

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**Present:**

Cllr. R. Leithall	Chairman
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. Pengelly
Cllr. Dennis	Cllr. E.K. Wager
Cllr. R. Maycock	

In attendance Cllr. A. Spry.

**372. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman.**

1) Cllr. Lamb is pleased to hear that the government has announced a grant for Community Halls. It would be possible to look at linking some jobs required on the hall such as windows. Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Dennis to look into applying.

2) Cllr. Dennis had a meeting with Beregen Trustees who stated they know they have a water leak in the Parish Hall; we need to know where it is. It has been suggested that the Clerk check our building insurance to see if we are covered for water leaks and repair.

**373. Matters Arising from the minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

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Minute 332 (301).

Litter bin at Pilgrim Drive, this was deferred to Open Spaces but they do not have funds to purchase litter bins. It was agreed that this is a matter for Footpaths & Environment, as this is not top of the list on priorities, this will be referred to Footpaths & Environment.

The workman has cleaned the down pipes at the Parish Hall.

**374. To accept the accounts for payment.**

The Clerk circulated the accounts for payment to Committee members by computer. It was pointed out that the Clerk omitted to write in on the accounts Mrs Poulton's payment figure for mileage. Cllr. Dennis proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

**375. To accept the Financial Statements.**

The Clerk circulated the financial statements by computer. Cllr Leithall asked the Clerk about two items on Grants and donations and training as to why there is earmarked monies transferred to these items. Cllr. Crozier proposed acceptance of the Financial statements, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

**376. To clarify the situation on the Toilet Cleaner post.**

Cllr. Crozier proposed this Committee go into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Wager proposed Committee come out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Toilet Cleaners post be paid £9 per hour, back paid from 1<sup>st</sup> December. Also the cleaner has 5 weeks holiday not taken, she suggested that she take 1 weeks leave and if Council agreed she gets paid for 4, 2 weeks' pay at the old rate and 2 weeks at the new rate for holiday not taken.

It was agreed to ask for two letters from the person concerned, 1 to opt out of the Works Pension Scheme, the other that she will forfeit 4 weeks leave for payment and only take 1 week's holiday, seconded by Cllr. Wager. A vote was taken; all were in agreement with the proposal.

### **377. To set the budget.**

Discussions took place on the preliminary figures set in December. The Clerk to ask 1 Less Worry if they can give us a budget figure on NI (employees). Further discussions took place on the spread sheet. The audit came up; Cllr. Lamb did not feel it necessary to have an interim audit, after discussion a vote was taken. Cllr. Leithall asked all present who wishes an intermediate budget, those for 3, those against 3, and 1 abstention, casting vote from the Chairman for Interim Audit to continue. Motion carried.

Cllr. Leithall proposed that the Clerk uses these figures to check the calculations for the Precept figures, unless it works out less than last year, this total will be the precept figure. If it is less than Council precepted for last year then the figure for last year be accepted as the Precept, this to be proposed at Full Council, seconded by Cllr. Wager. A vote was called for all were in agreement of the proposal.

### **378. Code of Conduct**

Cllr. Lamb proposed that this be taken into Part 2 standing order 3p, seconded by Cllr. Leithall. Discussions were held.

Cllr. Leithall proposed Committee come out of Part 2 reinstate standing order 3p, seconded by Cllr. Wager. Cllr. Leithall at Full Council this Committee recommends the only sensible position is to look for dismissal of the Councillor who has broken the Code of Conduct, seconded by Cllr. Wager. Cllr. Lamb to clarify this with DALC and the West Devon Monitoring Officer.

### **379. Correspondence.**

1) Mairi Kirby – Gritting The Down.

Not sure if you can help, but over the last few years we have been the snow warden for the corner of Woolacombe rd and the give way on to the Tavistock rd in Bere Alston, have noticed that the gritter grinds Bedford st and Broadpark road but doesn't actually grit The Down which is the main bus route, I have followed it a few times and doesn't grit here, it's like a sheet of ice on bad days, surely being the bus route it should be gritted, would like to hear your thoughts on this.

Clerk to investigate the route for gritting.

2) Mrs Brown – Proposal for a Bus Shelter at Lockeridge Road.

I'd like to make a plea for a bus shelter in Lockeridge Road, at the bus stop near the junction with Pounds Park.

This stop is used by quite a lot of people - those from Maynard Park, Sherrell Park, Long Orchard, Pounds Park as well as Lockeridge Road and others. We've really felt the need for a shelter during the long spell of wet and windy weather.

We are so lucky to have a good bus service to Tavistock, and it must be a good idea to encourage the use of public transport in general.

I'm not sure who to address my request to - I hope you can help me.

Cllr. Lamb stated Devon County have funds for a bus shelter, providing a good amount of people in the area support this request, there should be no problems.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.21pm

Signed this 28th January of 2020.

Chairman.....