

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 28th July 2026.

Present

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

In Attendance:

Cllr. E. Wager

185. Apologies

None received.

186. Declaration of Matters of Interest

Cllr. Patterson declared an interest in planning application 3548/25/HHO.

187. 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.

1788/26/FUL Higher Clamoak, Bere Alston, PL20 7BU
Erection of dwelling

It was noted that the revised planning application had been amended to take account of previous comments, including revisions to the siting and design of the proposed dwelling. It was stated that the application relates to an essential and viable agricultural business and that it complies with the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council supports and commends the application.

Comment: The Parish Council supports and commends this application. The proposal complies with the Council's adopted Neighbourhood Plan and relates to an essential and viable agricultural business within the Parish.

3548/25/HHO 26 Drakes Park, Bere Alston, PL20 7AL
Householder application to create parking area, including removal of garden and wall

Members noted that parking is an ongoing issue within the street, therefore this proposal would help to alleviate some of the existing parking pressures. It was also queried why the submitted plans appeared to show the provision of a parking space at No. 27, despite the application relating solely to No. 26.

Cllr. Maciejowska raised concerns regarding replacing soft landscaping with hardstanding and the implications for surface water drainage. It was noted, however, that the application included appropriate surface water drainage information and that the site lies in a low risk of flooding.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council supports the application.

Comment: The Parish Council support this application and it will help to alleviate some of the existing parking pressures on that road

0850/26/TPO Devon Reach, Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston, PL20 7DB
T1, T2: Oak - crown height reduction of 2 metres.

After discussions, all agreed that the application should be determined on the advice of the Tree Officer.

Comment: The Parish Council refer the decision to the Tree Officer.

188. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

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

Cases were discussed under Part 2.

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

Members received an update regarding a number of ongoing planning enforcement cases. Under Part 2, it was agreed and resolved that the Parish Council would write formally to West Devon Borough Council's Enforcement Department to express the Council's disappointment at the lack of progress and enforcement action in relation to a number of ongoing enforcement cases. It was further agreed that copies of the correspondence would be sent to Cllr. Angela Blackman and Cllr. Michael Fife Cook for their information.

189. Questions from any members of the public

Cllr. Maycock asked, in relation to the limited available affordable housing within the village, what was happening to No. 4 The Close, which is currently vacant. It was confirmed that LiveWest intends to sell the property.

There were no members of the public present. The Chair thanked the Committee members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.28 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this date 29th September 2026