

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

Present

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| Cllr. R. Maycock | Chair of the Committee |
| Cllr. B. Lamb | Cllr. R. Leithall |
| Cllr. M. Patterson | Cllr. C. Shaw |

115. Apologies

No apologies received.

116. Declaration of Matters of Interest

There was no declarations.

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

Cllr. Maycock said he would not be able to attend the F & G.P meeting on 23rd July and Full Council meeting on 30th July 2024 and requested Cllr. Lamb give the report on the Plans & Highways meeting, at the Full Council meeting.

118. Matters arising from minutes at the meeting held on 4th June 2024

Matters Arising

Minute 61

Discussions took place on the Co-Op planning application and concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians either crossing the road, or having to wait for the bus on the roadside. The recommendation by Devon Highways is 'there should be bus-stops provided with suitable safe pedestrian connections to the site in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development on B3257', but the Developer is not proposing that buses go into the site to set down/pick up, or have stops installed nearer the store.

After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed the Council write to the Planning Officer, copying in Devon Highways, with the following points:

- There should be a warning sign installed on the road, to highlight to drivers the pedestrian crossing.
- The proposed 30 mph should start at the entrance of the Bowling Club.
- For safety reasons, the bus stops should be off road, therefore the buses should enter the store's premises to set down and pick up passengers.

Seconded by Cllr. Patterson. All in favour.

118. 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.

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| <u>1381/24/FUL</u> | Land at Sx 456 639, Bere Ferrers Full planning application to permit the creation of a new machinery barn. |
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Discussions took place on the application and the current Public Path Diversion Modification Order on Footpath 2, which is proposing diverting a section of the path.

Comment: If the machinery barn is required, this Council support the application, however if it is in conflict with the removal and resolution of Footpath 2, the Council does object. If the new diversion on the footpath is approved and the machinery barn does not affect the public footpath, the Council have no objection.

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

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| <u>1145/24/TCA</u> | Mr Partheepan S, 11 Fore Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7AA Proposed front elevation |
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Decision: Refusal

It was noted that the Council had supported this application and Cllr. Angela Blackman is currently investigating as to why it was refused.

120. Discuss correspondence to be sent to the West Devon Planning department

A response to the Council's freedom of Information request to West Devon Borough Council Planning department had been received and a new freedom of information request has been submitted with the Council's response to the email the Council requested to see. Until that has been resolved, no other correspondence is need to be sent to West Devon.

121. Update on Denham Bridge

The Parish Council sent letters to Devon & Cornwall Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Devon County, enquiring why there is nothing in place to prosecute drivers/companies, who damage the bridge. The Police and Crime Commissioner have replied to state that 'these are operational policing matters, and as such it is the Chief Constable, not he Commissioner who has responsibility for this and for our information' and, 'they have forwarded this to North Devon Basic Commander Unit for the local policing team to look into.' Devon & Cornwall Police have acknowledged receipt of the letter, but as yet sent no further information. Devon County Council has not acknowledge receipt of the letter. Once completed, Devon County Council are to send the Parish Council the preventative plan on the bridge, to consult on.

122. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

There were no updated enforcements cases to be discussed.

123. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

124. Items for the next agenda

1. Update on the Co-Op planning application.

125. Questions from any members of the public

There were no further questions from members of the public.

The Chair thanked the members of the public and Committee members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.03 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee.

Signed this date 30th July 2024