

## **BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL**

**At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

### **Present**

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

In Attendance: Cllr. P. Sanders

### **259. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Peace and Shaw. The Council accepted their apologies.

### **260. Declaration of Interests**

No declaration of interests were declared.

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

None were received.

### **262. Presentation of Eاون Wager Cup**

Mr Eاون Wager presented the Eاون Wager Cup for the best kept allotment for 2022 to Mr. Derek Haw. His daughter, Julie Brammens, was present at the meeting and collected the Cup on her father's behalf.

### **263. Chair's Report**

Cllr. Crozier's update:

1. All cycle stands have now been installed and the stands at Weir Quay are to be repositioned.
2. At the last Open Spaces meeting, a group attended wishing to discuss planting wildflower meadows. A site meeting between the Parish Council and the group, to discuss the most suitable areas to plant the meadows, has now been arranged
3. The Police are involved in recent issues of anti-social behaviour and burglary and the Council will be arranging evening drop-in meetings between the PSPCO and local residents.

### **264. To receive reports from the District Councillors**

Cllr. Crozier's update:

Currently working with a couple of people within the ward ,mainly Gulworthy, to try and solve the electricity issues going on in Tavistock and the Bere Peninsula. The issue of production of energy for the whole area is being discussed at the highest level and the local MP has requested a meeting with the National CEO who now own Western Power.

Recently attended the online Tavistock Matters meeting. The meeting discussed social inclusive and wellbeing, but was more Tavistock oriented, but Cllr. Crozier will continue to engage with the group in future meetings.

### **265. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 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.

Matters Arising

Minute 188 Cllr. Crozier has spoken to Youth2Youth regarding members attending a future Council meeting. A donation to Youth2Youth will be discussed at the next F & G.P meeting.

Minute 192 (181) Cllr. Sanders confirmed the amendments requested on the loading bay in Fore Street, will be implemented next year. Cllr. Lamb wished to thank Cllr. Sanders for his persistence in this matter.

Minute 198 The Clerk had applied for a debit card, but it was not accepted. To contact NatWest for further information as to why it was declined.

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**266. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Footpaths & Environment meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

There was no matters arising.

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**267. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 221 The cycle stand at Weir Quay is to be repositioned.

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**268. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

Matters Arising

Minute 233 A site meeting with the Council and members of the Wildflower meadow team is arranged for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, to discuss possible sites for the meadow(s).

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**269. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

Matters Arising

Minute 242 With regards to the fence being removed on Footpath 6, the Clerk has contacted Devon County Council and is awaiting a reply.

- Minute 248 The Clerk to organise meetings with the Chair of Open Spaces, F & G.P and Chair of the Council to put together draft budgets for each Committee. Each proposed budget will then be discussed at the relevant meetings, before final approval given at an F & G.P meeting and Full Council meeting.
- Minute 252 Cllr. Lamb stated the minute omitted to say that a discussion is still required with Southern Links regarding the outstanding training fund, being held by the Parish and how it is be spent.
- Minute 256 Cllr. Dennis is waiting on a response from a local Electrician with regards to whether the Council are required to undertake a test report on the distribution boards.

#### **SO RESOLVED**

#### **270. Consider Planning application 2215/22/FUL, erection of community convenience retail store(Coop) access, vehicle parking & Landscaping at Land North at B3257, Bere Alston, PL20 7DG**

Cllr. Crozier gave members of the Council and members of the public present at the meeting, an outline of what was discussed at the public meeting, held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Bere Alston Parish Hall.

Cllr. Crozier invited a representative from West Country Land to speak and answer any questions member present may have.

All Councillors were given an opportunity to discuss the application. After lengthy discussions and debate, Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Parish Council recommend to West Devon Borough Council approval of the application subject to many detailed conditions and suggestions. Seconded by Cllr. Leithall. A vote was taken. Seven Councillors were for, three against, one abstain. Motion carried.

Cllr. Lamb to draft the response to West Devon Borough Council and circular amongst Councillors for approval. Once the document has been approved by all Councillors, the Clerk to submit the Council's response to the Planning department by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

#### **271. Parish Hall Car park sign**

The car park sign has been stolen and has been reported to the Police. They are in the process of identifying the person(s) who took the sign and will seek to retrieve it.

The Council were upset to hear of incidents of residents directly voicing their anger with certain Councillors regarding the installation of the car park sign.

Cllr. Crozier stated again that the installation of the sign is to allow more users of the Parish Hall and shoppers on Fore Street to park in the car park during the day and night and as the Council own the land, they do have the authority to do this.

Cllr. Lamb suggested the need to consider putting in motorbikes spaces.

#### **272. Dog Litter Posters**

It was agreed to defer this item to the next Open Spaces meeting.

#### **273. To propose and approve Cllr. Grose joins the Footpaths & Environment and Open Spaces Committees.**

Cllr. Lamb proposed Cllr. Grose join the Footpaths & Environment and Open Spaces Committee. Seconded by Cllr. Dennis. All in favour.

**274. HR Matters. To be taken into Part 2.**

Cllr. Maycock proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

Cllr. Maycock proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

A resolution was made and is confidential.

**275. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

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

A member of the public raised first, that they were concerned that the police seem to keep ignoring the issues that are going on in the area and secondly the residents of Weir Quay were not aware or consulted on the installation of the cycle stands there.

The Council explained that permission was sought and given by the land owner on which the cycle stands have been installed.

A second member of the public wanted to remind all Councillors regarding the upcoming Remembrance Day services and wished to see as many members of Councillors there as possible.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.54 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022