

## Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### Present

Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. M.Flicker	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. Leithall	Cllr. A. Spry
Cllr. H. Peace	Cllr. E.K. Wager

### 343. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis due to work commitments, Cllr. Reed due to prior Engagement

### 344. Chairman's Report.

Chairman would like a letter congratulating the Carnival Committee on the Victorian evening.

### 345. To approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 26th November as a true record and taken as read.

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

#### Matters Arising

Minute 317 (301) – The new light has been fitted, it has two positions on the switch, one to use if as a permanent light and the second one as a movement sensor. The light is only put on when the hall is in use, otherwise if it is on at all time, there will be a high electric bill.

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

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

#### Matters Arising

### Minute 323 - Planning application 3424/19/FUL 37 new dwellings and associated access roads, and pedestrian access on field adjacent to Woolacombe Road.

Cllr. Crozier was unable to propose the approval of the Plans minutes because when the planning meeting was held, none of the objections which had been received, although quite a few were relevant one from Tamar Valley AONB, had been tabled. They brought up a number of issues which were not discussed at the meeting; neither was the Neighbourhood Plan given suitable relevance to the application.

Members affirmed these views that they were not happy with the application which had gone outside the development plan. They decided that the previous response to the Development Management section of WDBC should be withdrawn and replaced. They would like to see development more in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan, in particular the density, layout and the Northern 'Gateway' aspect

Cllr Crozier proposed that they stick to the Local Development Plan, seconded by Cllr Leithall and the Clerk was requested to forward a replacement response. A vote was taken, eight for the proposal and one against.. Motion carried.

The Council also would suggest that the D & M Committee should make a site visit and that if the application went to Committee that this Council should make representations at it.

Cllr Crozier then proposed approval of the Plans with the addition of the new comments to WDBC on the Woolacombe Road application, seconded by Cllr Leithall.

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

**347. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Wager proposed approval of the Open Spaces minutes, seconded by Cllr. Flicker.

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

**348. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

Matters Arising

Minute 333(301) – Cllr. Pengelly asked that this be referred back to Open Spaces.

Minute 333 (307) – Clearing gutters on Parish Hall. The Clerk spoke with the Workman and both did an inspection of the building. The Workman was quite happy to clear the gutters but there are joint rubbers which he feels are perished and need replacing, also the down pipe on the car park side in the disabled parking spot has been smashed and needs replacing and a guard built around it. On inspection of the area there are drain covers missing on the playpark side and there is a dangerous area down by the old fire doors where the drain has a drop of 100 cm. The Workman felt it needs a drain cover worked in. It was agreed the Workman to do the gutter clearing Cllr, Lamb will be with him when he climbs the ladder.

Minute 340 – Windows in Parish Hall need preventative maintenance. Clerk to seek costing for work on Parish Hall.

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

**349. Talk by Cllr. Neil Jory, Leader of West Devon Borough Council.**

Cllr. Lamb welcomed and introduced Cllr. Neil Jory, Leader of the West Borough Council. Cllr. Jory is delighted to come along and talk to the Parish Council – Let me fill you in on where we are and how important our relationship is with Town and Parish Councils.

Local government work closely with Devon County and other bodies.

Prior to this year's election we spent a lot of time working on internal problems.

Also a £1.75 billion budget deficient and we have spent the whole of our time sorting this out.

Renegotiated the waste contract.

Looking at our strategy there are 6 themes to cover.

West Devon Council must be cost effective and value for money, so the following themes:

- 1) Environment – Climate change issues fall into place.
- 2) Making Council carbon neutral, such as electric cars.
- 3) Enterprise, employment and connectivity.
- 4) Housing, this is really important and will affect of lot of other issues. Community housing projects.
- 5) Community pulling together to find ways of improving.
- 6) Health & Wellbeing. Collaborating with other organisations in the area.

Parish and Town Councils wanted services and have put up their precept and got them.

Cllr. Leithall - Transport and the rail line to Tavistock. Cllr. Jory – the majority of the leverage is with Devon County, as we have all seen the latest costing is exorbitant. There have been alternative modes suggested, such as a cycle track and trams. This is near the top of our agenda and we are keen for something to happen. We need transport to get people back into work. Need to push to improve public transport, but there is no answer at the moment.

Cllr Wager - Devon County are wrong in backing the Dawlish line, mother-nature will destroy it.  
Cllr Jory – The Tamar Valley project getting people back into the Valley to work on the land, they need to live on the land. We need to promote this, have talks with people on carbon neutral farming.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Jory for attending.

**350. Internal Audit to be carried out by Cllr. Leithall and Cllr. Lamb.**

Cllr. Leithall carried out a code A, which is a cheque trail all was OK.

**351. Report from Cllr. Crozier on West Devon Borough Council.**

Cllr. Crozier stated that with the General Election he had nothing to report.

**352. Correspondence.**

- 1) The Clerk sought payment for the following A/C:
- a) Cllr. B. Lamb – Chairman Allowance 7887 - £65.54
  - b) Post Office Ltd – SWW Public toilets 7888 - £166.34

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

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.09 pm

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

Chairman.....