

DRAFT VERSION

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 8.15 pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. B. Lamb Vice-Chair of the Committee  
Cllr. P. Crozier Chair of the Council  
Cllr. V. Grose Cllr. D. Pengelly

In Attendance: Cllr. C. Shaw

**689. Apologies**

Cllrs. Dennis, Leithall and Maycock sent their apologies. The Committee accepted their apologies.

**690. Declaration of Interest**

None were made.

**691. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items at this meeting**

Cllr. Crozier confirmed he will be giving a donation of £100 to Bere Alston British Legion for their forthcoming D Day celebrations, out of his Chair's Allowance.

**692. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

There were no matters arising.

**693. To accept the April 2024 accounts for payment**

Cllr. Crozier proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Grose.

**694. To accept the F & G.P Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Cllr. Crozier proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Grose.

**695. Review the Earmark Reserves**

After review, Cllr. Crozier accepted the report, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**696. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Cllr. Grose proposed acceptance of the reconciled bank statement, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

**697. Review the Asset Register list 2023-24**

The Committee reviewed and accepted the register. Final approval will be at the Full Council meeting, to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**698. Discuss West Devon Borough Council's proposed Asset Transfer of land at Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston for car parking to the Parish Council**

West Devon Borough Council have written to the Council proposing the transfer of the piece of land at Pilgrim Drive for a

nominal sum of one pound and that the Council cover West Devon's legal fees. Cllr. Crozier proposed accepting the offer, seconded by Cllr. Lamb. The Clerk was asked to start the process and make contact with LiveWest to gain formal permission to access the site over their land from the public highway.

**699. Approve Open Spaces recommendation and costs for work required at the Bere Ferrers recreational car park**

The Clerk outlined the proposed costs. Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the costs, including 10% for contingency, seconded by Cllr. Grose. The Clerk to liaise with the Workman on when the work can commence.

**700. Approve Open Spaces recommendation to purchase Bere Alston playpark equipment**

Clerk and Cllr. Pengelly met with a representative from ESP Play Parks and now awaiting quotes for a traversing wall and replacement of surfacing for both Sarah Park and the Down. Cllrs. Pengelly and Grose met with a representative from Fresh Air Fitness to discuss purchasing two pieces of gym equipment. It was agreed to defer approval of purchases until all quotes have been received. Cllr. Pengelly was asked to bring to next meeting, a map of where the equipment will be placed in the recreational field.

Cllr. Pengelly stated installing bonded rubber in the Down playpark would be quite expensive, therefore further discussions on what to install, would be discussed at the next Open Spaces Meeting.

**701. Approve purchase of yellow paint for Parish Hall carpark**

After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed leaving the purchase of the yellow paint to the Clerk and Chair of the Council. Seconded by Cllr. Grose.

**702. Alternative website providers**

The Clerk discussed her recommendation for a new website provider. After discussions, all were in favour of approving the Clerk's recommendation.

**703. Councillor Training – Rialtas Report Interpretation for Councillors**

After discussions it was agreed that the training was not required.

**704. Request from the Bere Alston Football Club to help finance grass cutting machine**

The Council has been asked to contribute towards purchasing a new grass cutting machine for both the adult and youth football club. After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed replying that the Council at this time, do not have the funds to give a donation to help finance a grass cutting machine. Seconded by Cllr. Crozier. A vote was taken. Two for, one against. One abstention.

**705. Discuss joining CRPE Devon**

Cllr. Crozier, having attended their Planning Workshop in early March 2024, proposed the Council join the organisation for one year to see what benefit it might have for the Council going forward. Devon CPRE is an independent local charity that fights to prevent poor planning and bad policies destroying the rural landscapes that are Devon's unique heritage. They offer professional planning expertise and a wealth of experience to help their members fight inappropriate development throughout the county. Seconded by Cllr. Grose.

## **706. Correspondence**

1. An email from West Devon Borough Council wanting to make residents aware of incidents in Devon of rogue traders knocking on doors and suggesting work needs carrying out on the owner's roof.  
'These people are giving the false impression of being a local reputable company making it difficult to instantly recognise as a rogue trader. Advice from the Local Authority, Devon and Cornwall Police and Trading Standards is not to employ anyone knocking on your door touting for business and we are asking our town and parish councils to advertise this message in their newsletters and on local notice boards so we can get this message to those residents who are not regularly on social media.'  
Information will be distributed on social media and added to the Council's website.
2. The Clerk has been advised by FD Machinery that the Council's small lawnmower is not worth repairing, therefore has sent a quote for purchase of a new mower. The Workman has advised the Clerk that grass cutting will not be able to be done until a new mower is purchased. After discussions it was agreed to obtain another quote for a new machine and to discuss and approval purchase at the Full Council meeting, to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

## **707. Agenda items for the next meeting**

No items were discussed to be added.

## **708. Questions from the public, at the discretion of the Chair**

There was no members of the public present at the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024