

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 20th December 2022

Present

Cllr P Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. V. Grose
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr J Maciejowska
Cllr. R. Maycock	Cllr. H. Peace
Cllr. Pengelly	Cllr. C. Shaw

371. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. King, Graeme-Drury, Leithall and Russell. The Council accepted their apologies.

372. Declaration of Interests

No declaration of interests were declared.

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

Cllr. Pengelly enquired about the availability of gritting salt. Cllr. Crozier confirmed that salt had and could be distributed to those who request it.

It was also noted that a few grit bins have not been refilled. The Clerk to contact Devon Highways.

The Down is also not being gritted. The Clerk to contact Devon Highways.

Cllr. Dennis stated that Council's standing orders should be maintained, if they have not been suspended.

It was reported that there was flooding on Denham Bridge Road and can the Council pressure Devon County Council to have the drains cleared.

Cllr. Grose requested that the differences between the District, Borough and Parish Councils be perhaps added to the Council's website for information purposes for Parishioners.

374. Chair's Report

Cllr. Crozier confirmed that the Clerk had now received a business debit card.

Bags of salt for gritting were delivered to those who required it and if any residents need further salt in their area, to contact the Clerk.

The Council's website has been updated.

375. To receive reports from the District Councillors

Cllr. Crozier stated that the District is currently drafting their 2023-24 budget.

Planning permission had also been turned down to install a second flag pole at Killworthy Park.

376. To receive a report from the County Councillor

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting to give a report.

377. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 29th November 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 327 (315)

There is no update on the Co-Op planning application.
Burrington Homes have submitted a pre-application for the site at Down View.

Minute 327 (315)

The Clerk has forwarded to the Citizen Advice Bureau, the request they hold clinics in the local doctor's surgery.

Minute 330

The site of the apple trees in the dog field have been agreed and will be planted as soon as possible.

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

SO, RESOLVED

378. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 6th December 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

No matters arising.

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

SO, RESOLVED

379. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 6th December 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Minute 346 (292)

An electrician has reviewed the electrical coin operated machine at the Pavilion and more investigation is required.

Minute 348

A quote has been received for the bonded rubber for underneath the Basket swing in the playpark. The Clerk to obtain a further two quotes.

Minute 350

Fly tipping is continuing at the Bere Alston allotments. The Clerk to email the allotment holders asking that any seen acts of fly tipping, be reported to the Clerk.

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

SO, RESOLVED

380. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 13th December 2022 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

No matters arising.

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

SO RESOLVED

381. Correspondence

1. Ideal Lifts Services Limited – regarding the Council taking out an ongoing service maintenance of the Council Office's lift. The email detailed what the contract would include and the associated costs. It was agreed to defer this to the next F & G.P meeting for further discussions.
2. Cllr. Lamb produced a copy of a letter written to Great Western Railway, regarding a cancelled train leaving Bere Ferrers at 22.48 on 8th December 2022, resulting in the emergency services being called for a case of hypothermia by a gentleman in his 80s. The letter detailed that after contacting the Help Line, the gentleman was assured a taxi had been booked, but one never arrived. The gentleman was subsequently taken in by a local resident and called the emergency services.

The Council were disturbed by this incident and it was agreed that the Council also write to GWR with their complaint.

382. 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 7.38 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 24th January 2022