

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Full Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 21st December, 2021 at 7.38pm.

Present

Cllr P Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr B Lamb	Vice Chair of Council
Cllr p Graeme-Drury	(for part of Mtg.)
Cllr D King	Cllr J Maciejowska
Cllr H Rogers	Cllr C Shaw

371. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Leithall, Cllr P Dennis, Cllr H Peace and Cllr R Maycock

372. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Lamb declared a personal interest in minute 365 from the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 14th December.

373. Notification of items of interest at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items

It was accepted that the Chair would send a card to Cllr H Peace and retired Cllr G Reed.

374. Chairman's Report

Cllr Crozier reported that the Tavy & Tamar Apple Group, of 14 members, had planted 21 trees in the Bere Ferrers Recreation Field as a celebration of the anniversary of the organisation.

He reported on the financial implications of the WDBC budget and that they had received a small Government grant but it was one of the smallest grants per capita compared to other authorities.

Cllr Graeme-Drury interceded that he was only hearing about 10% of the discussions due to the very poor acoustics in the hall. In view of his inability to take part he asked permission from the Chair to leave the meeting. The Chair acceded and apologised for the conditions, stating that estimates for a hearing coil system were in the hands of Bere Gen in respect of the Hall and were on this agenda in respect of the Parish Council Chamber. Cllr Graeme-Drury withdrew at 7.53pm.

375. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans & Highways Committee held on 30th November.

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

Matters Arising

Cllr Crozier expressed his frustration on how the Planning Department are dealing with some applications with major changes of policy with one being a demand for a flood survey for a site 110 metres above the river Tamar! He had now called for a high level meeting between the Leader of West Devon and Planning Officers to sort out this fiasco which is costing applicants thousands of pounds on fruitless reports

Minute 328 - Application for a 20mph speed limit on Denham Bridge Road. This letter is still to be sent.

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

SO RESOLVED

376. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30th November.

Cllr Crozier proposed the approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Lamb

Matters Arising

Minute 283 Cllr Maciejowska reported that she was still making enquiries about the cycle racks and was asked to submit a report to the Clerk for discussion at the next meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee.

Cllr Pengelly proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Maciejowska

SO RESOLVED

377. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on 7th December.

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

Minute 355 Halyard replacement for flagpole, awaiting delivery.

Cllr King proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Shaw.

SO RESOLVED

378. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 14 December.

Cllr Crozier proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Lamb

Matters Arising

Minute 358

Cllr Crozier reported on the water leak within the mains from the Down to the Pavilion with a water loss of 2,000 gallons a day. After three and a half days digging by our workman the leaks had been found and repaired by him. There was still a slight 'weep,' It was thought that the line which was about 40 years old should be considered for replacement next year. The Committee commended our Workman for his determination in successfully dealing with a most demanding piece of work. Cllr Crozier has instituted weekly checks.

Minute 359 (242/154/70.)

Lift working satisfactorily, awaiting certification of emergency training in respect of Councillors who attended.

Minute 359 (242/154/84)

The Accessible Toilet door had been repaired.

Minute 365 (319) Bere Ferrers Zip Wire

Cllr Lamb reported upon a site meeting with the Managing Director of Outdoor Play between Mr A Mitchell of the Villagers Group, Mr R & A Ball, Cllr Crozier and Lamb. In consequence the guarantees had been extended on the wire, a contentious condition had been removed and a final quotation had been received. After due diligence by Cllr Leithall and the Villagers Group, a meeting will be held of the Task & Finish Group with a view to recommending to the Clerk that a purchase order be issued, (subject to all finances being in.) Delivery and erection would be towards the end of February dependent upon weather conditions.

Cllr Lamb proposed the adoption, seconded by Cllr Crozier

SO RESOLVED

379. To approve the Council's Budget for 2022-23

Cllr Crozier present the budget for the following year, this was followed by a debate upon its contents, particularly upon inflation and coming national wage awards.

Cllr Lamb then proposed that the submitted budget of £69,795.7, be increased to £70,520.00 and that additional £800 should form a new Contingency Allowance head within the F & GP budget. This motion was seconded by Cllr Shaw.

A vote was taken with three Members in favour and three members abstaining.

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

380. To Approve the Council's Precept for the year 2022-23

Cllr Lamb proposed a Precept of £70,520.00 for the year 2022-23, seconded by Cllr Shaw.

A vote was taken with three Members in favour and three members abstaining.

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

381. To Approve a scheme of delegation and informal Zoom Meetings.

Cllr Lamb submitted a paper to the Council, '**Delegation & Virtual Meeting**' which is attached to these minutes. After discussion Cllr Lamb proposed the approval of the paper for effect from 1 January, 2022. This was seconded by Cllr King. A vote was taken and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

382. Correspondence

- 1 Proposed by Cllr Lamb, seconded by Cllr Pengelly that the Council go into Pt. 11
A discussion ensued and then Cllr Lamb seconded by Cllr Pengelly to come out of Pt 11 was approved
- 2 A quotation for a replacement door for the Sports Pavilion was accepted at £620.00
- 3 Cllr Crozier asked for approval for an urgent Licensing application in respect of Tamar Valley Vineyard to sell their products under a limited schedule of days. Seconded by Cllr Lamb and all approved.
- 4 Cllr Crozier proposed a grant to the Citizen's Advice Bureau of £120.00 (£80 from remaining F & GP balance and £40 from Chairman's allowance.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 25th January 2022.