

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. P. Archer	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. J. Maciejowska	Cllr. C. Shaw
Cllr. E. Wager	

In Attendance: Cllr. M. Patterson

207. Apologies

There were no apologies.

208. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None were declared.

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

Cllr. Maycock reported that the grass underneath the cycle stands in Pilgrim Drive is overgrown. The Clerk will ask the Workman to trim.

Cllr Lamb discussed the current online petition, which is requesting that train operators keep ticket offices open and platform staff at train stations. As of Monday 4th September 2023, it contained 95,000 signatures and when it reaches 100,000, it should trigger a parliamentary debate. He asked that all Councillors consider signing and will send the link on, via the Clerk.

210. Matters Arising from the minutes from 1st August 2023

Matters Arising

Minute 198 Cllr. Maycock has contacted Cllr. Saxby, West Devon Borough Councillor, asking her to be a point of contact for the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan and is awaiting a reply.

Minute 199 (140) The B3257 roadworks were completed in three days, but Cllr. Lamb suggested the Clerk write to Devon County Council to enquire where they were aware that the traffic lights were turned off at approx. 4.30 pm each day, when the Workforce had finished for the day.

Minute 204 There has been no response from Devon Highways regarding when the pot hole, located on Broad Park road at the opposite end of Whitehall Drive, will be filled in. The Clerk to chase.

Minute 205 The Clerk has informed the coordinator from the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee that the sign at the Bere Ferrers Quay is incorrect and they are looking into it.

211. 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.

2343/23/FUL First Federation Trust – Bere Alston Primary School, Station Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7AU
Replacement of 2 windows & 1 door.

Comment: The Council support the application.

2235/23/FUL Anne Taulke-Johnson, Poppy Meadows, Hensbury Lane, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7LA
Erection of a timber pre-fabricated single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling

Comment: The Council support the application.

2249/23/CLE Mr Julian Veasy, Land at Sx 456 639
 Certificate for lawfulness for existing use for the and which has only been used for agricultural use in living memory & the agricultural budling ahs been on the site since a least 2006
 Comment: The Council support the application.

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

1212/23/HHO Catherine Newell Price, The Hayloft, Bere Alston, PL20 7BU
 Application for new openings at ground floor level and replacement windows
 Decision: Conditional Approval

1492/23/HHO S Wolstenholme, Thornfield, 51 Fore Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7AB
 Application for extensions & solar panels to rear
 Decision: Conditional Approval

2236/23/CLP Ms Anne Taulke-Johnson, Poppy Meadows, Hensbury Lane, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7LA
 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of land for sitting a mobile home for use ancillary to the main dwelling
 Decision: Cert of lawfulness (Proposed) Certified

213. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

There were no enforcement cases to be discussed.

214. Update on 2215/22/FUL – Co Op Westcountry Land (Kenwyn) application and Burrington Estates application of the land north of Woolacombe Road

Cllrs. Blackman and Saxby, West Devon Borough Councillors, are waiting to hear back from the Senior Planning Officer at West Devon, who is arranging a meeting which will include Phil Townsend, Principal Highways Development Management Officer from Devon County Council, together with the two Planning Officers for both applications.

Cllr. Crozier has also written to the Chief Planning Officer at West Devon, saying that the Council want both applications to be considered together. The Council is also trying to get Cllr. Philip Sanders, County Councillor, who sits on the Devon Highways Committee to be involved.

Cllr. Lamb read out a section from the latest Devon Highways Consultation reply in regards to the Co-Op application 'The Highway Authority Traffic Management Team have confirmed that the Highway authority would not agree to the relocation of the 30-mph speed limit because current policy dictates the speed limit on this length of road is to be primary based on the prevailing 85% tactile speeds. The area is not sufficient built-up or urbanised to justify a 30 mph SPL.'

Cllr. Lamb commented that this contrasts with the fact that the Highways Authority have already agreed and charged Burrington Estates to put 30 mph limits on Woolacombe Road. Cllr. Maciejowska also commented that this comment seems to go against other initiatives that are being done at County level, for example the introduction of 20 mph speed limits.

Cllr. Lamb continued that if both applications were approved and if the Burrington Homes entrance was on the B3257, drivers would be coming out onto a road with a 60-mph speed limit and pedestrians crossing the road in order to get to the Co-op, because no pavement can be put in on the side of the Co-op.

It was agreed for this item to be added to next month's Plans & Highways Agenda, assuming that the meeting with the Borough Councillors, Planning Officers and Devon Highways has taken place.

215. Devon Highways updates

Denham Bridge Road will be closed for four hours on 15th September 2023 for tree cutting. It is being advertised on the roadside.

216. Latest reports on the NPPF and consultation document from the Chief Planning Officer on development in rural areas

Cllr. Lamb there has been no formal statement on the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework), yet but there is some information coming out, for example it will be supporting neighbourhood plans.

Another consultation has come out about development in rural areas. There are 86 clauses in it and ties in with the Neighbourhood plan. Therefore Cllr. Lamb suggests that it goes to the Neighbourhood Plan meeting taking place on Wednesday 7th September and that the Chair of that Committee, Cllr. Maycock, Chair of the Council, Cllr. Crozier and Cllr. Lamb do a consultation back to the Government, if required.

217. Correspondence

1. Email from the 20 is Plenty Group:

DCC Cllr Jacqui Hodgson has tabled a motion for the next Council meeting on 7th September, asking DCC that where communities/parishes have joined the 20's Plenty campaign and want a 20mph zone through their locality, that they are supported by Devon County Council and get it. "In light of the support for the 'Devon 20's Plenty' campaign, this Council will support the implementation of 20 mph zones where the local Parish Council has passed the 20's Plenty motion." We are contacting yourselves and various organisations hoping you may find some individuals to spend their lunch break (1 hour max) from 1 - 2pm outside Devon County Council, Devon County Hall, EX2 4QD on Thursday 7th SeptemberThe success of this motion put forward by Cllr Hodgson will give choice to communities to thrive from better air quality, less car accidents, less road noise and greater safety for school children to walk and cycle.

Unfortunately no Councillors could attend, but do support the scheme.

218. Questions from any members of the public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

The Chair thanked the members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.39 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this date 26th September 2023