

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr. P. Crozier Chair of the Committee
Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. P. Dennis
Cllr. R. Maycock Cllr. C. Shaw

In Attendance: Cllrs. M. Patterson and one member of the public.

209. Apologies

Cllrs. Leithall and Grose sent their apologies. The Committee accepted their apologies.

210. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

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

Cllr. Dennis asked when the Council Office lift will be served, as the lift tripped during a recent power cut. The Clerk will arrange with the Lift company.

Cllr. Maycock wished to highlight to members recent Facebook posts reporting the amount of dog poo not being picked up at the Bere Alston recreational field. The Clerk did state that the Workman does inform her if the number of dogs poos, he comes across and it is normally a high number.

212. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 23rd July 2024

Matters Arising

Minute 139

Cllr. Lamb confirmed the project to repair of the Steps by the Bere Ferrers War Memorial has been completed and requested the Council write a letter of thanks to Adrian and Diana Mitchell, for their outstanding work designing, and supervising the Contactor and the work.

Cllr. Lamb also requested that the Council write to Trisha and David Kent to thank them for the clearing and replanting of the flower beds and water troughs at the Bere Ferrers War Memorial.

A letter will also be sent to the members of Bere Alston in Bloom who undertook the rejuvenation of the Memorial Garden in Bere Alston.

Minute 140 (84) The Denham Bridge's signage is still not correct and the whole issue of Denham Bridge will be discussed at the next Plans & Highways meeting on 1st October 2024.

Minute 145

The part time Toilet Cleaner for the outside toilet by the Pavilion is contracted to work till 30th October 2024. A question was asked whether they should be closed over winter? It was agreed to defer the decision to the Full Council meeting taking place on 24th September 2024.

Minute 147

School new library is now open and has been a great success.

213. To accept the September 2024 accounts for payment

Cllr. Lamb questioned the amount of electricity charged for the Bere Ferrers public toilet. It was agreed to keep an eye on this.

Cllr. Lamb proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

214.To accept the F & G.P Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 31st August 2024

The Clerk explained why the budget for purchase of cleaning products and toilet rolls was high, is due to having to buy additional equipment and products for the new public toilet. Cllr. Dennis proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

215. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 31st August 2024

Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

216. Update on asset transfer of Land at Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston

The Clerk has been in correspondence with Livewest's Regional Asset Delivery Manager, who has forwarded a list of questions to ask the Council. After discussing the questions, the Clerk to send back the Council's answers.

217. Update on movement of land/trees to the rear of the garages, beside the Parish Hall.

Cllr. Crozier gave an update on the site visit he conducted with Cllr. Leithall and the Workman to assess the issues and the Clerk read out advice received from DALC. After discussions it was agreed to follow DALC's advice, including, the Council writing to the residents asking them remove and stop fly tipping onto the Council land and contacting the West Devon Borough Council tree Officer, requesting a site visit.

218. Discuss overgrown foliage between Parish Hall and the basketball court

Cllr. Shaw volunteered to cut the foliage down and will be able to start the job in a few weeks. A Trustee of Beregen will also help. The Workman will remove the foliage.

219. Repairs/replacement of Parish Hall's fascia boards

Graham Reed, Trustee of Beregen discussed with members, the numerous repairs and replacements of the fascia boards and gutters required around the Parish Hall and would like the work completed, ideally by the end of October. The Clerk to forward a list of local contractors who may be able to carry out the work to Mr. Reed. The cost of the building maintenance will fall to the Council, as they are the land owner.

220. Replacement of Parish Hall front door and emergency exit door to the cark with PVC wood effect doors

Beregen have obtained one quote to replace the doors and will obtain another. Once quotes have been received, along with quotes for the replacement of the fascia boards, the Council will schedule an emergency F & G.P meeting to discuss the costs and approve the work. The cost of the building maintenance will fall to the Council, as they are the land owner.

221. Painting of the step nosing of the steps from the parish hall emergency exit to the car park

The yellow box outside the emergency exit has been completed, but the painting of the nosing of the Steps was not completed. The Clerk to laise with the Workman to get this job completed.

222. Review of car park signage as hall users as finding difficulty in parking due to large vehicles being parked overnight

Recently and mainly due to oversized vehicles being parked in the Parish hall carpark, people have complaint that it is difficult to park their car in the car park. After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed the Council writing a letter to be placed on parked cars, asking that cars please not be park in the carpark until after 8 pm and also that this carpark is not intended for vans to park in. Seconded by Cllr. Dennis. All in favour.

223. Discuss two food ban requests to trade at Bere Alston recreational field and the Parish hall carpark

The Clerk discussed two requests she had received from food vans to trade in the Parish. After discussions, members agreed to allow the Yard Birds mobile van to trade at the Bere Alston recreational field for a trial period until the end of November 2024. A charge to trade will be applicable.

After discussions, all agreed not to give permission for a food van to trade in the Parish hall carpark at the weekend, as the Council does not want to put pressure on parking issues and local businesses, but will suggest other possible better sites.

224. Discuss when to remove remembrance wreaths

The Clerk read out an email from a representative from the Bere Alston British Legion branch which said they had adopted a policy to remove wreaths around the last week in October, in readiness of Remembrance Sunday on the 2nd Sunday of November. After discussions, the Council agreed that the wreaths should be removed at the end of September, thus allowing any remedial work to the memorials at Bere Ferrers and Bere Alston to be done.

225. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Update on asset transfer of Land at Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston.

226. Questions from the public, at the discretion of the Chair

The member of the public present at the meeting, did not have any further questions.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed by the Chair

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Dated 24th September 2024.