

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 7th February 2023

Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. J. Maciejowska
Cllr. D. Pengelly	Cllr. C. Shaw

462. Apologies

Cllr. Crozier sent his apology. The Council accepted his apology.

463. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None were declared.

464. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items.

There were no items of notifications.

465. Matters Arising from the minutes from 17th January 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Matters Arising

Minute 391

The Clerk to look into whether, if there is a change in road name at Station Road, Bere Ferrers, that no costs would be incurred for the residents. The Clerk and Cllr. Lamb to then draft a letter to be sent to the residents to canvass interest in changing the road name.

466. To deal with Planning applications for comment. Interested parties are invited to comment on applications they have an interest in before a decision is made, at the discretion of the Chair.

4415/22/HHO Mr & Mrs Foster, application for proposed replacement side extension to dwelling at Gullytown, Hillside Cottage, Bere Alston, PL20 7BT.

Mr Foster was present at the meeting and explained the application was to build a two-storey extension to provide more living space. Surrounding neighbours support the application.

Comment: The Council support the application.

0136/23/HHO Mr Alan Reid, application for proposed replacement rear extension. Solar panels at existing rear roof, remove chimney & make alterations to garden, to provide pedestrian access ramp & small patio, at The Down, Bere Alston, PL20 7HQ.

Mr Reid was present at the meeting and explained the application was to extend the single storey at the back of the property, providing living accommodation. Surrounding neighbours have no objections to the plans.

Comment: The Council support the application.

4451/22/FUL Mr I Schuttacker, proposed annexe & associated works for farm worker's temporary accommodation at The Bungalow, Battens Farm, Bere Alston, PL20 7JB

After discussion, the Committee had no objections to the application.

Comment: The Council support the application.

4347/22/HHO Ms Sue Packer, application for construction of replacement single- storey rear extension to existing dwellinghouse & associated works including the erection of new garden fence at 1 Orchard Cottage, Gullytown, Weir Quay, Bere Alston, PL20 7BT.

Ms Packer was present at the meeting and explained the current extension requires knocking down and the plans are to replace with an extension to the same line as the neighbour's extension. The build will use local materials and be environmentally friendly. Surrounding neighbours support the application.

Comment: The Council support the application.

467. Take note of any Planning Applications noted after consideration by the Borough

3529/22/TPO Ms Catherine Crockett, Devon Reach, Pilgrim Drive, Bere Alston, PL20 7DB
Works to a TPO tree – T1 & T2: Ash – remove due to dieback
Decision: Tree Works Allowed

4418/22/AGR Mrs Catherine Roberts, Land at SX 440 679, Bere Ferrers
Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed erection of wooden shed to store tools in connection with woodland maintenance.
Decision: Prior Approval Not required.

1986/22/HHO Mr Marcus Rodgers, 1 Little Park, Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JQ
Application for proposed new detached double garage
Decision: Conditional Approval

468. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next Plans & highways meeting.

469. The Down Grit Bin

Devon Highways have informed the Council that the cost of purchasing a grit bin for The Down would be £350 and once installed, Devon Highways would take over the management of the bin. After discussions it was agreed to put buying a bin on hold whilst the Council still pursue getting The Down added to the gritting route. The Clerk to contact Cllr. Philip Sanders and thank him for taking up this action.

470. Devon Highways updates

The request to the Traffic Orders, Policy and Programme Tea, at Devon County Council for a site visit to discuss lowering the speed limit on the road from Broad Park Road to Tuckermarsh, has been turned down as the 'lowering of the speed limit would be totally inappropriate and against DCC speed policy that is based on national guidelines.' No further action can be taken.

471. Trees at the rear of certain Cornwall Street's properties

The Clerk has sent letters to the certain properties in Cornwall Street and received two replies. The Clerk to reply with further information requested in the correspondence.

472. Correspondence

1. Email from Devon County Council informing the Council of patching works between Ferry Farm and Collins railway Bridge, Bere Alston:

Due to the nature of the works a daytime road closure will be necessary and advance signs will also be placed on the Highway. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents only. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, we will endeavour to keep all disruption to a minimum. The planned on-site working hours will be Tuesday 21st February 2023.'

2. Email from highways Services Team, Devon County Council:

We are writing to you because, as a representative of a parish that has previously ordered material for repairing potholes, we know that potholes are a priority for the community you represent. If you are considering

carrying out minor pothole repairs again our team is ready to assist you and prioritise your requests. If your Signing, Lighting and Guarding qualification has expired please email communityselfhelp@devon.gov.uk. If you would like to place an order for pothole repair material you can do so via our online form: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/can-i-apply>, To our knowledge, our supplier is currently able to complete orders promptly. You can also request tools, signs and protective equipment via our form. When you request materials for pothole repair material, you'll receive a reply within our standard response times; you won't need to wait until the end of the funding round.

The Clerk to apply for pot hole materials and obtain dates for Cllr. Shaw to attend the Signing, Lighting and Guarding course.

3. Email from member of the Bere Alston in Bloom Committee:

BAiB are looking at various planting projects for this year and one idea we have had was to ear mark some of the benches within the Village to paint them a pastel colour and then to reflect the colour of the paint in the planting either side of the bench.

It was agreed to add this item to the next Open Spaces agenda.

4. Email from Bere Alston Recreation Parks (BARP) confirming the closure of the charity and also the possibility of donating their remaining funds to the Council, providing you are able to confirm that this funding would be ring-fenced and spent on new projects in line with our charitable objectives, specifically to improve the play spaces at The Down Recreation Field and Sarah Park. If this is something that you would be happy to facilitate, we would invite you to write to us tdonation

It was agreed to add this item to the next Open Spaces agenda.

473. Questions from any members of the public

A member of the public wished to bring to the committee's attention that the milk tanker leaves Ferry Farm each morning, would the road works, as stated under Correspondence, allow the tanker access? The Clerk said she will notify Devon County Council.

The Chair thanked the members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.02 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this date 28th February 2023