

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance: Cllrs. M. Patterson and D. Pengelly.

137. Apologies

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

138. Declaration of Interest

Cllrs. Crozier and Patterson declared an interest in the item, donation request from the Bere Alston Academy Rain Forest Library.

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

Cllr. Lamb confirmed part of the repairs of the Steps by the Bere Ferrers War Memorial have been completed.

Cllr. Dennis commented that whilst a Fire Risk Assessment Officer was conducting a site visit at the Parish Hall, a car was parked outside the Parish Hall fire exit. The owner of the car was contacted and they stated it had been temporarily parked, to unload/load their car. The Fire Risk Assessment noted that the hatched box should be repainted yellow. It was discussed that the repainting of this box and other areas in the carpark, was on the agenda to discuss.

Cllr. Grose who is leading the Rounders Group, has undertaken a DBS check and registered the Council. Cllr. Grose would also like sand/soil to fill in the holes on the recreational field. It was agreed to ask the Workman to fill in the holes.

140. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 18th June 2024

Matters Arising

Minute 84 The Denham Bridge fingerpost is missing. The Clerk to report to Devon Highways. The width restriction sign has been reported.

141. To accept the July 2024 accounts for payment

Cllr. Lamb questioned the cost of the yellow road paint. Cllr. Crozier stated a more industrial paint was required, in order for the lines to last longer. Cllr. Crozier proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

142. To accept the F & G.P Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 30th June 2024

All members approved the report.

143. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 30th June 2024

All members approved the bank reconciliation.

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

The summary title deed for the LiveWest car park has been obtained and Cllr. Leithall confirmed it is not obvious there is a right of way to access the land, therefore the Council will need to speak to LiveWest to gain permission to cross the land. The Clerk has already made contact. The Council will also need to budget to pay the legal expenses of the Parish Council, West Devon Borough Council and Livewest. The Clerk to clarify with West Devon regarding the Council's concerns on Point 6 of their Head of Terms proposal.

145. Update on the conversion of the outside Pavilion toilet to a public toilet

The Contractor has finished repairing the toilet and the hand dryer has been installed. The Clerk has an interview on Wednesday 24th July, for the toilet cleaner role and Cllr. Lamb is still putting together a team of volunteers to close the toilets. It was agreed to ask the Workman to open the toilets during the week and volunteers to open on the weekend. Adam Smith would like the Council's permission to install an outside power connection. All agreed. The Workman to be asked to repair the Referees Door inside the Pavilion.

146. Authorise overtime for the Workman to repaint yellow lines in the Parish Hall carpark

After discussions and a site visit to the carpark, Cllr. Lamb proposed that the space of the right of the Social Club and the yellow lines on the road leading down to the Doctor's surgery, did not require repainting. Seconded by Cllr. Dennis. All in favour. All agreed to repaint the yellow lines on the area to the left of the Social Club and the area in front of the fire exit of the Parish Hall. Cllr. Shaw to organise a working party to fill in the pot holes in the car park.

147. Donation request from the Bere Alston Academy Rain Forest Library

The Clerk read out an email from the Bere Alston Academy Rain Forest Library group, which outlined the community project to build a new library at the Bere Alston Primary School. 'Our new library has an informal and relaxed atmosphere where children sit on cushions and soft rugs to read by themselves, be read to and to have discussions about stories, but we really would like and think it is essential, to have a special 'Story Telling Chair'. The Group requested a donation of £250 towards the cost of making this chair and other furniture. After discussions, Cllr. Leithall proposed a donation of £250, seconded by Cllr. Dennis. All in favour.

148. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

149. Agenda items for the next meeting

The next F & G.P Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024, Cllr. Lamb therefore proposed during August the Clerk be delegated to draw up the accounts and they then be circulated to all members in the usual way. Seconded by Cllr. Dennis. All in favour.

150. 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 8.47 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 30th July 2024