

## BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 8.15 pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr. B. Lamb Vice-Chair of the Committee  
Cllr. R. Leithall Chair of the Council  
Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. V. Grose  
Cllr. R. Maycock Cllr. C. Shaw

### **82. Apologies**

Cllr. Crozier sent his apology. The Committee accepted his apology.

### **83. Declaration of Interest**

None were made.

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

Cllr. Grose has spent £20 on rounders equipment for the proposed informal rounders game on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Bere Alston recreational field. To pass the invoice to the Clerk for repayment. Also the Bere Villagers Group's games day, scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June, was cancelled. The event will take place on a later date to be confirmed.

Cllr. Maycock enquired about the state of the grass at the cemetery. The Clerk explained that the Council are still awaiting on delivery of their new lawn mower, therefore the Workman has had to borrowed a lawn mower. He is now working hard to get the cemetery all cut, as well as the rest of the Parish.

Cllr. Dennis stated there are still no width restrictions signs for Denham Bridge on the Buckland Monachorum side. Cllr. Lamb said that Devon Highways were aware and hope the signs will be erected, when further work is carried out on the Bridge on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### **85. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

#### Matters Arising

Minute 30 (700) Repairs to the Down playpark the installation of the traversing wall at Sarah Park are completed. Still waiting on an installation date for the gym equipment.

Minute 30 (706) Still waiting on the delivery of the Council's new mower and replace of the strimmer. In the meantime both machines have been borrowed.

### **86. To accept the June 2024 accounts for payment**

The Clerk to raise an invoice for Bere Alston Regeneration Partnership's share of the annual maintenance of the fire alarm System. Cllr. Dennis proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Grose.

### **87. To accept the F & G.P Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 31st May 2024**

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

### **88. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Cllr. Dennis proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

### **89. Review of the Internal Audit Report for 2023/24**

Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Leithall and commended the Clerk on an excellent report.

#### **90. Review the Heads of Terms for the proposal asset transfer of Land at Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston**

Concerns were raised regarding Point 6 of the proposal and how points 5 and 6 are in conflict. After discussions, the Clerk to reply back to West Devon stating that the sale cost to the Parish Council is £1, however it states under point 6, that if planning consent is obtain, West Devon shall be entitled to a percentage of any increase in value. Therefore the Parish Council need to ensure that planning permission, to convert the land into a carpark, is not part of the overage at all. Also as the Parish Council are to pay for West Devon's legal fees, we wish to know what the costs will be.

The Clerk was also asked to obtain the summary title deed for the LiveWest car park, to check whether access has already been given to cross their land, to the land to be obtained.

#### **91. Repair/replacement of the Parish Hall windows**

Cllr. Dennis updated the Committee on Bere Alston Regeneration Partnership's work that has been/will be carried out on the Parish hall window frames. Rotten wood in some windows has been removed and the frames will be rubbed down and painted later in the year. At present the window frames are in the good condition and it is thought it will be 12/18 months before more work is required. In the meantime, Beregen are looking for grants to fund replacing all the windows.

Quotes have been obtained to replace the front door and fire exits with pvc and it is hoped the new doors will be installed this winter. Cllr. Lamb congratulated Cllr. Dennis on Beregen's work.

#### **92. Update on the conversion of the outside Pavilion toilet to a public toilet**

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

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Cllr. Lamb proposed the Sports Development Committee's proposal to convert the Pavilion toilet into a public toilet goes to the Full Council next week for approval.

#### **93. Discuss initiatives to engage the community**

A member of Music Supporting Youth, an organisation which raises money for children and other causes, was present at the meeting to discuss they will be launching and funding guitar tuition for children. It will be for groups of four and held in venues in both Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.

They also wished to suggest the Parish looking into obtaining a communal mini bus, that all local organisations could use. There is currently a similar project in Callington and is proving very successful. As yet no organisations have been approached about this and this is just an initial discussion. Discussions took place and the Clerk was asked to enquiry with TASS and other organisations regarding offering their services to the youth of the Parish.

**94. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**95. Agenda items for the next meeting**

None were proposed.

**96. 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 9.12 pm.

Signed by the Vice-Chair

Dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024