

## Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Archer	Cllr. P. Crozier
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. J. Maciejowska
Cllr. C. Shaw	Cllr. E. Wager

In Attendance: Cllrs. M. Patterson & Pengelly.

### 715. Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 716. Declaration of Matters of Interest

There was no declarations.

### 717. Notifications of items for information at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items at this meeting.

Cllr. Patterson asked when the Co-Op planning application will be discussed at a West Devon Committee meeting, as it was due to be discussed at their May meeting, but is not listed on the agenda. It was discussed that it will probably be on the June's meeting agenda.

Cllr. Crozier updated the Committee on the outcome of the public meeting which took place earlier on 7<sup>th</sup> May, between residents and County Councillor, Cllr. Philip Sanders and Simon Hill, the senior Bridge Engineer for the County of Devon, who confirmed Denham Bridge will be reopened on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Measures to ensure it would not be damaged by vehicles were discussed, temporary concrete blocks will be installed and eventually posts, which will be designed to ensure ambulances can get through. The length restrictions for vehicles driving across the bridge will be extended. Cllrs. Sanders and Simon Hill will come back to the Council, once the preventive plan has been fully formulated.

### 718. Matters arising from minutes at the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

There were no matters arising.

### 719. To deal with Planning applications for comment. Interested parties are invited to comment on applications they have an interest in before a decision is made, at the discretion of the Chair.

1145/24/TCA T1: Holly – dead, remove leaving stump at ground level  
Loxmore House, Bedford Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7DF

Comment: The Council will leave the decision the Tree Officer, as the Council have not been able to view documents or photos, via the planning portal.

### 720. Take note of any Planning Applications noted after consideration by the Borough

4083/23/FUL Mr Brian Lamb, Greystone, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JX  
Conversion of existing garage / storage shed into a one bedroom two-person domestic dwelling  
Decision: Refusal

3349/23/FUL Mr and Mrs C Cox, Five Acres, Woolacombe Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7EA  
Demolition of two agricultural outbuildings & erection of new dwelling.  
Decision: Refusal

0794/24/NMM Ms Sue Parker, Orchard Cottage, 1 Gullytown, Weir Quay, Bere Alston, PL20 7BT  
Non-Material Minor Amendment to planning consent 4347/22/HHO for repositioning of window on West Elevation of proposed extension & change from PVCu to powder-coated aluminium windows & external doors on the proposed extension.

Decision: Conditional Approval

4066/23/HHO R E Riddett, Higher Birch Farm, Weir Quay, Bere Alston, PL20 7BY  
Householder application for the installation of air source heat pumps

Decision: Conditional Approval.

### **721. Update on planning application 2435/23/FUL lad at SX 453 669, Burrington Homes**

Cllr. Crozier stated that the Council were disappointed that the planning application had been approved by West Devon Borough Council. Cllr. Lamb stated that the Council had produced written evidence to confirm that the Planning Officers had been misled by the Developers and these documents were sent to West Devon, but had not been uploaded on the planning portal. An appeal from the Council has been sent to the Secretary of State to call in the application, because the Council have an established Neighbourhood plan that has been ignored.

After discussions, Cllr. Maycock proposed the Council write to the Chief Executive and the Director of Strategy and Governance at West Devon Borough Council, stating that this Parish has no confidence in the West Devon Planning Department, as it has now ignored the wishes of this Council and its neighbourhood plan for 4/5 planning applications; Five Acres (3349/23/FUL), Co-Op application, Burrington Homes (2215/22/FUL), Greystone, Bere Ferrers (4038/23/FUL), , Pump Cottage (4034/22/HHO), and Hewton House (0735/21/HHO). Proposal seconded by Cllr. Archer. A vote was taken. Six for, one against. Motion carried.

### **722. Update on proposed asset transfer of land at pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston for car parking**

The Council have been asked by West Devon Borough Council, whether the Parish Council would be happy to take on this land on an unconditional basis or whether the transfer is strictly on a conditional subject to planning basis?

The Committee agreed that the Council would take on the land, on an unconditional basis. All in favour.

### **723. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two**

Cllr. Crozier proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Enforcement cases were discussed under Part 2.

Cllr. Crozier proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska.

### **724. Devon Highways Updates**

Simon Hill, the senior Bridge Engineer for the County of Devon on visiting the Denham Bridge was concerned about the poor signs for the bridge and it was said that a blue sign is only advisory and a white sign is enforceable. It was not proposed by him that the signs be changed.

### **725. Correspondence**

The Clerk has been contacted from the member of the public, regarding a vehicle parking for days in the disabled space in the Parish Hall car park. This issue has been discussed before and if it occurs again, the Clerk will post a note on the vehicle informing them that long periods of parking in one spot is not allowed.

### **726. Questions from any members of the public**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

The Chair thanked the members of the public and Committee members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.42 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee.

Signed this date 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024