

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

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

356. Apologies

Cllrs. R. Leithall and Cllr. R. Maycock, whose apologies were accepted by the Committee,

357. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lamb declared a private interest in the installation of the zip wire at the Bere Ferrers Recreational field.

358. Notification of items of interest at the discretion of the Chair.

Cllr Crozier reported on the latest position on the major leak on our main water pipe from road to Pavilion. Our Workman was at present trying to trace the position of the leak.

Cllr Dennis reported upon the confusion regarding post boxes outside the Hall, due to the fact that the name had been removed from Parish Council Box. Cllr Lamb would either put the name on with a marker pen or obtain a printed nameplate.

359. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November

Minute 242(154/70) The New Parish Hall Lift had now finally come into operation today, this was after three visits by engineers, since installation on 30 September. Members asked that the Clerk should write to the supplier for an extension of the warranty and damages from the manufacturer whose equipment had been incorrectly manufactured. Cllrs Lamb, Shaw and the Workman had been shown the emergency procedures and will receive written confirmation from Evo Lifts.

Minute 242 (154(84)) The Accessible Toilet door was being repaired today.

Minute 246 Mr. G. Reed had kindly offered to continue his work on a new draft Emergency Plan.

Minute 251 Cllr Lamb reported that the application for a debit card for the Clerk had been completed and submitted to Nat West Bank.

360. To accept the December Accounts for payment

Cllr Lamb proposed acceptance of the report in respect of payments totalling £5335.39, seconded by Cllr Crozier.

361. To receive a detailed Receipt & Payment Report ending 8th December 2021

Cllr Dennis referred to entry 4335- payment of £1302 for the clock and requested that the Committee be informed as to which account the money had been debited.

Cllr Pengelly proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr Dennis.

362. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 8th December 2021

Cllr Crozier proposed acceptance of the Statement, seconded by Cllr Lamb

363. Discuss and approve the Council's Budget for 2022-23

After discussion the following items were amended as follows:

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| 39 | Emergency booklet | Delete | 100 |
| 45 | Lift Maintenance – | Amend to | 200 (from 600) |
| 12 | National Insurance employee | Delete | 1,531 |
| 13 | PAYE Employee's Contribution | Delete | 1,290 |
| 14 | Pension Scheme | Amend to | 562 (from 799) |
| 83 | Skip | Delete | 300 |
| 97 | Bere Gen expenses | Amend to | 500 (from 700) |

Total Savings £4383 removed from Proposed total costs of £74,103.70, making a new total of £69720.70

Cllr Dennis asked that consideration be given to restarting Zoom payments next year. (£168)

Cllr. Pengelly, agreed to recommend to Council that the above precept should be £69,720.70, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

There was an unanimous vote in favour.

364. Operation London Bridge

Cllr. Lamb, seconded by Cllr Pengelly that Cllr Crozier and the Clerk should produce a detailed report to Members for discussion at the next meeting.

365. (316) Bere Ferrers Zip Wire

Cllr Lamb reported that the fundraising target had almost been reached and that there was a meeting arranged with the Supplier with all parties, on site this Friday.

366. (319) Replacement of Clerk's Computer.

Cllr Dennis presented a report where he proposed that the Council purchase a 1390 Dell 350 laptop with two monitors at a price of £1,535.00. The purchase was seconded by Cllr Crozier and all members unanimously supported that this be recommended to Council.

367 .(318) Provision of a hearing loop system in Parish Chamber

Cllr Dennis reported on a visit by Mr Plumridge of Light Years & Sound who had submitted a quotation of £861.00 plus a possible £60 to replace existing cabling for a hearing loop system consisting of a wall mounted amplifier and a ceiling microphone.

Cllr Dennis proposed recommendation of purchase to Council, seconded by Cllr Crozier. All members unanimously supported purchase and that money should be taken from Toilet Reserves.

368. (319) Replacement of Office photocopier.

Cllr Crozier proposed that the present leased photocopier should be replaced with a Ricoh IMC300, 3 banks, A£ Device. On a five-year lease @ £84.71 a quarter. Seconded by Cllr Pengelly that this be recommended to Council. Accepted unanimously by Member's present.

369. Repair of Hall outside Lights

Agreed that the Clerk should ask our Electrician for a quote replace the four broken lights on East side of Hall with more substantial fixtures.

370. Agenda items for next meeting

- 1) Discuss a report on London Bridge
- 2) Receive a quotation from Electrician on the lights.
- 3) Discuss Clerks terms of service and the removal of the Assistant clerk's post.

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting which closed at 9.35pm

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 21st December 2021