

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Council Chamber, Bere Alston on Tuesday
11th December 2018

Present

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

3017. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Boot-Handford due to a prior engagement, Cllr. Lamb due to a prior engagement.

3018. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.

1. Cllr. Pengelly – attempted to attract more Snow Warden’s with no success, Cheryl Malham volunteered to do Tamar Close.
2. Cllr. Reed- The Hub Club are putting on a Craft event next Thursday - they are trying to raise £2,100; they have already raised £1,600.
3. Cllr. Wager – the shrubbery on the park side of the Parish Hall is full of litter, please can you ask the Workman to clean it up.
4. Cllr. Dennis- reported that Denham Bridge Road was closed for two days last week, they do not seem to have done any work on the potholes. Cllr. Wager informed Council that the owner of the log business rang and complained about the flood which was damaging their wall, County were not going to do anything about it until the owners threatened legal action.
County came out and found the drain full of bamboo roots - it took two days to clear the drain.
Cllr. Reed made a general comment about a claim he tried to make when his car was damaged by the potholes at Weir Quay, he was told that because he had not reported them he could not claim damages as they did not know about the potholes.

3019. To approve the minutes of Full Council held on 27th November as a true record and taken as read.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 2025 – The Clerk reported that Mr. Smith had put a light on the end of the wall at Anvil House but did not see one on the end of the hall.

Minute 1965 – Cllr. Rogers –The next step is a meet up in the New Year - people are waiting to go as there is loads of interest. Francis Howard is interested and Sue Fisher is to draw up a plan to work on.
We still have to meet with the representative from Britain in Bloom.

Minute 2068- I have spoken with the workman about digging the hole for the bollard in the car parking space to be used to divert the footpath away from the slope going down to the social club, his worry is if he cannot get down the full 18” and damages the tarmac it will need repairing. The Clerk asked Cllr. Maycock if we could use some of the Tarmac filler, he thought that would be ok.

Minute 3011- The Clerk reported that Nathan Blamey has put up the notice boards at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers he has made a lovely job of them.

SO RESOLVED

320. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on the 4th of December and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

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SO RESOLVED.

321. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Precept meeting held on the 4th December and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Minute 2057 Cllr. Page-Bailey, Cllr. Wager and the workman to discuss the position for the Silent Soldier which is to be placed in the mosaic garden.

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

SO RESOLVED

322. To propose the Amendments to Standing Order 191. The Staff Sub- Committee will formulate the policies and procedures for these Committees. In case of conflict of interest with regard to any procedure or investigation, the Council may replace any position on any Committee mentioned in sections i to k with another suitable Councillor. Proposed by Cllr. Boot-Handford, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey and agreed by Cllr. Crozier, Cllr. Lamb & Cllr. Maycock.

A vote was taken on the proposed amendments to Standing Orders, 9 for the proposal and one abstention. Motion Carried. Cllr. Hanson stated that this supersedes minute 2087 (2).

323 Report from Cllr. Musgrave on West Devon Borough Council

Cllr. Musgrave- Discussions have been taking place in West Devon about the New Waste contracts, what with a fleet of new vehicles this is the biggest contract effectively cost wise. South Hams will also contract out, with this joint contract there will be beneficial savings.

The new contracts will be released in due course. It's been a superb process with everything on time.

324. To discuss Cllr. Maycock's offer of ceramic poppies to go at the base of the Silent Soldier.

Cllr. Maycock brought in samples of the ceramic poppies made by Sue's class at school.

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed that we go ahead with Cllr. Maycock's offer to purchase some for the placement at the base of the Silent Soldier, seconded by Cllr. Hanson, all agreed.

325. Report from Super Links meeting.

SUPER LINKS MEETING

5th December 2018

Cllr. John Hart from Devon County talked about the budget which needs to be reduced again by about £11 million. Turnover close to £1.2 billion.

Children's services are running at £8 million over budget.

Devon has just been given the largest amount of money from Government of all the shire counties because of the mileage of roads we have.

Working closely with health services to economise services.

Council tax will be going up by the minimum possible.

J.H. said that Devon has been very prudent with money and is not in nearly as bad a place as other Councils.

Question about grant for drains, lengthsman and why it has been stopped. Basically why can't Parishes have the money to do the jobs locally that County is not / cannot do? This topic raised a great deal of discussion and Cllr. Hart was left in no doubt how important the Parishes find local knowledge when dealing with local road issues.

Mark asked for help getting the community composting started. This will be looked into and Mark will be emailed an answer.

Brian raised the problem of the traffic when Crowndale is closed. No new info. It's being looked into.

Fran Hughes, the CEO for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Councillor advocates give a closer relationship with police and chance to meet up.

Rolling out new scheme where retained fire officers can train to become Specials. They have the same powers as Police Officers.

All West Devon officers will have body cams by the end of the week.

Have the first drone unit in the country.

Much work being done with road safety. Putting speed cameras up is a complicated business with several different agencies involved.

101 calls being worked on because it doesn't seem very efficient. Webchat and email is encouraged.

Sophie Hosking WDBC

Budget - £7.3 million for all services. If this was continued next year there would be a shortfall of £450,000. Waste contract about to be awarded to new firm with better quote which will save money and improve services.

Toilets - discussions on the table and suggestion that Parishes contribute towards costs. Business rates go in 2020.

All polling stations will be reviewed after May's elections.

Meadowlands is no longer costing £300,000 per year; in two years it will be providing an income.

Now have much better planning team but still room for improvement.

Report online if there's a need for road sweeper it will be scheduled.

3026. Correspondence.

1 Tavistock & District Local Transport Partnership.

I would like to start by saying thank you for your continued support, which is greatly appreciated.

We need to keep this service running as it is invaluable to our customers.

2. Rhino Play

After just reviewing the forecast the weather is not looking good therefore unfortunately we will not be able to commence work this weekend on the swing, I will update you with an installation date as soon as I am in a position to do so.

3. Tricia Kent.

I just want to say a big thank you for the work done on the tennis court access lane, it has made a huge difference to the state of the car park and also the field access, we are now puddle free.

4. DALC.

A message from Lesley Smith MBE. I have now actually retired- I want to send all DALC members my very best wishes and say that it has been a real pleasure to work with you over the years, and I have very much appreciated all the good wishes I have received.

DALC continues to work hard to provide support to member councils-do continue to get in touch via Will Page he is here to help you, and we also have the support of John Parker- ex county secretary to Dorset Association- who is providing advice and help to our members until a new County Secretary for DALC is appointed.

5. SMA The Roofing Specialists Reference minute 3002

The Clerk has received a quote from SMA for the Cemetery roof it is £900 to replace the roof, this is the only reply the Clerk has received out of four contacts.

Clerk is now waiting to hear from our insurers.

Cllr. Wager proposed go ahead with the work, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed this 29th day of January 2019.

Chairman.....