

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 28th June 2022.

Present

Cllr P Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. D. King
Cllr J Maciejowska	Cllr. R. Maycock
Cllr. P. Graeme-Drury	Cllr. S. Russell
Cllr. C. Shaw	

95. Apologies

Cllrs. Peace, Pengelly and Cllr. Angela Blackman sent their apologies. The Council accepted their apologies.

96. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Graeme-Drury declared an interest in the Co-Op proposal.

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

Cllr. Graeme-Drury informed the Council that after a conversation he had a local Police Officer, the Police are keen to connect better with the Council.

Cllr. Crozier brought up the issue of the local housing crisis and the suggestion was the Council form a Task & Finish group to discuss the how the Parish Council can work, with the District Council, to improve the housing in the area and find suitable sites for new housing development. After discussions Cllrs. Maycock, Dennis and Graeme-Drury will form the group and report back to the Council at a later date.

Cllr. Lamb discussed conducting an informal Council workshop to discuss any changes required or recommendations for the Council. All members were in agreement and a date for the workshop will be arranged by the Clerk.

Cllr. Dennis informed the Council that the Youth 2 Youth AGM will be taking place in the Youth Hut on Tuesday 5th July at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

98. Chair's Report

Cllr. Crozier informed the Council that Cllr. Helena Rogers had tendered her registration to the Parish Council. The members of the Council would like to thank Cllr. Rogers for the years of service she has given to the Council and requested the Clerk write a letter of thanks to Cllr. Rogers and pass on the Council's best wishes on for the future.

After a three-year absence, the recent Carnival week went very well and the Platinum Jubilee events were well attended, over 200 people attending the Thursday night lighting of the National Beacon.

All grass cutting in the Parish is up to date and currently two picnic tables, donated by Bere Alston in Bloom, are being placed in the Parish Hall Garden.

Cllr. Crozier and the Clerk met with the local Police Community Support Officer to view recent CCTV footage of vandalism being committed. Cllr. Dennis suggested that the Youth Workers also be invited to view the footage.

99. To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr. Crozier update the Council on the Spring Hill development in Tavistock. Planning permission has been given to convert the building into 11 flats for temporary accommodation. It was put out to tender, but none were received.

100. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 31st May 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 31 There is no update on the Burrington Estate housing development appeal. It is with the Inspectorate and awaiting a decision.

Minute 33 The Council have made their objections regarding the proposed amendments to the loading area in Fore Street, in that the Council have always requested that after the lorry loading time has lapsed, any other vehicle should be allowed to park there. Secondly the Council do not accept the proposed double yellow lines further up Fore Street, as the residents do not have any alternative parking.

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

SO, RESOLVED

101. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 31st May 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

There was no matters from the minutes.

Cllr. Maciejowska proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

SO, RESOLVED

102. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Footpaths & Environment meeting held on 7th June 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Dennis proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Russell.

Matters Arising

Minute 53 Cllr. Peace had contacted the Calstock Parish Council in view of applying for a joint GWR Community Fund, but Calstock did not want to pursue an application.

Minute 61 Cllr. Crozier confirmed that after a meeting with the Public Rights of Way, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, the Ramblers Association's Lost Paths has now finished.

Minute 62 Cllr. Lamb stated that he had an issue with the Committee's suggestion of installing boulders around the corner of the Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers road to stop the erosion of the grass. The Devon County Council have cut the verge back and the sight lines have improved.

Cllr. Dennis proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Russell.

SO, RESOLVED

103. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Space meeting held on 14th June 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Crozier approved approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Shaw

Matters Arising

Minute 68 An explanation on how the Council deal with uncultivated allotments was explained to members of the public who attended the meeting. Full allotments which now become available, will be split into two, to allow more residents to have an allotment.

Minute 69 (1) The Bere Alston Allotment has been successful in their application to the Woodlands Trust 'plant a tree programme'. The Clerk has asked that a representative from the Association attend the next meeting Open Spaces in order to discuss where the trees/hedging could be planted.

Minute 70 The Platinum Jubilee mugs have been given out to the children at a school assembly. There are surplus mugs, therefore the Council can sell to residents for £5 each. The money raised will go towards covering the costs of the Jubilee events.

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

SO, RESOLVED

104. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on 21st June 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 92 (4) Cllr. Leithall proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

Cllr. Leithall proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Cllr. Leithall proposed on a 3-month temporary basis, increasing the business mileage claimed to 55 p per mile and that the tax and insurance will need to come out of that, seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury. All in favour.

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

SO, RESOLVED

105. To receive the Internal Audit Report 2021/22

The Council reviewed the audit report. Cllr. King proposed approval of the report, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska.

106. Complete and sign the Annual Governance Statements for Audit

The Council reviewed the statements. Cllr. Crozier proposed approval of the statements, seconded by Cllr. Lamb. The Clerk and Cllr. Crozier, Chair of the Council, signed the documents.

107. Confirm the date period of the public rights and publication for unaudited Annual Governance Accountability return for 2021-22

The date period of public rights and publication for unaudited annual governance accountability return will be from Wednesday 29th June to Tuesday 9th August.

Cllr. Lamb wished to publicly congratulate the Clerk on the successful completion of the 2021-22 accounts.

108. Crowndale recycling

Cllr. Crozier updated the Council on the closure of the Crowndale recycling centre from the 4th July. It is open for green waste only but access is from the Bere Alston approach to Crowndale. Information on the closure and alternative recycling centres is on the Crowndale website. The weekly domestic refuse and recycling collections by West Devon Borough Council will continue as normal.

109. Update on Co-Op proposal

Cllr. Crozier updated the Council on the virtual meeting held early tonight with West Country Land, who are working with the Co-op on a proposal to relocate the store from Fore Street in Bere Alston to the outskirts of

the village. At present the proposal have not taken into considered the Neighbourhood Plan, the ANOB and the World Heritage site. There is no date of when the application will be submitted, but likely to be later in the year.

110. Correspondence

1. The Clerk requested payment authorisation for three invoices from Viking, for the purchase of general stationery and public toilet products. Total was £206.80. Cllr. Dennis proposed the Council pay the invoices, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.
2. The Clerk requested purchase authorisation for three replacement fire extinguishers recommend by Chubb after their recent annual service. Cllr. Dennis proposed purchase, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.
3. The Clerk read out an email from the Marine Natural Infrastructure Officer at Plymouth City Council, who was making contact regarding the ongoing discussion about the new slipway information panels for Bere Ferrers and Weir Quay.

Cllr. Maciejowska informed the Council that she, along with Cllr. Lamb and Ms R. Hinge, will meet to review the panels and feedback directly to Plymouth City Council.

Cllr. Maciejowska also gave the Council an update on the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee Meeting she recently attended. Points highlighted to the Council included:

The Environment Agency and the AONB, creating intertidal habitats at Cotehele and Calstock, that allow tidal water to flow in naturally, creating diverse habitats for wildlife. They are also working with the AONB on new approaches on the Lockett Stream, Lower Tavy and the Lower Lynher that will enhance the landscapes and habitats whilst reducing pollution entering the water body.

The TECF is working on remedies to reduce the impact of recreational use in the Sound and estuaries, including the replanting of a new seagrass meadow. They have a number of educational projects underway to engage with boaters and users of other craft to help raise awareness of the need to protect the seagrass and other marine species.

A Code of Conduct for users of jet skis and other personal watercraft has been produced by the Harbour Master.

A major project has been undertaken by TECF to measure the amount, and assess the damage, of angling waste left by non-commercial fishing. Divers were contracted to view a number of sites. The amount of litter, fishing line, weights, hooks nets etc. was phenomenal and deeply shocking.

111. Questions from any members of the public present, at the discretion of the Chairman.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 26th July 2022