

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 5th August 2025.

Present

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

In Attendance: Cllr. V. Grose, Cllr. C. Shaw, Cllr. E. Wager

208. Apologies

Cllr. R. Leithall, Cllr. J. Maciejowska and Cllr. P. Archer sent their apologies, which were accepted by the Committee.

209. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None.

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

Cllr. Grose reported:

1. Following the Council meeting held on 29th July in Bere Ferrers Church Hall, that members of the public commented afterwards that they had difficulty hearing the Councillors. It was suggested that, when the venue is used again, Councillors to use a microphone.
2. The issue of the sewer spill on footpath 89 is being dealt with by the Public Rights of Way Warden.
3. The follow up event with the Tamar Community Energy on heat pumps and the thermal imaging camera will take place on Saturday 13th September, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Bere Alston.

211. Matters arising from the minutes at the meeting held on the 1st July 2025

The minutes were approved and adopted at the Council meeting held on 29th July 2025.

Matters Arising

Minute 146

The Clerk reported that Tavistock Town Council had said it would be OK for their Council Chamber to be used for a meeting, provided it takes place during the day. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer a decision on the venue and date of the meeting, until the next Committee meeting.

212. 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.

4096/24/FUL Peninsula Care Ltd, West View Residential Home, 72 Broad Park Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7DU
Temporary change of use (for up to two years) of ancillary building from C2 to C3 residential dwelling to provide single person accommodation

Comment: The Committee has no objection and all in favour of supporting the application.

1878/25/HHO Mr L Ormston, 12 Tamar Close, Bere Alston, PL20 7HF
Householder application to convert integral garage to form bedroom & permeable finishes at new parking space to fore of property

Comment: The Council support the application.

2075/25/OPA DG CM WA Horton, Land At Sx 464 674 (Leigh Farm), Bere Alston
Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for agricultural workers dwelling

After discussions, a vote was taken. Two for, 2 abstain. Motion Carried.

Comment: The Council have no objection

1104/25/FUL Down Farm Barn, Bere Alston, PL20 7JD
 READVERTISEMENT (revised description) Amalgamation of Down Farm Barn & the Annexe, with alterations;
 construction of new garage & workshop
 Comment: The Council support the application

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

1472/23/HHO 46 Sherrell Park, Bere Alston, PL20 7AZ
 Householder application for extension to provide porch incorporating WC
 Decision: Conditional Approval

214. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

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215. Discuss public complaints regarding parking and speeding in Bere Alston

The Clerk read out three emails received from concerned residents:

1. A resident living on the Down raising concerns about speeding and poor parking, and noted the absence of speed limit signs.

Cllr. Maycock advised that where street lighting is present the speed limit is automatically 30 mph. It was noted that the road becomes particularly busy on football match days, but there are currently no parking restrictions in place. The Council agreed to again ask the Adult and Junior Football Team managers to remind visitors not to speed and to park more considerately.

2. A resident asking if anything can be done about the parking around the Lockeridge road junction opposite the fire station? As it has become increasingly difficult to avoid an accident when as a driver you cannot see left or right when pulling out due to the cars and vans blocking the view.

A member of the public present at the meeting, also raised concerns regarding vehicles being parked too close to the junction of Lockeridge Road and Station Road. They also highlighted that drivers are speeding around the corner of Tap Hill. Cllr. Maycock suggested that the Parish Council write to Devon Highways, copying in Cllr. Fife Cook, to highlight that these areas are accidents waiting to happen and to ask what possible measures to address the issues could be considered.

Discussions took place between a member of the public and Councillors regarding speeding on Station Road. The member of the public again asked about the proposal to install speed bumps. Cllr. Patterson confirmed that the school had not made an application for speed bumps. Instead, the school was hoping to have a flashing 20 mph sign installed, which they hoped would be funded and implemented by Devon Highways.

216. Discuss West Devon draft statement of licensing policy consultation

West Devon Borough Council is undertaking a consultation process to review its Statement of Licensing Policy and would like to hear people's views. The consultation provides their existing policy and their draft policy showing their amendments along with an opportunity to give your views <https://statementoflicensingpolicy.commonplace.is/>. Alternatively, you can e-mail your comments to licensing@swdevon.gov.uk. The consultation runs until Tuesday 30 September 2025. Noted by members.

217. Correspondence

1. An email from Cllr. Sutton confirming the schedule for the ceremony to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on 15th August. The two-minute silence will begin at 12 noon to coincide with the national period of silence. RBL members will assemble at 1145 and all member of the public are invited to attend.

2. Cllr. Lamb suggested the Parish Council's views on the proposed devolution, already submitted to DALC, also be submitted to West Devon Borough Council and Devon County Council.

218. Items for the next agenda

1. Propose date/venue for meeting with other members of Parish/Town Councils to discuss concerns/issues with the West Devon Borough Planning Department.
2. Report on meeting with Chief Planning Officer

219. Questions from any members of the public

The member of the public present had asked their question under item 215. The Chair thanked the Committee members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this date 30th September 2025