

## Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Present**

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. P. Crozier
Cllr. M. Patterson	

### **169. Apologies**

Cllrs. Maciejowska and Shaw sent their apologies. The Council accepted their apologies.

### **170. Declaration of Matters of Interest**

Cllr. Lamb declared an interest, but not a pecuniary interest, in item, To take note of any planning applications noted after consideration by the Borough.

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

There were no items of information.

### **172. Matters arising from minutes at the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

#### Matters Arising

##### Minute 121

The Council had requested from Devon & Cornwall Police information how many offences have been dealt with where vehicles have exceeded the proscribed width limit on bridges in Devon and how many cautions and prosecutions were action in the five years up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Their reply is "To clarify, there isn't a specific in the five years up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024' and 'Between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, there were 3 fixed penalty notices issued for "exceeding permitted width."

### **173. 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.**

2250/22/FUL Mr Marcus Rogers, Land at SX 461 661, Bere Alston  
Erection of lambing shed and creation of new access.

After discussions, all members all agreed to support the application.

Comment: The Council support the application, but on the grounds that this shed will solely be used for agricultural purposes only.

2213/24/HHO Elwell Gardens, Bere Alston, PL20 7HL  
Application for extension to form new porch. Extension to South to form new veranda/sun lounge.  
Installation of roof light & solar panels, external paving/landscaping, replacement of windows/doors & installation of patio doors/first floor window.

The applicants were present at the meeting and gave the members an overview and reasons behind their application. After questions and discussions, all members all agreed to support the application.

Comment: The Council support the application. It is an update of the building and will be very energy efficient. The design will fit in well with the Parish and other houses within the Parish.

4165/23/FUL Tavistock Woodlands, Gulworthy  
Installation of platforms, masts and suspended track to accommodate a safety rail attraction; heritage visitor interpretation provision; open space, landscaping and additional parking.

The Determining Officer has requested consultations with neighbouring parishes as part of the reconsult.

The Clerk read out sections of the design and access statement to members, The main revised proposal are two main elements, a revised car-parking arrangements and a new attraction.

After discussions, a vote was taken by the members. Three for, one against. Motion carried to object to the application.

Comment: This Council object to this application. The new structure of the site is not in keeping with the existing Tamar Trials ethos, which moulded itself with the Tamar Valley National Landscape philosophy.

#### **174. 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

After discussions, it was agreed that Cllrs. Crozier and Maycock to draw up a response to the appeal and the Clerk to send to West Devon Planning Department.

2076/24/AGR Dawe Farmers Ltd, Merton Bungalow, Station Road, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JP  
Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed alteration/demolition/partial demolition of existing agricultural buildings and construction of a new building/extension storage building  
Decision: Prior Approval not required

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

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

Enforcement cases were discussed under Part 2.

Cllr. Maycock proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

#### **176. Tamar Valley National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030 Consultation**

After discussions it was agreed that Cllrs. Lamb and Maycock will complete the survey on behalf of the Council.

#### **177. West Devon Borough Council's introduction of the use of Parish Housing Profiles within the Borough**

The Clerk read out to members details of what the Parish Housing profiles was. All was noted by members.

#### **178. Correspondence**

1. Email from owners of a small mobile food service, who are interested in pitching up at the recreational field in Bere Alston, particularly when the football and rounders sessions are on in the evening.

Discussions took place on the Councils past reservations of allowing trading at the recreational field, mainly due to noise and litter, but if allowed, there would be a charge. It was discussed that permission could not be given by this Committee and therefore something for the Full Council to consider perhaps for next summer.

It was agreed though that the Council did require more details on what they would be selling and also the Council should consult with the Football Club and Rounders Club, saying this service has been offered

#### **177. Items for the next agenda**

Aside from the usual items for the agenda, no other items were suggested for the next meeting.

**178. Questions from any members of the public**

A member of the public – ‘Given the current status of The Convenience Store Application, does this committee feel the need to call for all Council Members to take a binding vote on whether to continue to support the application?’

After discussions, it was stated that the Council was not capable of going back and debating on an application that has already been decided on by West Devon Borough Council. It was also stated that at the Council meeting, held on 30th July 2024, the agreed that they, if there was an appeal on the application, would only be able to comment on any new material/information and if a new application is submitted, the Council ought to relook at the Council’s position on the applications.

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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024