

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 29th November 2022

Present

Cllr P Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. P. Graeme-Drury
Cllr. V. Grose	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr J Maciejowska
Cllr. R. Maycock	Cllr. H. Peace
Cllr. Pengelly	Cllr. S. Russell
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In Attendance: Cllr. P. Sanders

318. Apologies

An apology were received from Cllr. King and the Council accepted her apology.

319. Declaration of Interests

No declaration of interests were declared.

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

Cllr. Dennis stated the next PSCO meeting, which was scheduled for Friday 2nd December 2022, has been postponed to Friday 16th December 2022. 7 pm till 8 pm and will take place in the Council Chambers.

Cllr. Grose enquired why there were two Station Roads in Bere Ferrers and suggested one be changed. Item to be added to the Plans & Highways Committee meeting.

321. Chair's Report

Cllr. Crozier stated that the continuing issues of anti-social behaviour had been highlighted in the latest issue of the Bere Link magazine and hoped these incidents were coming to an end. There is a new Police Inspector for the area and hopefully they will visit the Bere Peninsula.

322. To receive reports from the District Councillors

Cllr. Crozier stated a new housing development in Brentor has fallen through.

Devon County Council have proposed installing parking meters in Tavistock and West Devon Borough Council have negative views on this proposal.

323. To receive a report from the County Councillor

The proposed installation of parking meters in Tavistock will not be supported by Cllr. Sanders at this time. There are pros and cons to the proposal, but the majority of businesses do not want it. Currently there is no predictions on the costs.

The Devon County Council Director of Children has left and the progress to recruit a replacement will start in early December 2022. In the meantime, the Council have appointed an interim Director. Ofsted will inspect the Council's Children's Service on 6th and 7th December 2022.

The new Chief Executive of Devon County Council is Donna Manson, who is currently CEO of Highland Local Authority. She will officially take up the position in December 2022.

Dartmoor National Park's proposed closure of the Visiting Centre in Princetown has not been welcomed in the village and will result in redundancies. Its closures means there will now only be two visitors centres for the park in Postbridge and Hay Tor.

324. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 25th October 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 265 (188) Youth2Youth require £15,000 in funds for the coming year. Cllr. Lamb will forward details of available funds they could apply for.

Minute 270 The Council did give approval for the relocation of the Co-op store, but did put forward a lot of conditions and if the application is approved, should be part of the agreement. The AONB have objected to the application.

Minute 271 The Parish Hall car park sign, illegally removed has been recovered and the sign will be erected again in the New Year. A letter will be placed on cars parked in the car park, giving information on why the Council have erected the sign.

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

SO, RESOLVED

325. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 1st November 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 284 The Bere Alston road sign has been erected by Devon Highways and the Plans & Highways Committee will discuss payment of the sign at their next meeting.

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

SO, RESOLVED

326. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 8th November 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 289 The Clerk will send the West Devon Borough Council's link to report a problem with a dog litter bin to Cllr. Grose, to pass onto a resident.

Minute 292 The Clerk to send an updated annual rent invoice, including interest to the Bere Alston Football Club. Requesting payment be made in 7 days.

Minute 296 The bin at Pilgrim Drive is to be removed.

Minute 297 The Clerk reported that Devon Highways had recently visited and dealt with a few concerns over the hedges. They requested that going forward people concerned with overgrown hedges to log via their problem page ([Report a problem - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)), this allows Devon Highways to know the exact location of the issue. Any actions taken of hedge lines this is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner to maintain and if this meets their policy for intervention a letter drop will be carried outlining the works required from the resident/landowner. If the Land is HMPE (Highways Maintainable at Public Expense) Devon Highways raise a defect and our contractors will attend.

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

SO, RESOLVED

327. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 22nd November 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 305 (255)

Cllr. Crozier to write a letter to the Clerk confirming the additional working hours, authorised by the Committee.

Minute 315

The Committee approved a donation to Citizens Advice. Cllr. Peace asked if they could ask to visit the Bere Alston surgery in order local residents could use their services. The Clerk to follow up.

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

SO RESOLVED

328. 2023-24 Budget

The members discussed the proposed budget. Donations to local organisations, plus discussions on whether to budget for the Coronation, to be discussed at the next F & G.P meeting.

Cllr. Leithall proposed removing the proposed budget for Workman's grass relief, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Cllr. Lamb proposed removing the proposed budget for a new litter bin, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

Cllr. Lamb proposed removing the proposed budget to empty the Council's skip, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

Cllr. Leithall proposed, with the proposed amendments, approving the 2023-24 budget, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Cllr. Lamb thanked the Clerk for the work she had undertaken putting the budget together.

329. Proposed Change to Parliamentary Boundaries

The proposed boundary changes will not affect the Bere Peninsula, but will affect Horrabridge, Yelverton and Buckland Monachorum. All members though should be aware of the proposed changes.

Cllr. Sanders stated that the proposed changes would not affect the District, Borough and Parish boundaries.

330. Approve site of wildflower meadow

Discussions took place on the proposal to plant a wildflower meadow in the Dog field in Bere Alston. The Council wished to know more information from the Group and the Clerk to invite represents of the Group to attend the Open Spaces meeting on 6th December 2022.

331. Correspondence

1. The Clerk informed the Council that the Co-Operative Funeral Directors had transferred funds into the Council's bank account by mistake. Cllr. Crozier proposed the Clerk raised a payment on Bankline to the Co-Op, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.
2. The Carnival Committee have asked that on the evening of Saturday 3rd December 2022 (the Victorian Evening) the Bere Aston public toilet be kept open till 9 pm. Cllr. Dennis proposed the toilets be left over, seconded by Cllr. Maycock. All in agreement.
3. The Carnival Committee requested that the Council donate and decorate a Christmas tree for the Victorian Evening on 3rd December. All in favour.

332. 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 9.40 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 20th December 2022