

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr. R. Leithall Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier Chair of the Council
Cllr. V. Grose Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. D. Pengelly

In Attendance: Cllrs. Archer, Patterson, Shaw and Wager.

425. Apologies

Cllrs. Dennis and Maycock sent their apologies. The Committee accepted their apologies.

426. Declaration of Interest

There were no declaration of interests made.

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

Cllr. Lamb stated the drain system put in by the AONB at the Bere Ferrers War Memorial has broken down and the rain water is now going across the site and draining down into the Church. The Bere Ferrers Villagers Group are due to meet with AONB in the New Year and the Clerk is arranging a site visit with the Devon Highways Officer to access who is responsible for the drain.

428. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 21st November 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023

Matters Arising

Minute 379 Cllr. Leithall had briefed the Full Council meeting, held on 28th November 2023, regarding the electricity usage at the Pavilion and the recommendation to replace the coin operated machine. This recommendation will be discussed further at the F & G.P January 2024 Committee meeting.

Minute 380 (305) The issues at the Bere Ferrers recreational field will be discussed at the Open Spaces meeting in January 2024.

Minute 389 The weekly Wednesday Drop-In sessions for Parishioners to visit the Clerk, will start on Wednesday 10th January 2024, from 10 am to 12 pm.

429. To accept the December 2023 accounts for payment

After discussion, Item No 10 on the Payment list - Universal Fire and Security Ltd, replacements of various batteries a lights unit required following the annual service maintenance carried out was not approved and a further discussion on whether to approve the quote, will be held at the F & G.P January 2024 meeting.

Cllr. Leithall proposed payment, except item 10, of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

430. To accept the F & G.P Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 30th November 2023

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

431. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 30th November 2023

Cllr. Leithall proposed acceptance of the reconciled bank statement, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

432. Approve budget for 2024/25 and recommendation of precept to Council

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the budget and a recommendation to Council of a precept of £82,380, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. All in favour.

433. This Parish Council continues to oppose the imposition of Devon County Council of pay and display parking restrictions on the main streets of Tavistock and authorises the Chair of the Council and Highways to participate in the 21-day consultation starting 7th December 2023

Approx. 5 months ago, this Council sent a letter of support to Tavistock Town Council and BID who are opposing introductions of parking charges, by Devon County Council, in Tavistock. Devon County Council have now gone ahead with a public consultation and Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Council complete the form opposing the scheme, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. The Clerk and the Chair of the Council to submit the Council's response.

434. Discuss the lighting between Doctors Surgery and Parish Hall car park

After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed the Clerk obtain costs for installing a light, possibly to fix to the side of the Victoria Social Club and to consult with the Club and the Manager of the Doctors surgery, highlighting the Council's concern for safety of the surgery's patients and those parking in the carpark, especially during the winter months. Seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

435. Annual inspections of the Bus Shelters

There are four bus shelters in the Parish and it was agreed that an annual inspection of all shelters, plus the two war memorials will be conducted by a Councillor and the Workman each January or February. Cllr. Leithall volunteer to carry out the first inspection in January/February 2024.

436. Approve transfer of Southern Links Training fund to Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Buckland Monachorum Parish Council have agreed to hold and administer the training fund for Southern Links Training, therefore Cllr. Crozier proposed the remaining balance be transferred to the Parish. Seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

437. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

438. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Replacement electricity coin machine in the Pavilion.

439. Questions from the public, at the discretion of the Chair

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

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 30th January 2024