

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 6th December 2022

Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. J. Maciejowska
Cllr. H. Peace	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In Attendance: Cllr. V. Grose

333. Apologies

No apologies were received.

334. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None were declared.

335. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items.

There was no items for information.

336. Matters Arising from the minutes from 1st November 2022

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2022.

No matters were arising.

337. To deal with Planning applications for comment. Interested parties are invited to comment on applications they have an interest in before a decision is made, at the discretion of the Chair.

3529/22/TPO Ms Catherine Crockett
T1 & T2: Ash – remove due to dieback at Devon Reach, Pilgrim Drive, PL20 7DB

The Committee have no objection to the application and will leave the decision for the Tree Officer.

338. Take note of any Planning Applications noted after consideration by the Borough

1686/22/HHO Icarus Allen, 1 Cotts, Bere Alston, PL20 7BX
Readvertisement (revised plans) application for demolition of single storey extension & erection of single storey replacement extension (resubmission of 0260/21/HHO)
Decision: Conditional Approval

3207/22/TCA Mr Peter Chapman, 19 Bedford Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7DF
Works to a Tree in a Con Area, T1: Eucalyptus – Remove due to tree beginning to damage wall
Decision: Tree Works no objection raised

339. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

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

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Discussions took place with regards to enforcement cases.

340. Highways & HATOC updates

The Clerk reported that due to other priorities at present, Devon Highways are not in a position to reposition the grit bin at Pilgrim Drive. Cllr. Shaw to organize a small team of people to reposition the bin.

The issue of overgrown hedges in Bere Alston have been reported to the Council's Devon Highways Officer and they have requested where people have concerns over certain areas, it is easier that it be logged via Devon County Council's Report a Problem page. It was discussed this would mean each issue would need to be separately logged. The Committee agreed to collate all the overgrown hedges and along with photos, log as one issue.

341. Correspondence

1. The Clerk read out an email from a student at the University of the West of England, Bristol, carrying out an dissertation investigating how Neighbourhood Development Plans (NP) in South West Devon (South Hams and West Devon) influence housing delivery, asking for those who had completed a plan to complete a questionnaire.

The Clerk to forward information onto an ex-Councillor and ask they complete the questionnaire.

2. Email received from a member of public: ' I would like to install a planter on the pavement outside our property, to prevent parking on double yellow lines and on the wider section of pavement located here, which not only restricts access to our driveway but also causes an obstruction in the road. A small planter (maintained by myself) would deter parking in this spot whilst still providing safe transit for pedestrians (and also give us another spot to wow the Britain in Bloom judges).

It was discussed that the Parish Council have no authority to grant this request and the Clerk to ask the member of public to contact Devon Highways directly.

3. Email from Active Travel & Digital Connectivity lead at South Hams/West Devon Borough Council: West Devon is looking to commission a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) across the borough and we hope it will include the town/larger village you represent. We expect the funding for this piece of work to be announced very soon, but in the meantime, I would be grateful if you could put me in touch with any groups in your area with an interest in active travel? I am also aware that some towns are advanced in planning for active travel and so I would also like to set up meetings to discuss the current situation and aspirations. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could put me in touch with the relevant person in the town or parish council to discuss.

The Committee stated this scheme should be added to the next Footpaths & Environment agenda.

4. Email form the Transportation Planning Officer at Devon County Council regarding the public consultation on the Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy.
'Devon County Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and helped to publish the Devon Carbon Plan which sets out what needs to be done for the region to meet the climate emergency challenge. The decarbonisation of transport in Devon is a crucial part of this response as the sector represents a large proportion of Devon's emissions. The transition to zero emission vehicles, as well as a shift to public transport and active travel, are vital to achieving the Devon goal of 50% emission reduction by 2030 and Net Zero by 2050. Nevertheless, many Devon residents rely on cars and vans, and local authorities have a role to play in enabling and accelerating the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs).The Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy aims to help all residents and visitors overcome barriers to EV adoption and increase access to suitable infrastructure. A key barrier to the uptake of EVs is the availability of suitable charging infrastructure. The EV strategy provides a summary of EVs in Devon, assesses the policy context, forecasts EV uptake and charge point demand to 2030 and sets out recommendations for how Devon County Council will intervene. The strategy will form part of a suite of documents that will feed into the emerging Local Transport Plan 4. The strategy will also be instrumental in leveraging funding from Government for new electric charging infrastructure. You can view a summary of the strategy or the full document at: devon.cc/ev-strategy-consultation The consultation will run between the 9th November and 16th December 2022. The consultation questionnaire, available at: devon.cc/ev-strategy-consultation. To register or ask any further questions please email:

transportplanning@devon.gov.uk'.

342. Questions from any members of the public

The owners of the garages next to the Parish Hall were present and wish to establish the owner of the strip of land between the back of their garages and the houses on Cornwall Street. The reason is that the trees are starting to encroach on the back of the garages, causing damp and vermin issues. At present there is not structural damage, but this is likely to occur, if the issue is not dealt with.

After discussions, Cllr. Maycock proposed that Council take photo evidence of the issue and the Council locate the deeds to establish ownership of these piece of land. Once ownership is established, the Council to seek communication with the owners. Seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

The Chair thanked the members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.38 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this 10th January 2022