

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Present

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

In Attendance: Cllrs. A Blackman and I. Saxby.

490. Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr. Wager. The Council accepted his apology.

491. Declaration of Interests

None were given.

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

Cllr. Crozier spoke on the closure of Denham Bridge due to vehicle damage and that this is completely out the Parish Council's hands, but the Council should express their support to Devon Highway to get the repairs completed and the bridge reopened as soon as possible. At present there is no estimate on when the bridge will be reopened. The Clerk to contact the Local Devon Highways Officer and request updates be forwarded on, in order they can be passed onto residents.

Cllr. Dennis met with representatives from Voneus Broadland and discussed their upcoming project to bring full fibre broadband to Bere Alston.

493. Representatives from South WestWater and Keir; to discuss planned improvements and upgrade to Sewer treatment works to the west of the village

A Representative from South West Water and Keir spoke in regards to works that will commence on May 2024, which will make improvements and upgrade the Sewer Treatment works to the west of Bere Alston.

The construction traffic will access the site by two routes, one to the north and one to the south of the village. Each route will avoid the centre of the village and not be used during peak traffic times. Construction vehicles will be staggered between each route and at present there is no estimate on the number of vehicles movement each day. Each proposed route was discussed and South West Water and Keir took on board the Parish Council's feedback on their planned routes.

There are two planned roads closure:

1. Pentillie Road - for vegetation clearing and although a traffic road closure notice has been advised for 3 days, it is likely that the road will only be closed for 1 day. The diversion route advertised has been proposed by Devon Highways.
2. Lockeridge Road – a letter has been delivered to houses at the end of the road, stating there will still be access residents.

The works will carry on for approx. a year and all footpaths will be accessible at all times.

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494. Chair's Report

The Co-Op application will be discussed at a West Devon Borough Council Committee Meeting on 27th February 2024. As Chair of the Council, Cllr. Crozier wrote to the Head of Devon Highways, approx. 16 days ago and have not yet had an acknowledgement.

495. To receive reports from the District Councillors

West Devon Borough Council have released their budget consultation for their recommendation 2024-25 budget.

Cllr. Saxby is in the process of setting up a meeting with West Devon to discuss the installation of electric car charging points in Pilgrim Drive. It is likely they will be installed at the end of the year.

A revised application from Zip World has been submitted for Gulworthy and Cllr. Saxby will forward on the application number; in order this Parish can review and submit their opinion.

The Co-Op Survey's results conducted in Bere Alston by Cllr. Saxby has been submitted to the West Devon Planning Department and will forward on the results to the Parish Council.

Nominations for this year's Mayoral Awards are now open. The awards are given out each year to an individual, firm or organisation who have done something particularly noteworthy in the Borough, has enhanced the reputation of the Borough, or made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of West Devon. If you wish to nominate someone you can do so via the West Devon website.

496. To receive a report from the County Councillor

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

497. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 12th December 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 had been discussed at the F & G.P meeting held on 23rd January 2024.

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

SO, RESOLVED

498. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 12th December 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

There was no matters arising.

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

SO, RESOLVED

499. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 12th December 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

No matters were arising

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

SO, RESOLVED

500. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 9th January 2024 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 447 (417)

Cllr. Crozier stated that the name of documents uploaded against planning applications on the West Devon planning portal are very vague, therefore you are required to open the document to see what is it about. Cllr. Blackman stated she will take this issue up with the Planning Department.

Minute 447 (421)

The Clerk will give an update on the Council's request for additional street lighting at the Plans & Highways meeting on 6th February 2024.

Minute 452

Representatives from Stagecoach will be attending the Plans & Highways meeting on 6th February 2024 to discuss the issues buses face in the village with parked cars blocking their route. If the problems continues, Stagecoach might request double yellow lines be installed.

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

SO, RESOLVED

501. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 16th January 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 458

The Workman to clear the blocked drains at the entrance of the Cemetery.

Minute 459 (363)

The Bere Ferrers Villagers Group have been successful in securing a grant from the Tamar Valley National Landscape (previously Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) for the work required around the Bere Ferrers War Memorial. Item to be added to the next Plans & Highways meeting for further discuss.

Minute 466

Permission has been given to a couple of allotment holders to dismantle sheds located on a vacant plot.

Cllr. Pengelly approved adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Shaw

SO, RESOLVED

502. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 23rd January 2024 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 473 (428 (379))

The committee proposed a motion that a weekly meter reading be taken and an invoice for electricity usage, but not the daily standing charge, be sent quarterly to the Bere Alston Football Club.

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Minute 477

Cllr. Dennis confirmed Beregen will pay their share of the invoice for the replacement batteries and light units for the Emergency Lighting. The Clerk to raise an invoice.

Minute 481

The Neighbourhood Plan Group will be attending the Public Consultation Day on Saturday 17th February 2024.

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

SO, RESOLVED

503. Update on the Co-Op planning application (2215/22/FUL)

The Co-op planning application will be discussed at the West Devon Committee meeting on 27th February 2024. The Parish Council are requesting two major points:

1. The 30-mph speed limit be relocated to Quarry Cross. This is because the pedestrian road cross for will be in the 60-mph zone and due to lack of lighting it will be very difficult for drivers to see people crossing. The crossing will also not be marked. The Co-Op have offered to pay for the relocation of the speed limit. Devon Highways have agreed to the reduced speed limit to 30 mph on Woolacombe Road, but not the B3257.
2. The Co-Op and Devon Highways need to arrange for the local bus to stop at the store, therefore the Parish will be asking that a bus stop is put in as a planning consider.

504. Report from the Sports Development Committee, Open Public Meeting, 17th February 2024

The event on 17th February 2024 is progressing and there has been a good response from Sports organisations. The Neighbour Plan group will also be attending. The event has been advertised in Berelink and will be advertised in the Tavistock Times, social media and posters around the village.

505. Open Spaces committee recommendation to expand the Bere Alston recreational field play park

Following a recommendation from the Open Spaces committee, Cllr. Pengelly proposed the extension of the playpark by approx. 180 square metres, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska. All in favour. The extension would not impact on the junior football pitch

506. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

507. Questions from any members of the public present, at the discretion of the Chair.

One member of the public asked about Denham Bridge Road

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 27th February 2024