

At a meeting of the F&G P Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 17th September 2019.

Present

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| Cllr. D. Pengelly | Vice Chairman |
| Cllr. B. Lamb | Chairman of Council |
| Cllr. P. Crozier | Cllr. P. Dennis |

209. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Maycock and Cllr. Wager due to business.

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

a) Cllr. Dennis informed those present that the A.G.M. for Bere Alston Regeneration Partnership is Friday 25th October at 7pm in the Council Chamber, all are welcome.

211. Matters arising from the minutes of the 23rd July and the 27th August 2019

Minutes of the 23rd July.

Matters Arising.

Minute 142(e) Cllr. Pengelly asked if there has been any information from our Ward Member on the bin at Pilgrim Drive. Cllr. Crozier has had discussions but no one can recall the bin ever being there for a long time. It seems people have done without it for several years so it is not required.

Minute 142 (d) Cllr. Hanson's query over the depth of rubber chip at Sarah Park. – Cllr. Lamb stated that the original calculations were correct and in fact checking up with ROSPA we have more than is necessary.

Minute 148 The Clerk informed committee that Council has employed Mr. Steve Hingston all is going really well. Cllr. Crozier – when they looked at the workshop and store they could not believe the state it was in.

Minute 149. Discussions were held on the pros and cons of a Staff Sub-Committee. Cllr. Lamb proposed that this be put in limbo for the time being, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Minutes of the 27th August.

Matters Arising.

Minute 183. To select the interview panel for the Assistant Clerks job. – Cllr. Crozier proposed the Chairman and Vice chairman of Council, the Chairman of F. & G. P. or Vice Chairman if the Chairman is not available, also The Clerk, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

212. Accounts for payment.

The accounts for payment were circulated at the meeting.

Cllr. Lamb proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

213. Financial Statements

The Clerk circulated the financial statements for July.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

214. To accept the reconciled Bank Statements.

The Clerk is in the process of reconciling the bank statements.

215. Review Assistant Clerks Terms.

Discussions took place Cllr. Lamb reviewed the Job Description all were in favour and agreed the wording. Cllr. Lamb then explained that he had sent the contract to South West Councils for checking. The only query was the holiday allocation, it was agreed that it read four working weeks which equals 12 days. Cllr. Crozier proposed acceptance of the documents, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Cllr. Lamb asked committee to go into part two. Cllr. Crozier proposed part two, seconded by Cllr. Dennis. The Clerk was asked to leave the room.

After discussions the Clerk was asked to return.

Cllr. Lamb proposed committee come out of part two, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

216. To receive an update on Online banking/higher interest account. (Cllr. Page-Bailey/ Cllr. Leithall).

Cllr. Leithall has had no contact from Cllr. Page-Bailey.

Discussions took place and it was agreed to further the matter of the Clerk being able to deal with the bank she should be entered on the account.

Cllr. Leithall proposed that the Clerk be added onto the bank account, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

217. To review the Health and Safety Policy.

Cllr. Lamb produced a copy of the policy, Cllr. Leithall proposed it fit for purpose, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

218. To review the Vision Statement.

Cllr. Lamb reviewed the Vision Statement and proposed it fit for purposes, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

219. To receive Fire Risk & check Beregens Fire/ Maintenance Log.

Cllr. Dennis presented the Fire Maintenance Log and confirmed all was working correctly.

220. Correspondence.**(a) Elford Maddock Architectural Practice.**

Proposed works at Bere Alston Cemetery.

Cllr. Dennis explained that Mr. Maddock will do the necessary specifications to be able to go out to tender for the work. The invoice received is for the work he has completed; reproduce electric version of original drawings £50. Prepare and design drawings for reconfiguration of the existing tracks and new track in the adjoining field, this includes production of scale proposal and plans. £50.

Cllr Leithall proposed payment of the account in the sum of £100, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

(b) John Richardson-Dawes Local Bus Service 87.

“I am pleased to say this is resolved. The bus in question does go back to Tavistock and runs in service”.

c) Richard Burningham. Tamar Valley Line Service Problems.

Unfortunately there have a number of problems with the Tamar Valley Line service over the last few months. Sundays have seen the biggest issues. We and the local authorities have made representations to GWR and I've attached the letter sent in reply to Nigel Blackler at Cornwall Council. Brian Lamb has taken the matter up with Geoffrey Cox MP.

As you'll see, the main issue is with the availability of drivers to work Sunday trains. After we all contacted GWR last month, things improved but, in a fall back, the last two trains were cancelled this last Sunday. Tony Jackson, who is a member of the Avocet Line Rail Users' Group, kindly compiles statistics from public sources and let me have a table listing the Tamar Valley Line trains cancelled up to last week and a summary of the number of trains affected on the line this year. Both are attached.

We are just three months away now from the introduction of the Winter timetable which should mean that, with greater availability of drivers (more new ones having finished their training and current ones finished training on different rolling stock), things return to the normal excellent service the Tamar Valley Line – indeed all our local services – has been long used to and people rightly expect. Let's hope things greatly improve between then and now.

I'll be in touch about a forum meeting soon. In the meantime, just to let you know that the line will be closed for engineering works between 9 and 12 December inclusive. This is for track renewal around Ernesettle so buses will replace trains on the whole line. We are working with GWR on their plans for the bus replacement and will circulate details as soon as they are available. All being well, one of the GWR managers planning the bus replacements will join us at the next meeting. They are keen to see what else could be done, say, at stations while the work is taking place.

221. Agenda items for next meeting.

1. Update on online banking
2. Property Inspection.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed this 24th day of September 2019

Chairman.....