

**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Full Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**Present**

Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. J. Maciejowska
Cllr. H. Peace	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. G. Reed	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In Attendance: Cllr. P. Sanders, Devon County Council

**332. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. D King, P. Graeme-Drury, and R. Maycock. The Council accepted their apologies.

**333. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Lamb declared a personal interest in the installation of the aerial runway at the Bere Ferrers playpark.

**334. Notification of items of interest at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items.**

Cllr. Dennis:

- 1.) There are two warning signs on Denham Bridge which are facing the wrong way, could they please be put back to the correct position.
- 2.) Two sets of office keys, said to have been placed in the Council's letterbox, are missing. Cllr. Crozier to talk to Cllr. Dennis regarding this matter, after the meeting.

**335. Chairman's Report and report from Borough Council.**

Update from Cllr. Crozier:

Angela Blackman was voted in as the new West Devon Borough Councillor on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

With regards to local affordable housing required in the Borough, 400 have been built and 400 are in the pipeline to be built in the next ten years, but they are looking into the problems of supplying affordable housing in the villages.

The recent issues of anti-social behaviour in the area, have been reported to the Police. An application for a PSPO (public spaces protection order) has been submitted for the Meadows in Tavistock and is supported by the Borough Council and the police.

The Borough Council reviewed and passed the new Health & Safety Policy in a meeting today.

The Planning department have been given the go ahead to recruit four new Planning Officers and two Legal Assistants, to help keep up to date with the applications.

Source for Business, previously called Southwest Water, have informed the Parish Council of a potential water leak at the Recreation Field in Bere Alston, due to an unusual high usage of water. The water has been turned off and the Workman is investigating where the leak is.

**336. To receive reports from District Council Report.**

Cllr. Philip Sanders, Devon County Council, report:

The issue raised by the Parish Council with regards to the loading and unloading parking space in Fore Street in Bere Alston, will be debated by HATOC and the adjustments should be made sometime after April 2022.

Looking at Council's budget, there will be an overspent in the adult and children's services. The Council will have to find the money to cover this at some stage.

The Government has reinforced the message that where people should work from home. Cllr. Sanders are raised some concern about this and feels that some office staff should come into the office, on a rotation basis, because he feels, at the moment, staff are struggling in not to be able to meet and communicate easily with each other.

The National Park Committee will approve and adopt their new Local Plan and new set of policies this week. These should not affect this Parish.

The blocked drain on Station Road, Bere Ferrers reported by a resident, Cllr. Sanders has spoken to the Head of Highways and the Local Highway Officer has been given permission to overspend their budget and clear this drain. The Council are continuing to have meetings with Highways to discuss issues brought to them.

Cllr. Dennis enquired about the reintroduction of the train line from Bere Alston to Tavistock?

Cllr. Sanders said that the Government are showing some interest in that section, and it does seem high on the agenda but will wait to see the usage on the Okehampton to Exeter line.

**337. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Matters Arising

Minute 263 (187) The cemetery gates have been made and are now to be galvanised and painted, with the view of putting up before Christmas.

Minute 268 (242) The Parish Hall lift has been repaired and is working again.

Minute 273 Cllr. Dennis asked if it was possible to have a mobile booster installed on Denham Bridge Road, partly to help in car recovery. Cllr. Crozier will discuss this further with Airband.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

**SO RESOLVED**

**338. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

Matters Arising

Minute 279 The application to erect an indoor equestrian arena in Harling Farm, Bere Alston was discussed and supported at this meeting, but the application was re-advertised and discussed again in the Plans & Highways meeting held tonight. The Council again fully supported the application.

Minute 283 Cllr. Maciejowska discussed the idea of installing bike stands in both villages. It was suggested that Cllr. Maciejowska will investigate the various options available and present at the next meeting.

Cllr. Crozier proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

**SO RESOLVED**

**339. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Crozier proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska.

Matters Arising

Minute 289 The BARP Committee had arranged an informal meeting for potential new trustees, but no one attended. The charity may then have to close. Cllr. Crozier stated he is reluctant to see the charity close. Discussions on how to attract new Trustees to continue.

Minute 290 (225) The Clerk to contact the school requesting they now remove the laminated hands.

Minute 290 (226) Adam Smith has installed the defibrillator on the Pavilion and Cllr. Lamb suggested a letter of thanks be sent to him from the Council, as he installed it free of charge.

Minute 293 Cllr. Lamb reported that the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group have so far raised over £12.5K for the Council to purchase and install a new aerial zip wire at the Bere Ferrers playground. Cllr. Lamb and Crozier conducted a site visit in Wembury and viewed a runway that had been installed by the Company, the Council had proposed install the runway. They were not satisfied with the runway. The suggestion is now that the Council approach another company, who had previously provided a quote to the Council, with the view to install the runway. The view it be installed in February 2022 .

Cllr. Leithall proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

**SO, RESOLVED**

**340. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Footpaths and Environment meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

Cllr. Reed proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

**SO RESOLVED**

**341. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

Matters Arising

Minute 310 (242) The fault on the Parish Hall lift has been fixed.

Minute 310 (242) The contractor this due to complete the job this week, but it is depended on the weather.

Minute 314 The 2022-23 Budget, including Open Spaces & Footpaths & Environment, will be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

Cllr. Leithall proposed adoption the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

**SO RESOLVED**

**342. Annual review of the Bere Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan**

In Cllr. Maycock's absence, Cllr. Lamb reviewed the plan. Discussions took place.

Cllr. Peace proposed accepting Cllr. Lamb's annual review of the neighbourhood plan, seconded Cllr. Maciejowska.

Discussion took place regarding the five-year review required for next year. Cllr. Crozier proposed a Task & Finish Group be formed to discuss, with a view to present the review to the Full Council, by the end of January 2022. It was proposed by the Council that the members of the Committee be Cllrs. Lamb, Maycock, Maciejowska and Peace.

**343. Update from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee**

The next Committee will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> December, where the a draft of the proposed schedule for the long weekend will be discussed.

### **344. Correspondence**

- 1). Cllr. Crozier proposed that all correspondence, currently addressed to Mrs. Mary Taylor be amended and updated to Mrs. Caroline Metcalf, seconded by Cllr. Peace. These includes Devon Association and National Association of Councils and CCLA.
- 2). NatWest - updating the business mandate on the Council's account. The forms required to add the Clerk to the Business Mandate, to obtain a direct debit card and to readd Cllr. Dennis as a signatory on the account, have been completed and require the signatures of all the current signatories on the account, plus authorisation from the Council recorded in the minutes. Cllr Lamb proposed that the forms be signed and sent to NatWest, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.
- 3). The Clerk read out an email from Devon Countryside Access Forum:

Dear Parish Council Clerks.

The importance of parks and green spaces to health and well-being has been clearly demonstrated during the pandemic. For many people being able to get out and about and meet friends outside has been a lifeline.

The Devon Countryside Access Forum is a statutory forum with a specific remit to give independent advice on the improvement of public access to land and the enjoyment of such spaces. Each local authority is required under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to establish a local access forum and the Devon forum has fifteen members, appointed by Devon County Council. The Forum covers all of Devon with the exception of the National Parks and Unitary authorities.

Members represent access users, landowners/managers, and those with many other relevant interests such as conservation, tourism, and planning.

Devon County Council is currently recruiting for members. Details about the work of the Forum and an application form are on [www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf) The closing date is 18th February 2022. Applications from landowners/managers and those from the north-west of the County would be particularly welcome.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Cllr. Reed handed a letter to the Chair of the Council and the Clerk informing them of his decision to resign as a Parish Councillor

Cllr. Crozier thanked Cllr. Reed, on behalf of the Parish Council, for his service to the Parish.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Signed by the Chair: