the parish, these vary from excessive speed to the suitability of our narrow roads for heavy goods vehicles, indiscriminate parking, safer pedestrian access and other contentious issues.

As a direct result of some of these complaints last year we paid out of parish funds for a feasibility study in Devoran which has resulted in several initiatives to try and ease some of the problems. These include a virtual footway and signage to highlight that some routes are shared by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders as well as motor traffic.

The success of this initiative has led us to believe that similar improvements could be obtained by widening the study to the whole parish, this would mainly include the villages of Carnon Downs and Feock but would also include the rural areas in between. The Parish Council have recently put in a bid to the Cornwall Council Devolution Fund for money to fund this study.

## 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).

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 librarian, Chris, visits once a month to refresh the stock and deliver online orders. His next visits are 10am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August. We have also recently been awarded funding from the Cornwall Council Devolution fund to expand our library area which means we will be able to stock more books!



Another idea for the library is to have a Book Club, if you are interested in joining or if you would like to volunteer to help out in the library please contact Debra, the Parish Clerk on 01872 863333, [debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk) or sign up on the sheet in the library area.



## Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan's first 6 week public consultation period has ended and the Steering Group have worked through the comments received from national consultees and members of the public. Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the Plan and respond. The Cornwall Local Plan has now finalised the revised number of houses required to be built in Cornwall over the period of these plans and this now means we can progress with our own Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped we will be submitting the new draft plan document to Cornwall Council by the end of July for the second period of consultation and then onto the inspection stages which will lead to the Referendum which it is hoped will be held in September/October this year.

*Cllr Bob Richards, Chairman*

## 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 if you just fancy getting out of the house and going somewhere for a cup of tea and some company!

**Drivers needed!** We are in desperate need of new volunteer drivers, if you can spare just a couple of hours a week it would be really appreciated, if you would like to help please phone Debra on the transport booking number.



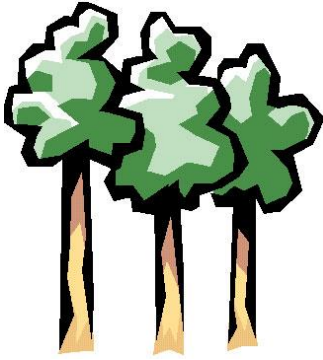
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The booking line is open between 9.30am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. There is a recommended voluntary donation payable at the time of the journey which goes directly back into running the scheme. **Please give 48 hours notice of trips as this gives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

## Planning matters

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. Alternatively, plans can be viewed in the Parish Council office on request.

**Interested in planning developments in your area?** Residents can also set up via Cornwall Council's planning website page to be alerted automatically when a planning application is submitted in a specific post code area/s by selecting 'save search' on the Planning page, more information about how to set this up can be obtained from the Parish Council office.



### **Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in Pill Creek**

Following the public meeting arranged by the Parish Council held in St Feock Church Hall in March regarding new developments in Pill Creek, Cornwall Council put into place a new Tree Preservation Order on Pill Creek with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This will remain in force for a period of up to 6 months from the date the Order was made, or until the order is permanently confirmed by Cornwall Council.

**Details of any suspected breaches of this TPO should be notified to Niamh Ashworth in Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement on 01209 614425.**

### **“Your Choice” Grant Scheme Funding 2016/17**

The Parish Council ‘Your Choice’ Grant Scheme voting has now closed and the Parish Council are delighted to announce the following groups were successful in securing £250 of funding each. The scheme will open again towards the end of the year for applications for 2017/18.

1. Carnon Downs Village Magazine to assist with production costs of the magazine
2. Devoran Youth Group to buy new play equipment, air hockey table and new audio/video equipment
3. 1st Playing Place Scouts for expedition kit
4. Devoran Church to help set up a children's Messy Church
5. Up the Creek Promotions to help with a new drama production
6. Devoran Quay Preservation Society to buy a generator and PA for fireworks display and regatta
7. St Feock PALS for cutlery and serving spoons
8. Devoran Gig Club for a new cover for the gig



### **Historic footpath project with the Lottery Sharing Heritage fund**

Lots of work has been going on to produce the historic footpath walks which will eventually be published in 5 leaflets which will also be available to download online. The walks cover the whole parish and another part of the project is to put small signs up at landmarks all over the parish with a QR code (like the one shown here) which can be scanned with a mobile device and will then take you to a page on the Parish Council's website and more extensive information and history about the individual landmark.



### **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). Please note there are no regular meetings held in August although a Planning Committee meeting may be held if there are applications to be discussed.

Planning Committee	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30pm
Planning Committee	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July (time tba)
Full Parish Council	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7.15pm
Access & Amenities Committee	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September @ 7pm

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.

## Community Emergency Safety Plan Public Meeting

A public meeting has been arranged for 7pm on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** in the Parish Council Office in Devoran.

Anyone who is interested in being involved in helping to put together a plan for use in major emergencies in the Parish, for example heavy snowfall, the A39 being closed, a missing person, flooding or perhaps a large fire at one of the industrial units, is invited to come along to find out more. The resulting plan will be a document that will be given to the emergency services and explain where people could be accommodated in the event of an emergency or people who could be called upon in the event of a missing person.



For more details please contact Debra, the Parish Clerk on [debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Swallows nesting in Retallack Park

We have recently found out that we have a family of swallows nesting in the playhouse part of the wooden play equipment in Feock park, if possible please could children stay out of that piece of the equipment just whilst the babies are being raised. The rest of the play equipment is open as normal! Thank you.

## Feock Reading Room

The Council agreed at their meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, that now that planning permission to convert the building into one dwelling had been granted, the Reading Room would be shortly placed for sale on the open market with a local estate agent. If anyone is interested in the property please contact Debra, the Parish Clerk for more information.

## JOB VACANCY

### Parish Council Job Vacancy – Administration Apprentice

**30 hours a week @ £5.50 per hour**

**12 month contract with possibility to extend**

**Starting in September 2016**

The Parish Council are looking to recruit an Administration apprentice to work in our small friendly team in the Parish Council office in Devoran. The apprentice will work towards an NVQ 2 in business administration with day release at Truro College. Duties will include assisting with meetings, day to day financial work, answering the phone, community engagement, dealing with callers to the office, obtaining quotations for work and general office duties.

For more details visit [www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk). For an informal discussion please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on 01872 863333 or call into the office.

## Change to Parish Council office hours and Summer holiday hours

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June we have changed our office opening hours to give a 3 hour window each day (10am to 1pm) when either the Clerk or Assistant Clerk will be in the office to help members of the public with questions or concerns. This gives the staff set times when the office is closed to the public to go out on site visits or to update the noticeboards with agendas and information. Outside of these hours you can still phone us or email us for assistance.

**Please note that for the Summer holidays (from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September) the office will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only and closed on Thursdays and Fridays.**

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) (every day) or Debbie Searle (Assistant Clerk) [Debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk) (working days Monday, Tuesday & Thursday)



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