



Feock Parish Council News Update May & June 2015

Devoran Park Play Equipment

A survey has just been carried out by the Access & Amenities Committee to find out the style of play equipment that people would like to see in the park, the results of this will allow us to apply for funding from the Big Lottery fund for money towards the new play equipment, the Parish Council have committed £10,000 on the condition that further funding is sought on top of this amount. Unfortunately the bid to Cory for the access work has been slightly delayed but this is still being worked on.

Devoran Park Slide renovation - please vote for us in the Aviva Community Fund!

As you know we were successful in securing £500 through the public vote from the West Briton and Police Community Cashback scheme to go towards a nest type swing for the park, a huge thank you to everyone who voted and to Devon & Cornwall Police.

We have now applied for **£1000** funding from Aviva which again needs the public to vote for our project, as the 200 projects with the most votes in the £1000 category will secure the funding. This is national funding so it is really important that people vote to give us the best chance of securing the funding.



We have applied for the money to put new steps up one side of the slide in Devoran park (for the younger children) and also build in a purpose built, boulder type climbing feature on the other side of the slide, this will help shore up the bank which is being eroded but will also give an extra play element for older children. Voting opens on 1st May and closes on 30th May, to vote visit

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/Project/View/2746>



New Community defibrillators and free CPR Resuscitation Training

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has been successful in securing two part funded community defibrillators through the British Heart Foundation. It has been agreed to site one in the red phone box at the bottom of Market Street in Devoran, which the Parish Council has now adopted. The second defibrillator will be housed either in Feock or Point, the defibrillators are automatic and will only allow a shock to be delivered when a 'shockable' heart rhythm is detected by the defibrillator, it will also talk the user through CPR. When a 999 call is received the operator will tell the caller where the nearest defibrillator is to enable it to be collected. Training is not required to use the defibrillator and any member of the community can use it in an emergency.

As part of the defibrillator funding package the Council have undertaken to provide free CPR training to residents, this lasts about 30 minutes and is fun and interactive and will be held in the Parish Council Office in Devoran. We hope to run these sessions in the Summer and have already had several community groups come forward. If you or a community group you are involved with would like to receive this training please contact Debra in the office on debra@feockpc.com or 01872 863333 to book your place.

Community project to tidy area of land in Market Street, Devoran

As part of the Our Place funding the Parish Council received, a Lengthsman+ scheme has been set up, which will help maintain roadways, footpaths and cycleways and also will involve a Community Volunteering element to tidy up patches of common land in the parish.

The first project will be to tidy the patch of land in Market Street which has a bench and the Parish Council noticeboard sited on it. We hope to tidy it and plant some scented flowers and herbs, to create an edible garden for the community.

As part of the project, to open up the space, the two Christmas trees that have had their tops cut off will be removed and the Council are currently applying for permission to remove these. Devoran Scouts have already kindly volunteered to help and if anyone else would like to volunteer please contact Debra in the office, or if you have some plants you would like to donate again please let Debra know.

Community Safety Plan

The Parish Council have discussed the need for a Community Safety Plan to cover all villages in the Parish. This would be a short document available to Emergency Services in the event of an emergency, such as flooding, heavy snow or ice, or perhaps a serious accident on the A39. It would contain a list of important contacts throughout the Parish where people could, for example, be given shelter and kept warm, such as the village halls and any other contacts who could be useful in an emergency.

The Parish Council are happy to co-ordinate the production of a plan and would like to work with local community groups on this, if your group would like to be involved please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on 01872 863333 or email debra@feockpc.com

Highways issues

The Council are currently working on several highways issues that have been highlighted to them by residents. One is pedestrian safety and the speed of vehicles on Greenbank Road in Devoran, the Council are working with Cormac to establish the options available to provide safer access for pedestrians and potentially slow down traffic.

The second issue is the parking of cars on the pavements in Forth Coth in Carnon Downs. The Parish Council have placed cones up the middle of the pavement to still allow cars to park on the pavement but only one wide, this still leaves room for pedestrians, pushchairs and residents in wheelchairs or mobility scooters to use the pavement without having to go out into the road.

Carnon Gate Roundabout Sponsorship

The Parish Council are currently drawing up a potential scheme to replant the Carnon Gate roundabout, the Council agreed to fund this work on the basis that sponsors could be found to meet the ongoing annual maintenance costs of the roundabout, for this a business would get a sign on the roundabout stating that they sponsor it and up to 3 businesses can sponsor the roundabout. If you are a local business who would be interested in sponsoring the roundabout please get in touch with Debra Roberts the Parish Clerk. More information about roundabout sponsorship can be found here <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/roundabout-sponsorship/>

Report a problem online

There is now a form available on the website www.feockpc.com 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.

Feock Reading Room Re-development

Feock Parish Council originally purchased the Feock Reading Room in 1971. In recent years it has been used by a local private snooker club who surrendered their lease in March 2014. Subsequently, the Parish Council engaged in extensive consultation within the Feock community to determine any potential alternative uses for this site and last summer invited formal proposals in that context to be submitted by local groups. However, no viable proposals for community use were received and the Parish Council has consequently decided to redevelop the building into two residential dwellings for resale (subject to planning permission being granted).

The Neighbourhood Plan, through the Community Questionnaire, has identified a strong public desire for an improved/new village hall in Feock. The Parish Council is keen to explore all options to facilitate this. At a public meeting in Feock attended by the Parish Council, a large cross-section of local residents and members of the Diocese, the proposal of using the Albemarle Scheme to redevelop the existing Church Hall into a Community Hall for Feock received overwhelming support. A local committee was established to explore and develop this project through the establishment of a new charitable foundation.

In principle, the Parish Council supports the allocation of funds raised through the re-development of the Reading Room being used to support community projects such as this, once the Albemarle scheme has formally been approved by the Church, and a new lease on the premises has been granted to a local charitable group, who would then assume legal responsibility for this building. Consideration will also be given by the Parish Council to other funds derived from the sale of the redeveloped Reading Room being redeployed for other approved community projects across the parish.

Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met at the end of April with Cornwall Council to try to resolve the issues that Natural England have raised in regards to our draft Neighbourhood Plan regarding aspects of our housing policies and around the river and creek areas which have protection under various legislation, including Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and World Heritage Site.



Cornwall Council have contracted an Environmental Consultant to establish if Strategic Environmental Assessment and Housing Resource Allocation reports are required for our plan, as suggested by Natural England in our consultation with them, a decision on this is expected early in May. The Steering Group will be working with the AONB with regards to the sensitive settlement edges we have identified in our plan and we will continue to work with Cornwall Council to progress our Neighbourhood Plan to enable the public consultation to be carried out prior to examination. The Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan team and others are experiencing similar difficulties with Natural England regarding their plans.

Cllr Bob Richards, Chair of Neighbourhood Development Plan

Community Transport Scheme to continue!

Due to the success of the Community Transport scheme initiated last month, Feock Parish Councillors have voted to extend the pilot dial-a-ride service to 6 months.

The project came about when Cornwall Council funding cuts struck the Corlink service last summer. It offers people of all ages in the parish, left stranded without access to bus routes in Devoran, Feock and Carnon Downs, the chance to book the volunteer car service for local journeys such as getting to the Doctors, Dentist, Village Halls for a class or even Trelissick Gardens to meet up with friends.



Feock Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteer drivers who have offered their time to provide this essential amenity. Without them this scheme would not be possible. We urge people to use this service as, if it is seen to be viable, we would like to see this offered as a permanent solution to transport gaps in the parish.

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 donation payable at the time of the journey which goes directly back into running the scheme.

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

'Your Choice' Grant Scheme Funding – come along and have your say in which groups the Council funds!

Those who have received funding last year from the Parish Council will report on the work they have done with the funding at the **Annual Meeting of Electors being held at 6.30pm on Monday 11th May** in the Parish Council office. Those groups who have applied for funding this year (2015/16) will also give presentations at the meeting on what they would spend the money on if they receive it. The public will be able to vote at the meeting for the groups they would like to receive the funding.



Residents can also vote until Friday 29th May, either in the Parish Council Office or online via the website www.feockpc.com

Next Parish Council Meetings

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

Monday 11th May – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Electors, starting at 6.30pm

Tuesday 2nd June

Monday 6th July – Carnon Downs Village Hall

No meeting in August

Tuesday 8th September

The Planning Committee Meetings are held regularly generally monthly, Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings are held on a quarterly basis and the Access and Amenities Committee meet generally on the third Thursday of each month. Check the website and noticeboards for the dates and agenda, or call us at the Parish Office for details of items on the agenda and the next meeting date.

‘Councillors surgeries’ will be held prior to the start of each full Parish Council Meeting from 6.30pm, where residents can come and discuss any issues they have with councillors. There is a Public Participation session at the start of each Parish Council and Planning Meeting where residents can raise issues with the Council.

Parish Council Ward Vacancies

We still have two vacancies for Ward Councillors, one in Devoran and one in Feock, if you would like to become a Councillor please contact Debra in the Parish Council Office for more information.



Parish Council Offices Opening Hours

The Parish Council offices 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@feockpc.com or Debbie Searle (Assistant Clerk) debbie@feockpc.com

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