

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Church Hall, Bere Ferrers on Tuesday 30th October 2018

Present

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

2018. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis due to business.

2019. Presentation by Lesley Strong on Tamar Valley AONB Management Plan.

The Chairman welcomed Lesley Strong from the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Beauty who has come here tonight to explain about the Management Plan.

The Management Plan runs from 2019-2024 the consultation period ends on the 16th November. Under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act, it is a statutory requirement for local authorities to produce Management Plans for their AONBs.

The question was put about Planning and Lesley replied this is not part of the AONB's remit; each application is taken case by case, there are concerns about sporadic planning applications. We look at the plans but we have no capacity or resources. We have 27 parishes in the AONB we do what we can to reply to them. Cllr. Page-Bailey asked if there was anything the parishes could do to help the AONB.

Lesley stated that the Glover Review is extending the AONB further into parishes that are not in them, this is a 25 year Government Plan.

This plan is for the next 5 years it is a case of how are we going to deliver it and how to get the information to the people.

Cllr. Boot-Handford thanked Lesley Strong for attending.

2020. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.

1. Cllr. Boot-Handford – Explained that she will be attending the West Devon Borough Council Mayor's Civic Service.

2021. To approve the minutes of Full Council held on 25th September as a true record and taken as read.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 1954 (2) – A decision has been made to thank the Neighbourhood Plan Group for all their hard work. A suggestion was made that it be held at the Christmas get together. After discussions it was agreed to make it Tuesday the 18th December at 7.30pm, deciding on how many turn up we may need to hire the Parish Hall.

Lesley Strong congratulated the group on an excellent Neighbourhood Plan which AONB have put forward as a fine example.

The Clerk read the following letter from West Devon;

“Some of you will probably already know but the Bere Peninsula Neighbourhood Development Plan has been to Hub Committee and I have pleasure in confirming the plan is now made”.

This is the first one in West Devon and is a great achievement so congratulations!

Minute 1954 (3) Damaged Milestone at Quarry, County are chasing this up to see where it is on the repair list.

Minute 1956. (1899) The Clerk asked Cllr. Page-Bailey about the grant application form from Cllr. Sanders, this is work in progress.

Minute 1959(1861) - Lamerton Football Club will be removing the goal posts.

Minute 1960 (1940) The Clerk read the following letter from Devon County Highways regarding Chapter 8;

I am writing to you to confirm the current position regarding the C&G Unit 2 (Chapter 8) course provided under the Road Warden Scheme.

We have recently been advised that our training provider, South West Highways, will close its training centre to external business as soon as is practicable. We are therefore currently researching other training providers within the county and considering the best options for the provision of this course in the future.

We will of course let you know as soon as this decision has been made. However, in the meantime, I would be grateful if those of you that are currently on the waiting list could let me know if you no longer wish to attend.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Minute 1965 – Cllr. Rogers has arranged two meetings at Hope Cottage on Wednesday and Friday to see how much interest there is in entering the Britain in Bloom competition. A lot of people are all for it, but we need them sharing the work; one of the rules is an input from the community

Cllr. Lamb proposed that we suspend Standing Order 3T, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

SO RESOLVED.

2022. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on the 2nd October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.
Matters Arising.

Minute 1968 With reference to the Air Band Tower application - Cllr. Reed discovered details and factual errors on some of the maps with regards to its position. Cllr. Reed asked the Clerk to send a letter to the planning department pointing this out and asking the applicant to withdraw these and correct them.

Refer back to next month's meeting.

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

SO RESOLVED

2023. To approve and adopt the minutes of Open Spaces held on the 9th October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 1977 – The Clerk pointed out that the wire which has not been attached to the new gate post was there to support the broken gate post.

Minute 1982. Cllr. Pengelly has been back in touch with Rhino who have revised the quote for the swing without the surface as they feel the surface at Sarah Park is satisfactory for the piece of equipment.

Clerk to place the order.

Minute 1985- Cllr. Wager reiterated that a bonfire should be held with our workman supervising it.

Cllr. Reed agreed in principle if someone is supervising it and it was done at a sensible time, and the neighbours are informed, and a notice put on the gate to inform the allotment holders if they wish to add items it should be fine.

Cllr. Boot- Handford thought burning things is unnecessary.

Cllr. Musgrave – the problem was that there was a continuous element of bonfires being burnt.

Refer back to next meeting of Open Spaces.

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

SO RESOLVED

2024. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Footpaths and Environment meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 16th October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

Matters arising.

Cllr. Reed was omitted from the Councillors present.

Minute 1994. (1847(1) – The Clerk has had a reply from Peter Guy who will be visiting but is catching up with the storm Damage.

Cllr. Hanson proposed adoption of the minutes with the addition of Cllr. Reed's name, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

SO RESOLVED

2025. **To accept Adam Smith's Quote of the lights on the Parish Hall.**

The Clerk spoke to Mr. Smith regards the hall and car park lights and he will put a larger bulb in the one on the front of the hall. The one above the Fire Exit into the car park he will investigate, if this one is wired in he will put a bigger bulb in there also.

Cllr. Lamb added an addendum, he has spoken with the owner of the hedge, she has agreed to have the hedge between the Parish Hall car park and the seat cut back, the workman to cut it back.

Cllr. Lamb proposed go ahead with the work, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

2026. **To agree Road Wardens liability.**

Cllr. Hanson concurred with Cllr. Page-Bailey regarding the assertions on work carried out on the roads by the Road Wardens in the Red Book. It states "Safety Street Works, if not carried out correctly then the person putting the cones out could be liable, and ultimately could be criminally liable."

Cllr. Lamb attended a Highway's meeting and asked about the Safety Street Works code of practices, the Local Highway authority state road authorities and undertakers, we are neither. The advice was they should be insured and covered by Chapter 8,

2027. **To Accept the Grievance Policy.**

The Chairman briefly explained the Grievance Policy, discussions took place.

The Chairman called for a vote to accept the policy, 11 for acceptance and 1 abstention, Policy accepted.

Document to be put on the Web site.

2028 **Report from Cllr. Lamb on West Devon Borough Council**

Cllr. Page-Bailey asked Cllr. Lamb about the Northern Stock that West Devon were going to purchase, Cllr. Lamb reported that they are doing well. The green waste take up is down, there have been various promotions.

Tamar Valley Line

Complaints about trains failing – ex Northern down loaded stock
Usage in Jan-April, and June – July - closures, weather?
Various promotions those children who had a Teddy Bear (and an adult)
During the school holidays could travel free!
Now get tickets on your phone App.
Director Network Rail inspected line and was shown the scrap dump at Bere Alston Station by Parish Clerk. Some material has been moved but cars creeping up – Lewis Ward GWR to check out
All seen the booklet on ‘Value of Tamar Valley Line’ a local economy study
Investigations are ongoing about running an additional train on line

WDBC

Concern once again in meeting budget cuts – still £500,000 to find – public toilet transfer would materially assist to bridge this gap.

West Devon solicitor may become available to give advice to Parish Councils, but there would be a charge, details not yet known

Another 250 houses going to design stage on Callington Road

Budget – removal of rates on public toilets

Cllr. Musgrave stated that the Borough Council are in a desperate situation there is nothing in the future we can cling to, but we have retained West Devon Borough Council as a single council.

Cllr. Lamb we have also through the Neighbourhood Plan managed to get the goods bay in the main street in Bere Alston which is operative from 11am- 12noon.

2029 **Report by Cllr. Page Bailey from Southern Links.**

There was a report from Inspector Mark Sloman. Local crime figures are broadly in line with national figures, which are up by approximately up by 10% however the 3 months figures are much better.

There is an incentive on drugs in the Tavistock area following on from the local death this is in large part education. Drugs in Devon are a priority.

The Devon and Cornwall/Dorset merger has agreed a business case but has not yet been put forward to the Home Office. Alison Hernandez is not supportive of the merger.

There is a link on the Devon and Cornwall site regarding setting up local Speed Watch Groups.

Helen Dobby from West Devon talked about the Public Toilets that West Devon have remaining and the measures that they are putting in place to fund them, this included pay on entry systems. She said there will be no closures this year but could not guarantee that would be the position next year.

Jane Savage from West Devon spoke about Recycling and Waste. West Devon is close to the top of the national table with 52%.5% of waste being recycled. Box cleaver increased recycling by 12%.

25% of waste is food waste this goes to Holsworthy to a digester plant that generates electricity and the waste from that process is then used as fertilizer on local fields. Food waste is heavy and if it goes into the black bags it goes to the incinerator at Devonport. We pay for this service by weight so instead of generating electricity we pay for it to be burnt. West Devon will give a second food waste bin if you require one.

Devon has a number of different recycling schemes but over the next two years are moving to harmonizing the scheme so they are the same through-out the county

2030. **Correspondence.**

1 CAB- seeking a donation. Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed a donation of £50.00, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

2. Smiths of Derby – our regional engineer was recently on site carrying out a routine service on the Parish Hall Clock, he found the clock stopped, he tried to repair it but concluded that the failure of the movement is related to the front end where the hands are fitted. The following is a quote for the work necessary to get the clock going again.

To attend site and approach the clock dial from a specialist access equipment (a hoist or scaffold) provided by other parties and at no cost to ourselves. To remove Cover glass and hands, to withdraw the existing movement, to fit new movement, refit hands and cover glass, set up and leave in good working order would cost £1,182.00 net plus vat.

Noted refer to F. & G.P.

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| 2. Clerk sought permission to pay the following cheques | |
| a. CAB- Donation | £50.00 |
| b. Post Office Ltd, BT Broadband | £130.44 |
| c. West Devon Borough Council- Annual Green Waste fee. | £40.00 |
| d. BF Parochial Church Council- Hire of Church Hall | £20.00 |

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed payment of the cheques, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

3. Devon County Highways. - Temporary Road Closure.
Monday 19th November 07.30 -17.00 Road past Helstone Farm, Bere Alston. Resurfacing Works.

2031. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes held on Tuesday 23rd October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

- Cllr. Lamb pointed out that the minutes are incorrect, Minute Staff Sub-committee, item 1 should be deleted and replaced with; The Staff Sub-committee is a sub-committee of F. & G.P
4b terms of reference will be determined by the committee to the above Standing Orders.
Substituted, seconded.
- Cllr. Lamb- where it states Cllr. Lamb and I, this should read Cllr. Lamb proposed, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey that 7.5 and 7.6 be delated
- Also Cllr. Lamb is not on the minutes as present
- Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that Staff Wages have been omitted.
- Minute 2011 paragraph 3. Two councillors should be appointed to look at policies in the Plan and bring a report to Council in due course.
- Correction needed in minute numbering.

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the minutes with the above amendments, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

2032 Matters Arising from the minutes of 23rd October.

Minute 1935 – Regards grit bins at Marythorne Cllr. Pengelly stated that he would try and recruit some parishioners to become Snow Wardens and then Cllr. Maycock can issue them with grit.

Minute 1938 (4) – Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that committee go into part two and invoke Standing Order 3T, seconded by Cllr. Reed A vote was taken all present were in favour.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed committee come out of Part two and revoke Standing Order 3T, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

Cllr. Reed proposed that Mrs. Poulton be made an offer by council with a final settlement of £6,500, Seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

A vote was called for 9 for the motion 1 abstention, Motion Carried.

Minute 2000 - Wage slips have been emailed as and from last Friday. Also the Assistant Clerk's Tax code is

now correct.

Minute 2010 - Property Inspection is every quarter it was done last month and is not due until December.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed this 27th day of November 2018.

Chairman.....