

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

277. Apologies

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

278. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

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

Cllr. Dennis - The Bere Alston in Bloom Group won the Gold award as the best large village category in the South West regional final of the RHS Britain in Bloom (BIB) competition. The Clerk to send a letter, on behalf of the Council, congratulating them on their success.

280. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 17th September 2024

Matters Arising

- Minute 211 The Council Office lift has been serviced and the battery replaced. The battery replacement should stop the lift being tripped during power cuts.
- Minute 218 It was noted that the cutting of the foliage between the Parish Hall and the basketball court has not been done and will be scheduled in completed in due course.
- Minute 219 Cllr. Dennis to pass onto the Clerk the quotes he has obtained for the repairs/replacement of the Parish Hall's fascia boards. The Clerk to arrange for the Contractors to conduct a site visit.
- Minute 221 The Clerk to schedule with the Workman, a date the yellow lanes on the nosing from the Parish Hall emergency exit to the car park will be painted.
- Minute 222 Letters were posted on cars/vans parked in the Parish Hall car park and the Council will continue to monitor the situation.

281. To accept the October 2024 accounts for payment

The invoice for the purchase of the rubbering chippings will be paid on delivery. Cllr. Crozier proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

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

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

283. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 30th September 2024

Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance of the statement, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

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

After discussions, it was agreed that before the Council can proceed any further, approx. costs and a budget need to be put together. Cllrs. Leithall, Dennis and Crozier agreed to form a Task & Finish Group to complete this task and present a budget at the next F & G.P meeting.

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

The owners of the garages were present at the meeting to hear the update. The Council has written to the resident requesting a site meeting to discuss how to proceed to resolve the issue and they have agreed to meet. The Clerk to arranged the meeting. The Council will keep the owners of the garages informed of any further updates.

286. Discuss hiring a contractor to undertake certain projects around the Parish

The Casual Toilet Cleaner is able to offer three days w/c 28 October 2024 to help the Workman complete the wooden surround at the Down playpark. After discussions the Council agreed to engage him to work along the Workman to help complete the project.

It was agreed that the Cllr. Crozier and the Clerk will source someone to cut the grass at the Bere Ferrers recreational field.

Cllr. Dennis confirmed that a contractor has been engaged to repair the window frames around the Parish Hall.

287. Discuss the Bere Alston recreational field track's finance.

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

Discussions took place within Part 2.

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

An application to part fund the field track has been submitted to West Devon Borough Council and various staffing issues were discussed.

288. Review recommendations following the annual Council Office lift maintenance.

Following the annual service of the lift, the Company had two recommendations, including installing a louder alarm sounder for trapped passengers. After a demonstration of the alarm sound and further discussions, it was agreed by all that the recommendations were not required. There was a sign on the lift saying do not use, if alone in the building.

289. Review of NALC's new Model Financial Regulations

Cllrs. Lamb and Leithall agreed to review the new document and present the reviewed document at the January F & G.P meeting.

290. Correspondence

There was none.

291. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Proposed budget for the transfer of Land at Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston.
2. 2025-26 Budget.

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

The members 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 8.33 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 29th October 2024