

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 4th March 2025.

Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. R. Leithall	Chair of the Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. J. Maciejowska	

In Attendance: Cllr. R. Perry

606. Apologies

Cllrs. Shaw and Patterson gave their apologies. Accepted by the Council.

607. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None.

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

Cllr. Crozier confirmed that the Chair of Gulworthy Parish Council had stated that they are also experiencing issues with the West Devon Borough Planning Department. Cllr. Lamb highlighted that, according to the minutes of a meeting held at Tavistock Town Council, comments submitted by the Town Council had not been uploaded to the planning portal and the minutes noted that this was not the first time such an issue had occurred.

609. Matters arising from minutes at the meeting held on 4th February 2025

The minutes were approved and adopted at the Council meeting held on 25th February 2025.
There were no matters arising.

610. 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.

0451/25/HHO Julie Marks, 24 Chapel Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7DE
Application for single storey side extension
Comment: The Council have no objection.

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

2939/24/FUL Dawe. Farmers Ltd, Merton Bungalow, Station Road, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JP
Construction of two manure store covers & concreting of existing yard areas
Decision: Conditional Approval.

3272/24/FUL Weir Quay Community Watersports Hub Ltd
Extension to rear of boat shed to provide sailing equipment store & relocation of disabled parking, including variation of Condition 7 pursuant to Decision 2797/17/VAR to permit maintenance vehicles and disabled persons vehicles to use board yard front access
Decision: Conditional Approval.

4045/24/CTN Land at Sx 445 672, Tuckermarsh, Bere Alston
Temporary campsite notification to operate between 04/07/2025 and 01/09/2025
Decision: Prior approval not required

4135/23/HHO Mr & Mrs Giles, 27 Pounds Park Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7AY
Application for proposed two storey side extension to dwelling
Decision: Refusal

3737/24/HHO Mr William Pyle, 61A Broad Park Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7DT
Application for conservatory on north side of bungalow
Decision: Conditional Approval

612. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

Cllr. Crozier proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska. Cllr. Leithall proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. Enforcement cases were discussed under Part 2.

613. Update from Devon Highways

It has been reported to Cllr. Crozier that the Devon Highways Officer is currently working part time, therefore may have less time to deal with queries raised to them by this parish.

614. Update from the Planning Sub-Committee

Cllr. Maycock provided an update on the sub-committee's progress, stating that they are finalising a letter to be sent to West Devon Borough Council. During discussions, it was suggested that the Chair of Gulworthy Parish Council be approached to explore the possibility of a joint meeting with this Parish Council to discuss their shared concerns regarding West Devon Planning.

Cllr. Lamb proposed submitting the following Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to West Devon Borough Council:

1. The total number of planning applications (excluding tree-related applications) processed in the year 2022.
2. The number of those applications that were considered at a Committee meeting.
3. The number of those applications that were delegated and determined by Planning Officers.
4. The total number of planning applications (excluding tree-related applications) processed in the year 2023.
5. The number of those applications that were considered at a Committee meeting.
6. The number of those applications that were delegated and determined by Planning Officers.

The Council discussed the potential benefits of obtaining this information. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Crozier and unanimously approved.

615. Correspondence

Email from West Devon Borough Council inviting two/three members of the Parish Council to an online briefing regarding the latest national planning guidance and the implications of this for the Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan. The briefing will take place on Wednesday 12 March at 5.00 pm and include a summary of the current position and plenty of opportunity for questions. The summary slides and a recording of the session will be available after the event.

After discussions, it was agreed Cllrs. Crozier, Lamb and Maycock will attend.

616. Items for the next agenda

1. Update for the Planning Sub-Committee.
2. Update following the online National Planning guidance briefing.

617. Questions from any members of the public

No members of the public were present. The Chair thanked the Committee members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.29 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this date 25th March 2025.