

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT VERSION

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 26th March 2024.

Present

Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. P. Archer	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. D. King
Cllr. R. Maycock	Cllr. M. Patterson
Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. E. Wager

In Attendance: Cllr. I. Saxby

634. Apologies

Apologies was received from Cllrs. Dennis and Maciejowska. The Council accepted their apologies.

635. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Lamb declared an interest in the Plans & Highways minutes 5th March 2024, Planning application 4083/23/FUL,

636. Notifications of items of interest as the discretion of the chair. No action can be taken on these items.

Cllr. B. Lamb:

1. The X ray machine in Tavistock hospital was currently not working. It will be replaced, but in the meantime a mobile unit will be brought in.
2. Part of the Bere Ferrers quay paving stones are eroded. The Clerk was asked to inform West Devon Borough Council for them to inspect and repair.

Cllr. King enquired whether Councillors email addresses could be listed on the website. It was discussed by the Clerk that email addresses will be put on the website, once all Councillors have a gov. uk email address.

Cllr. Pengelly reported a trip hazard of a raised step along the path between Victoria Social Club and Cornwall Street. The Clerk to report to West Devon Borough Council.

Cllr. Grose:

1. Reported there were certain street lamps on all night and she was having issues reporting it on the Devon County Council website. The Clerk and Cllr. Grose to review after the meeting.
2. The Bere Ferrers Social Club are asking whether information concerning the Parish Council can be added to their website. It was discussed a link to the council website could be added to their website. And the Annual Parish Meeting, will be taking place at the Bere Ferrers Church Hall on Tuesday 30th April 2024.
3. Has been advised that houses in this area should not use cavity wall installation, due to high weather exposure. Can this information be added to the Parish website? It was advised that this should be reported to Tavistock Energy Group or Building Control.

637. Chair's Report

The Council are still waiting on West Devon Borough Council to confirm the Committee date to discuss the Co-Op application.

The Council have received over 150 responses following the Sports Development consultation.

638. To receive reports from the District Councillors

Cllr. I Saxby's update:

1. The Council are either accepting or rejecting the Devon Devolution Deal and their response is that District Councils would get less say in the Devolution Deal and would not be included in transport or housing plans. Also Plymouth and Torbay would get three representatives, but District Council only two, therefore there would be less power overall for District Councils. This this something WDBC would like changed.
2. At a recent Peer Meeting, it was stated that West Devon is considered a top Council in the area.
3. Will be attending a meeting to obtain an update on the electric charging points in Pilgrim Drive, but it is now expected they will be installed at the end of 2024.
4. Transferring the piece of land at Pilgrim Drive for additional car parking spaces has been prioritised.

639. To receive a report from the County Councillor

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

640. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 27th February 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Archer proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Matters Arising

Minute 579 (554) Devon County Council have confirmed there is no budget to install an additional street light in Fore Street, Bere Alston. Cllr Lamb proposed two members of the Council form an action team to reach the costs and grants to have a light installed. Cllrs. Leithall and Maycock volunteered to form the group.

Minute 581 The Clerk reported to Voneus Broadband, residents complains regarding their issues and read out an email from Voneus apologising and stating this would not happen again.

Minute 582 Cllr. Crozier attended the Planning Workshop run by CRPE Devon on 8th March and proposed that the Council consider joining the organisation. To be added to next F & G.P Agenda.

Cllr. Patterson proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Archer.

SO, RESOLVED

641. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 5th March 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Maycock proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

Matters Arising

Minute 591 The tree overhanging on the path between the Parish Hall carpark and the Doctors Surgery has been cut back by the Owner. After reviewing, if more is required to be removed, the Clerk will inform the Owner.

Cllr. Maycock proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

SO, RESOLVED

642. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 12th March 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. King.

Matters Arising

Minute 599

The Clerk has received an update on the roadworks due to commence on 8th April and will circulate the information after the meeting.

Minute 599

Before the next Open Space meeting, members of the public will be asked to attend the Council Chambers at 7 pm, to comment on the proposed expansion of the Down playpark.

Minute 602

The Clerk apologised for not adding the Open Spaces recommendation to the F & G.P's 19th March agenda and it will be discussed at the April F & G.P meeting.

Minute 603

The Clerk to ask the West Devon Locality Officer to visit the Bere Alston recreational field during a junior football game to observe if any dog owners are not adhering to the rule that dogs should be kept on a lead when sport is being played.

Minute 607

A contractor will carry out the work at the Bere Alston allotment site, discussed and agreed on at a previous meeting, when the weather improves.

Minute 608

The Rospa Reports have been completed and the Clerk to forward on to Councillors.

Cllr. Pengelly approved adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. King.

SO, RESOLVED

643. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 19th March 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Maycock proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

Matters Arising

Minute 615

The additional planning condition for the Co-op application has been submitted and the Planning Officer confirmed to the Clerk, it is a consideration, not a condition.

Minute 616

Following the proposal that the Council, as the result of information received from the owners of adjacent land, believes the West Devon Planning Department and County Highways have been misinformed by the Developer with regard to the access over land required for visibility, the Clerk has written to the Senior West Devon Planning Officer. Cllr. Saxby stated she recently received confirmation the application will be discussed at the April West Devon Committee meeting.

Minute 617

It is reported that the Denham Bridge has been hit again. Cllr. Saxby stated she had been informed that the bridge had incurred 3 major hits over the last 10 years. This was disputed by some members. Discussions on preventive measures by Devon County Council are ongoing.

Cllr. Maycock proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

SO, RESOLVED

644. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 19th March 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Pengelly.

Matters Arising

Minute 621

The reported Facebook comment regarding the Parish Council are going to clamp vehicles in the Parish Hall carpark appears to have been removed. No further action required.

Cllr. Leithall proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Archer.

SO, RESOLVED

645. Approval of guttering and step works at the Bere Ferrers War Memorial

Cllr. Lamb discussed that the proposal is to completely rebuilt the guttering and replace the steps with cobble stones. A grant and money raised by various groups will cover the costs and Mr. John Bailey will undertake the work. It was not possible to obtain other quotes, due to the skilled nature of the work to be carried out.

Cllr. Lamb therefore proposed that the Council issue a contract to John Bailey to carry out the work. Seconded by Cllr. Patterson. All in agreement.

646. D Day 80th Anniversary – lighting of the beacon

After discussions it was agreed to light the beacon again the Bowling Club. Cllr. Crozier to liaise with the British legion to confirm their plans, but the proposed plan is the Parish Council will host a tea party in the Parish Hall after the British Legion parade. It was agreed that after knowing their plans, the Council to form a work party to organise events. To be discussed at the next meeting.

647. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

648. Questions from any members of the public present, at the discretion of the Chair.

Cllr. Saxby brought up Hope Cottage's litter bin. Currently it is emptied by volunteers. Could it be emptied either by West Devon or the Parish Council? Item to be referred to the next F & G.P Committee for discussion.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 30th April 2024