

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

Present

Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. P. Archer	Cllr. P. Dennis
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr J Maciejowska
Cllr. R. Maycock	Cllr. M. Patterson

In Attendance: Cllr. I. Saxby

263. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Grose, Pengelly, Shaw and Wager. The Council accepted their apologies.

264. Declaration of Interests

No declaration of interests were made.

265. Notifications of items of interest as the discretion of the chair. No action can be taken on these items.

Cllr. Dennis

- Beregen's AGM is on Friday 13th October in the Council Chambers at 7 pm and all are welcome to attend.
- Due to vandalism of the Premier Store's letterbox on Fore Street, Bere Alston, they have had to lock it at night. Therefore Beregen are making other arrangements for who will store the key for the Parish Hall.

266. Chair's Report

Due to the wet weather, it has been a difficult year for grass cutting, but the Workman is back on track.

Update on the current Burrington Estates and Co-Op planning applications:

- It is proving difficult to organise a meeting between the Planning Officers, the Bere Ferrers Ward West Devon Borough Councillors and Devon Highways to discuss the applications and it is hoped a meeting will be scheduled for October.
- Cllr. Crozier had sent a letter asking that both two applications be considered together, but this appears to have been ignored.
- A decision on the Co-Op application may be made shortly, but we need to ensure a decision is not made, before the above-mentioned meeting takes place.
- The main issue to discuss is reducing the speed limit to 30 mph, as you enter Bere Alston.
- Cllr. Crozier has spoken to Cllr. Caroline Mott, West Devon Borough Councillor and she has requested she attend the meeting, when it is scheduled.

267. To receive reports from the District Councillors

A report was received from Cllr. Isabel Saxby regarding developments in the Co-Op application.

Zip World will be submitting another application at Tamar Trails. No date on when it will be submitted.

AONB is now to be called National Landscape.

268. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Philip Sanders was unable to be present at the meeting.

269. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 25th July 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. King proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Archer.

Matters Arising

Minute 185 127 (91) It has been agreed to keep the hedge trimming contract with the current Contractor

Minute 186 (147) Update on the piece of land at Pilgrim Drive the Council have requested be turned into additional car parking - The Clerk has received from West Devon Borough Council the following, 'Can I suggest that, before we set up a meeting to discuss, that I commission a title report from my legal colleagues, with a view to understanding if there are any restrictions on the use of the land or other legal impediments that might prevent your council's proposal moving forward'

Minute 187 (156) Cllr. Patterson gave a report on the grass cutting schedule for the Church yard cemetery.

Minute 187 (163) The Clerk will remove the water feature in the Mosaic Garden.

Minute 188 (167) A recent meeting with representatives from Landrulph Parish Council went well and the Council can expect an invite to visit their Parish, in due course.

Minute 189 The Clerk confirmed that comments made on the previous Burrington Estate application will not be carried over to the new application, therefore residents would need to submit a new comment. The Clerk was asked to upload the Appraisal of the Ecological Impact Assessment Report, requested by the Council onto the new planning application.

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

SO, RESOLVED

270. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 1st August 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Maycock proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Archer.

Matters Arising

Minute 204 The Clerk has reported the pot hole surrounding the BT joint box on Broad Park Road to Devon Highways, their reply 'the defect is in relation to utility owned apparatus and have raised the issue with BT'.

Cllr. Maycock proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Archer.

SO, RESOLVED

271. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 5th September 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Maycock proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Archer.

Matters Arising

Minute 210 (198) Cllr. Saxby confirmed she would be the West Devon Borough Councillor point of contact for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Minute 210) 199 (140)) In regards to B3257 roadworks completed in August, the Clerk was asked to enquire whether Devon County Council were aware the traffic lights put in place were turned off approx. 4.30 pm each day. The reply was 'yes, that would be correct,

although I'm aware that some evenings, works continued slightly later, which allowed the works to be completed in 4 days rather than 5 days. This was due to the area being controlled not just by traffic lights but by radio communications to ensure the bridge was kept clear in the daytime.'

Minute 214 The Co-Op and Burrington Estates planning applications have been discussed early in this meeting.

Minute 216 Cllrs. Lamb and Crozier have submitted their consultation back to the Government on the National Planning Policy Framework on development in rural areas.

Cllr. Archer proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska.

SO, RESOLVED

272. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Footpaths & Environment meeting held on 5th September 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 221 (1) The Clerk has invited the new Public Rights of Way Warden for this area to the November Footpaths & Environment meeting and is awaiting a response.

Minute 211 (4) It is believed that the hornets reported are not Asian and are dying off now.

Minute 224 The Committee's comments for the proposed Footpath 2 diversions have been submitted.

Minute 227 Discussions took place on the suggestion of changing unclassified road to public footpaths. The item will be added to the November meeting agenda, for further discussion.

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

SO, RESOLVED

273. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 12th September 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 235 Cllr. King will ask a motorcycle rider to get in touch with the Clerk, to help with the motorbike parking spacing, in the Parish hall carpark.

Minute 236 The recipient of the Eon Wager Best Allotment Cup is currently on holiday, so will attend the October meeting to receive the Cup.

Minute 237 (163) (2)) A West Devon Mobile Locality Officer visited the Bere Alston Recreational field on Friday 22nd September and found no further signs of dog fouling, but they have placed 'new' signs in strategic entrance ways and in the middle of the area and will include the area in future monitoring visits.

Minute 241 After discussions on the grass cutting schedule, one solution may be to employ a Contractor to cut the grass, if required.

Minute 243 Cllr. Lamb conducted an inspection of the Bere Ferrers playpark and sent his report to the Clerk.

Minute 244 The Clerk has been in touch with the Chair of the Bere Alston Allotment Association, To be discussed further at the next open Spaces meeting.

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

SO, RESOLVED

274. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 19th September as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Lamb proposed an amendment to the minutes:

Amended Minute

Minute 251

Cllr. Lamb had received correspondence from the Co-Op and stated the store in Fore Street will close by the end of 2024. The correspondence actually said 'it is unlikely that the existing store will remain viable beyond 2025.' All in agreement to amending the minute.

Matters Arising

Minute 251

The Clerk to contact the Electrician who installed the outdoor lights around the Parish hall, as a couple of lights are not working.

Minute 252 (168)

The Parish Hall registration with the Land Registry is complete but further clarification on one section is required. To be add to the next F & G.P meeting agenda.

Minute 252 (168 (111)

The Council still hold the training funds for the Southern Links Committee. The Clerk to chase up the Committee on who will be taking over the fund, going forward.

Minute 257

Discussions on the number of visits to the Council Office is being monitored by the Clerk and reported back to the F & G.P Committee in the November meeting.

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

SO RESOLVED

275. Discuss submitting an application for the Police and Crime Commissioners Community Grant Scheme 2023.

Discussions took place on the Council submitting a grant application to update the Council's CCTV and outdoor lighting.

Cllr. Saxby, along with Cllrs. King and Maciejowska, will work on a draft application and discussed at the Council meeting to be held on 31st October 2023.

276. Discussion on the Community Payback awareness project

After discussions it was agreed the Parish did not have a big enough project for this scheme, but will keep it in mind for future major projects required.

277. Correspondence

1. A letter from Torridge, North, mid and West Devon citizens advice appealing for a donation from the Council.

It was agreed to add this to the F & G.P October agenda for discussion on the donation.

2. Receipt of the Council's external Auditor's Report and certificate for 2022-23 and there are no matters that need to be drawn to the attention of the Council. The Council will review and approve at the October meeting.
3. An email from a resident concerned about the poster put up by the Council concerning dog mess and asking all dog owners pick up after their dog.

After discussions it was agreed to remove the poster and the matter be referred back to the Open Spaces Committee meeting.

278. Questions from any members of the public present, at the discretion of the Chairman.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 31st October 2023