

## BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 pm.

### **Present:**

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

### **619. Apologies**

All members were present at the meeting.

### **620. Declaration of Interest**

None were made.

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

Cllr. Lamb highlighted a comment made on Facebook, stated the Parish Council are going to be clamping cars-vans, if they are not using the Hall or Social Club and that a Parking Officer, spoken to on site, would be enforcing the parking rules of the hall car park. After discussions, the Clerk was asked to comment back that this statement was not true and at no point has the Council employed a parking officer to enforce parking rules.

Cllr. Lamb read out that the Department of Transport in answer to a question from a Plymouth MP had stated that some of the HS2 funds would be used on Tavistock- Plymouth railway reinstatement.

Cllr. Grose, following a request from a member of the public, asked whether signs could be put up by the Bere Ferrers foreshore, stating dogs to be kept on leads by. There are concerns by the member of the public that baby ducklings are going missing. The Clerk to enquiry with Devon County Council Public Right of Ways, whether signs could be put up.

### **622. Matters arising from the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### Matters Arising

- Minute 554, 2                      Cllr. Maycock stated that it was New Road, behind the station where dog poo bags were reported to be left on the hedge. The item will be referred to the Footpaths & Environment Committee.
- Minute 554, 3                      Devon County Council have no budget to install any new street lights and arm extension on existing street lights in Bere Alston.
- Minute 554, 4                      Training on the Parish Hall's fire alarm system for the Clerk, Chair and Vice of the Council will be conducted shortly.
- Minute 555 (472)                      The Denham Bridge sign was still facing the wrong way. The Clerk to chase up with Devon Highways.
- Minute 555 (483)                      The missing lead from the Bere Ferrers Bus shelter roof has been reported to the Police.  
The Workman to contact Cllr. Pengelly who has lead that may be suitable.
- Cllr. Lamb is in the progress of obtaining a new bus shelter from Devon County Council for Station Road/Drakes Road. It was agreed that a monthly inspection of the current shelter be conducted, until it has been removed and replaced.
- Minute 555 (485)                      Cllr. Dennis has completed the relevant Land Registry documents and requires from the Council a copy of the Youth2Youth agreement and a cheque, payable to the Land Registry for the registration fee. All agreed to pay the fee.

Minute 563

To date there have been 155 responses to the Council's Sport Development consultation form. A meeting of the Sport Development Committee to discuss the collated responses, to be confirmed. A meeting at the primary school to discuss playpark improvements was rescheduled to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Minute 564

An Ideal lifts Engineer on site recently to fix the Council Office lift, confirmed that an auto dialler is not required, but suggested warning signs be put up stating the lift was not to be used, if alone in the building. These posters have now been put up and Cllr. Lamb proposed no further action was required. Seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

**623. To accept the March 2024 accounts for payment**

Cllr. Crozier proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

**624.To accept the F & G.P Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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

**625. To accept the reconciled bank statement ending 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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

**626. Pavilion electricity usage**

The Clerk discussed the conversation she had with the Manager of the Football Club regarding the Council invoicing the Club for the electricity used. After discussions it was agreed, at the Football Club's next agreement renewal to also include discussions on electricity usage and charges.

**627. Alternative website providers**

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had sent four quotes of alternative website providers and costs for moving to a .gov.uk domain, for Councillors to review. After discussions it was agreed that Councillors review the quotes and discuss further at the next meeting.

**628. Discuss Devolution Deal for Devon**

Discussion took place on the Devolution Deal. It was agreed that this Committee was neutral and trust Devon County Council to make the right decision and encourage individuals to make their own comments.

**629. Review Publication Scheme**

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the publication scheme, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. All in favour.

**630. Discuss a request from the Plasterdown Grouped Parish Council Clerk to pay Bere Ferrers Parish Council for use of their printer and photocopier**

The Clerk, is also the Clerk for Plasterdown Grouped Parish Council and is requesting to use the Council's printer/photocopier for their Council work and Plasterdown Parish Council will pay. Cllr. Leithall proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

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Cllr. Lamb proposed allowing the request and the charge be 10p for black and white and 25 p for colour printing. The Clerk was also asked to keep a record. Seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

### **631. Correspondence**

1. Email from Devon and Cornwall Police regarding registration for keyholder scheme to ensure emergency services can access buildings in the event of an incident. The scheme will help businesses and individual residents by keeping a record of people who can access a property in an emergency. Emergency services will then be able to contact someone when there is a problem to make sure they can still be called on , if an incident occurs.

After discussions to was agreed to register for the scheme for the Council office, Recreational field (Pavilion) and public toilets. The names to be added are Cllrs. Crozier, Dennis and Lamb.

### **632. Agenda items for the next meeting**

1. Alternative Website providers and .gov.uk domain.
2. Open Spaces recommendations – Bere Ferrers car parking improvements.

### **633. 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 9.05 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024