

## Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

### Present

Cllr. M. Page-Bailey	Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr. D. M. A Chapman	Cllr. R. Maycock
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. S. Hanson	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. G. R. Reed
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. E. K. Wager

### 1893. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Boot-Handford due to holiday, Cllr. Crozier due to prior engagement.

### 1894. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.

1. Cllr. Reed – my wife and I will be hosting an Open Garden Day for St. Luke’s Hospice on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August at Hunters Oak.
2. Cllr. Reed – the 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be the official opening of the Weir Quay Hub Club’s club house.
3. Cllr. Pengelly – a parishioner stopped me to ask if Council knew of a Tamar Housing, as they had left a note on her gate stating “could you contact us about trees on her land”.
4. Cllr. Pengelly – The Bere Alston Fire Station Officers did a sponsored cycle ride from Bere Alston to Princetown. Cllr. Pengelly has just been presented with a cheque for £400.00.
5. Cllr. Hanson – the lady who has won the Eeon Wager Trophy is not able to attend tonight, but will attend Full Council in September to receive the trophy.
6. Cllr. Dennis – attended the Youth 2 Youth AGM last week, a lot of good things are going on. They are also trying to get around the problems that have been going on in the area a total of £2,000 in vandalism has been done. Some were shocked about money being spent on trips and activities in fact money will no longer be spent on activities. Cllr. Dennis reported that he is now the Y2Y’s new Treasurer.
7. Cllr. Page-Bailey – reported that when the workman was on annual leave there was no marker left on a grave for the grave diggers. Because it was early in the morning they knocked on the workman’s door, it was sorted satisfactorily. Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed that the workman be paid the emergency call out rate, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. A vote was taken 9 for 2 abstentions.

### 1895. Chairman’s Report.

First of all I apologise for not being at tonight’s meeting, but this family holiday was booked last November. This has been a challenging month for Council and I am sure that in the course of this evening’s meeting you will be brought up to date with matters so I do not intend to take up more time than is necessary with this report.

This month I have represented Council at the launch of the survey “Valuing the Tamar Valley Line.” I was the only representative from anyone not closely involved with the survey and, sadly, the event was very poorly attended. I found the presentation by Richard Burningham very interesting and the stats available

from the survey are very encouraging. There is a copy available for anyone who would like it or you can access the full report through the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership website. Just one interesting stat is that the value of the railway to Devon over a year is £6.5 million pounds!

I have two responsibilities thus far in August: judging the Open Gardens Scarecrow competition and ensuring that Hugh & Barbara Harrison receive flowers and a card from Council to celebrate their Diamond Wedding.

**1896. To approve the minutes of Full Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> June as a true record and taken as read.**

Cllr. Page- Bailey proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**Matters Arising**

Minute 1827(1769) – Cllr. Dennis is still checking the ownership of the land at the rear of the Parish Hall from the speed bump to the rear of the book shop.

Minute 1830(1793) – Cllr. Pengelly spoke with Mr. Graham- Drury about possible funds for improvement to the cycle track at The Recreation field The Down. There are no funds from the original group.

Minute 1830 (1793(3) – Cllr. Lamb- stated that the lock on the emergency sandbag store is seized up.

Minute 1830(1797 – Cllr. Lamb stated that a work party to finish off the entrance to Bere Ferrers recreation field will be down there tomorrow at 10.30am.

Minute 1830 (1799) Cllr. Dennis reported that the grave diggers and undertakers were unable to attend the Cemetery sub-committee meeting.

Minute 1831 (1807) Cllr. Dennis- reported that Beregen Trustees did meet with Playgroup. They ceased trading last week. There will be a new Preschool opening in September on the School premises. At this moment in time no one knows anything about any details. The Trustees will be advertising the room down stairs to let. Cllr. Dennis had an email from a parishioner stating they have not been able to register with the new playschool. Cllr. Lamb informed council that the person to contact is [JackieColley@devon.gov.uk](mailto:JackieColley@devon.gov.uk) Family years and Children's Activities on 01392-383000, as he understands it is all go.

**SO RESOLVED**

**1897. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Cllr. Reed proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

**SO RESOLVED**

**1898. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Footpath and Environment meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Hanson proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

**Matters Arising.**

Minute 1850 Cllr. Hanson – noted that there were a few Footpaths not allocated this was corrected and now all paths have been allocated for inspection.

Cllr. Hanson proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

**SO RESOLVED**

1899. **To approve and adopt the minutes of Open Spaces held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Wager proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**Matters Arising**

Minute 1860 Cllr. Page-Bailey confirmed that he did get a quote from the company that supplied the rubber chip for The Down last year. Cllr. Lamb is speaking with Cllr. Sanders to try and get a grant towards the cost of the drainage etc. from his budget allocation.

Cllr. Wager proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**SO RESOLVED**

1900. **To approve the minutes of the Special Full Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July as a true record, and taken as read.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed approval of the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

**SO RESOLVED**

1901. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

**Matters Arising**

Minute 1871 – The Clerk has been in contact with Mr. Hingston, who has quoted £200 to replace the main gate post at the recreation field The Down.

Minute 1814 – The Clerk has spoken with Mr. Blamey. He has not started on the noticeboards and was awaiting Council's decision on placement of the Bere Alston one.

Minute 1878 – Cllr. Wager – was not in agreement with someone outside of this Council dealing with Staff Wages. This is parishioner's money we are proposing to spend; other Councils are cutting back on their spending.

Cllr. Page-Bailey- Cllr. Wager as you were not here for the Special Meeting I will explain why it is cheaper to engage a pay role company to undertake the wages.

Heated discussions took place and Cllr. Wager walked out of the meeting.

Cllr. Crozier supports the Council it is good value for money.

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly

**SO RESOLVED**

1902. **To complete the Audit for 2017-18.**

Discussions took place with regards to how we reply to the assertions and we take a vote on each answer on page 4.

Assertion 1. - A vote was taken regards answering No to this question. 6 No,s 1 Yes and 3 abstentions.

This Council is setting up a Rialtas Alpha Account package to overcome the comment made by our Auditor.

Assertion 2. – A vote was taken regards answering Yes to this question. All were in favour.

Cllr. Maycock- policies have been put in place to correct these problems.

Assertion 3. - A vote was taken regards answering Yes all were in favour.

Assertion 4. - A vote was taken regards answering No to this question. 7 No,s and 4 abstentions.

This was a clerical error and has been noted.

Assertion 5. - A vote was taken regards answering No to this question. 5No's, 2 Yes's and 3 abstentions  
This Council has considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them by setting up the Rialtas package and putting policies in place.

Assertion 6. – A vote was taken regards answering Yes all were in favour.

Assertion 7. – A vote was taken regarding answering No to this question all were in favour.  
This Council did not respond to some matters brought to their attention last year, but have now put policies in place to correct this problem.

Assertion 8. – A vote was taken to answering Yes all were in favour.

Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that the asset register was not correct or up to date.

Cllr. Page –Bailey proposed the signing off of the Audited accounts for 2017-18, seconded by Cllr. Leithall, all present were in favour.

### 1903. **Internal Audit carried out by Cllr. Hanson and Cllr. Leithall.**

Cllr. Hanson reported that they chose Allotment income and followed through 3 separate entries from receipt book to cheque paying in sheet, total was confirmed by bank statement sheet. Audit was passed.

### 1904. **To receive a report from Cllr. Boot-Handford on Southern Links meeting.**

- Clarification was given about the eligibility criteria for the new Community Fund and the point was made that it is open to any Voluntary group from the community. D.C.C. will assess each application for its eligibility and then after scrutiny by Southern Links the final decision will be made by a rep from D.C.C. and one from W.D.B.C. Projects that can show evidence of matched funding will be given preference.
- West Devon's local plan is progressing well and they hope to have the report from the inspector by January 2019.
- New waste scheme seems to have settled down after initial phase. W.D. have just joined the Institute of Customer Excellence and have sent out random surveys to ask how well (or otherwise) people feel they respond to issues. They are not expecting to do too well to start with, but once they have a bench mark they will aim to improve.
- Sgt. Pennie Channing reported that year on year crime in our area is up 30% but as our figures are very low percentages can be misleading because when there has just been one crime and then the following month there are two it sounds as if there's been 100% increase.

National Parks are in the early days of a period of review. They have introduced pay and conserve fees in their car parks, but this will only go towards the cost of running them; it will not cover the costs

### 1905. **Report by Cllr. Lamb on West Devon Borough Council.**

Cllr. Lamb- West Devon is looking at its short fall and has decided to close public toilets and hand them over to Parish Council's to run. Our Parish Council has a fate a comple which Cllr. Lamb will be pointing out to West Devon Borough Council.

The Government is in the process of changing 2 or 3 rules on empty properties.

About 6-9 months ago I tackled Network Rail about Bere Alston Station and the cars, also the rubbish Mark Langman has been in touch to say all rubbish will be removed.

### 1906. **Correspondence.**

1) The Clerk sought payment of the following accounts.

a) Mill Hill Quarry – Stone for Bere Ferrers entrance.	£278.40
b) Post Office Ltd – BT Broad Band	£165.04
c) Post Office Ltd – EDF toilets Bere Alston /Bere Ferrers/Pavilion/Office	£178.08

Cllr. Dennis proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Hanson

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

Chairman.....