

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 29th October 2019.

Present

Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. H. Peace
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. M. Leithall	Cllr. E.K. Wager
Cllr. M. Page-Bailey	

272. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pengelly due to holiday, Cllr. Reed due to business and Cllr. Flicker due to illness. Cllr. Maycock.

273. To accept a request for a sabbatical from a Councillor

Cllr. Lamb stated that because of pressure of business Cllr. Maycock has requested a two month sabbatical. Cllr. Lamb called for a vote to accept Cllr. Maycock's request. All were in favour.

274. Chairman's Report

- We welcome this evening Caroline Metcalfe, our new Assistant Parish Clerk. Our recently appointed Work person is making a significant difference to all of our properties under the guidance of the Head of Open Spaces.
- We are still looking for applicants for the Toilet Cleaner Post.
- Britain in Bloom, Silver for Bere Alston on entry! Congratulations to Committee and all helpers. Letter from BFPC. Your Chair attended Civic Reception at Newquay.
- In particular Phil & Julie Archer, transformation of the Remembrance Garden. They would like to continue – can we confirm?
- Looking for Lockeridge Road Bus Shelter Group. Since their approach, we have discovered a letter dated 2 Oct 1967 from DCC offering support on shelters. My approach has elicited a promise of some funds for next financial year.
- Beregen the Charity that manage this hall required a boiler replacement for Hall circa £9,000! As a result of contacts by Peter Dennis; 'I was there' when he opened an envelope containing a cheque for £10,000!! Our congratulations in obtaining such an epic amount.
- I am working with Peter on Cemetery Road extensions and we are promised final drawings next month. Besides our cash I have secured a substantial grant towards the costs, no details yet!
- Peter Crozier and his Task Group are working hard on a reconciliation between certain dog owners and their animosity towards the Football Club.
- I meet Tom Lee, our Local Highways Officer in the near future, would welcome, after meeting, any road complaints, except Denham Bridge.
- Our Local Train Service still shows no sign of improvement with cancellations still occurring and Dawlish being closed on Saturday to certain trains.

Finally, an important part of this Parish Council's year has been our attendance at the two Remembrance Services on Sunday 10 November and at the short service at the Memorial Garden at 11am on Monday 11 November. Mary will give the details

- Formal letter of appreciation to Bere Alston's Bloom in particular Mrs & Mrs P.J. Archer.
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275. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.

1) Cllr. Wager – I drove up to The Downs and there were people walking in the dark with no torch or high visibility clothing, can we put a piece in the Church magazine.

2) Cllr. Dennis – the paper boys and girls have no lights on their bikes or high visibility clothing, this is irresponsible. Cllr. Peace felt Council should contact Shaun as he has issued all his delivery personnel with lights and visibility clothing.

3) Cllr. Dennis stated that the congestion in Tavistock is appalling - I was queuing at Grenofen for over an hour. Surely Devon County Council could have put a one way system around the area. Cllr. Crozier - there are now two sets of traffic lights, as they are working on widening the road from Drake's store to Drake's Statute and also putting in a pelican crossing by the Texaco garage on Plymouth Road.

4) Cllr. Dennis – we have been notified by West Devon Borough Council that our recycling collection is going to alter with the introduction of a reusable white sack, where can we get them from? Cllr. Crozier stated the new sacks will be delivered in November and the scheme will start in December.

5) Cllr. Dennis would like to comment about cancelled trains, the late train was cancelled last Saturday. We fought hard to get a late train back from Plymouth on a Saturday, we should write a letter of discussed. Cllr. Lamb stated the reason was no conductor turned up for duty.

276. To approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 24th September as a true record and taken as read.

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the Full Council minutes, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

Matters Arising

Minute 228 - The Clerk has received the final decision by West Devon Borough Council in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes. The decision by West Devon on the Bere Alston box is, object wish to keep, volume of calls, emergency need, poor mobile signal. Community against removal. Cllr. Crozier enquired about the Bere Ferrers kiosk and it seems that had been left of the list.

277. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on 1st October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Crozier proposed approval of the Plans minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

Matters Arising

Minute 243 – Application from the boat park for variation on conditions 10 and 17 for extra lighting. Cllr. Crozier reported that this had been turned down. The planners are very hot on extra lighting in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Cllr. Crozier proposed adoption of the Plans minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

SO RESOLVED

278. To approve the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held in the Council Chamber on the 15th October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the Open Spaces minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb

Matters Arising

Minute 254 – Cllr. Wager proposed this minute comes back to the next Open Spaces meeting, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Minute 256 – The architect is working on the final drawings for the Council to go out to tender on the road infrastructure.

Minute 257 – Routine safety inspection reports. Cllr. Leithall has carried out an inspection on The Down. The roundabout seemed to be working fine, the park was not wet. There seems to be a cut through the hedge in the far left corner of the park, we should look at blocking this up. Cllr. Leithall reported Sarah Park as being well drained.

Cllr. Leithall proposed adoption of the Open Spaces minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

SO RESOLVED

279. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on the 22nd October and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the Finance and General Purposes minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

Matters Arising

Minute 264 – Discussions took place regarding the accounting package.

Cllr. Lamb expressed concern over the question of leaving the corner gaps in the fencing, after looking at the Plans of 2002 where they were not shown, I believe it is wrong to insist the gaps are opened up again as there are already four openings by the goals and the gates are easy to open. Discussion took place on this. Cllr. Wager stated we could not police a ban on dogs in the recreation field, as this is a form of recreation. Cllr. Lamb proposed that this be referred back to the Task & Finish Group, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. A vote was taken 8 for the Motion, 2 against the motion. Motion was carried.

Cllr. Leithall proposed adoption of the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

SO RESOLVED

280. Audit Report.

The Clerk presented the Auditors report for inspection. Cllr. Crozier proposed that this be accepted by Full Council, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

281. Report by Cllr. Crozier on West Devon Borough Council.

The budgeting pressure forecast shows a £400,000 difference.

Devon County Council has pooled all the business rates; we gain more and can make 1.99% increase, and the difference between 2.99% is £40,000.

Council has set up a task group to examine all possibilities for a solution to rail links to Tavistock. Which will also be looking at the A386 improvements which are beginning to be discussed but are at a very early stage. The Council is very concerned at the proposed costing given by Devon Council at a previously reported meeting. The electric scheme is still on the cards.

Devon County Council review Climate Change, they are over half way there to Climate Change Neutral with new vehicles. West Devon and Devon County have significant money earmarked for this project.

282. Correspondence.

a) The Clerk sought payment of the following A/C:

1. Direct 365 Online Ltd – 2 x containers Urinal blocks.	£42.18
2. P.M. Taylor – reimbursement for purchases of spanners.	£29.99
3. 1 Less Worry Payroll Services – Payroll Services Oct.	£36.00
4. B. Lamb – reimbursement for purchase of pressure washer.	£89.99

TOTAL £198.16

b) West Devon Borough Council – Horror ¼ of all waste in rubbish black sacks is food.

End the horror and recycle your pumpkin this Hallowe'en.

As if Hallowe'en wasn't scary enough, did you know that UK households produce around seven million tons of food waste every year costing the average family about £60 per month?

In West Devon almost a quarter of all waste put into black rubbish sacks is food – despite West Devon Borough Council providing weekly kerbside collections for this - but as Hallowe'en approaches you could make a huge difference with one simple change: when you're finished with your pumpkin, make sure you cut it into smaller chunks and then home compost it or put it in your food caddy.

Any kind of food waste can be placed in your food caddy, whether cooked or uncooked. You can line your caddy with any bag, such as cereal bags, bread bags, salad bags and so on. Alternatively you can line your caddy with newspaper or leave the food loose. The food waste is used to create electricity for the national grid and the by-product is used as a soil conditioner for use on local farms.

c) Torridge North Mid & West Devon CAB – Seeking a donation to CAB. Refer to F & G.P

d) Mr & Mrs Mulford – Will you please bring up at next Parish Council meeting the need for signage to indicate where the football ground is.

e) Parishioner – There is a huge problem with parking on The Down on Saturdays, especially for houses opposite the recreation field. Sometimes I cannot access my driveway and any need for an emergency vehicle would be a problem. Wonder if you could monitor the situation as some days its all day.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed this 26th November 2019.

Chairman.....