

## **BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL**

**At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

### **Present**

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

### **505. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Dennis, Russell and Shaw. The Council accepted their apologies.

### **506. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Graeme-Drury declared an interest in the request from the Pizza van to trade on Council property.  
Cllr. King declared an interest in the item, Motion to stop the Meters campaign in Tavistock.

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

Cllr. Grose enquired whether a grit bin could be placed near the Olde Plough Inn at Bere Ferrers. Item to be added to the Plans & Highways meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Cllr. Maycock updated the Council that he had been unable to upload photos of the empty grit bins to the Devon County Council Highway website. The Clerk to update the Local Devon Highways Officer and Cllr. Philip Sanders.

### **508. Chair's Report**

Cllr. Crozier :

- West Devon Borough Council has declared their 2023-24 Budget and the Council tax will be £7.37, an increase of 2.99%.
- West Devon Borough Council's annual green waste subscription has been increased by £12.
- The Government has released a business rate relief for small businesses and approx. 452 local businesses will qualify. This will be the last year of the Government's covid support.
- On average Parish Council's precept have increased by 10% and Tavistock town Council has increased by 14%.

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

Cllr. Crozier gave his District Councillor's report under the item, Chair's Report.

### **510. To receive a report from the County Councillor**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

### **511. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 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 446**

The suggestion that a piece of land on Pilgrim Drive be used as additional car parking, will be added to the next Plans & Highways agenda, to formally request the Council approach West Devon Borough Council.

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

**512. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Special Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

No Matters Arising

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**513. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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 465 (391)** The Clerk has viewed West Devon Borough Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy and it suggests that there would be charge for each resident, if the street name was changed. It was agreed to discuss this further at the Plans & Highways meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Minute 469** The Council's request to add The Down to the gritting route, the Clerk advised the Council that correspondence from the Devon Highways Officer was as follows 'it is worth noting that surrounding roads directly off primary routes won't be looked at favourably as there is alternative routes which are on primary gritting routes a driver can take which will also lead to same location/road which is also on a gritted route.' To be discussed further at the Plans & Highways meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**514. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

**Matters Arising**

**Minute 476** The roundabout at the Down playpark has been fixed.  
Cllr. Crozier has no update from the Police regarding comments they made in the Tavistock Times regarding no anti-social incidents have been reported in the area since September 2022.

**Minute 478** Cllr. Pengelly updated the Council that following BARP's recent meeting, the Trustees had agreed to donate £500 to the Bere Alston Primary School and their remaining funds to the Council, to be spent as per their terms and conditions, which have already been agreed by the Council. The Trustees also decided to close the charity, after the funds had been transferred. Cllr. Crozier again asked that the charity not be closed and was seeking new Trustees to take over the charity. Cllr. Pengelly will discuss Cllr. Crozier's proposal at BARP's next meeting.

**Minute 480** Following the request to clear of the Memorial Garden in the Cemetery, the Clerk read out advised received from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management on how to proceed.

Cllr. King proposed the Council erect a notice on the site, put a notice in the Berelink magazine and on social media that the Council intention to tidy up the site and if anyone has any questions or concerns, to contact the Clerk. Second by Cllr. Maciejowska.

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

**SO, RESOLVED**

**515. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

Minutes Arising

Minute 487 (2) The Standing Orders are currently being reviewed and if any Councillors have any issues/amendments, to forward onto the Clerk.

Minute 488 (426) The Clerk to take a photo of the electric token machine and send to Cllr. Maycock.

Minute 488 (430) The Committee proposed that the Council carry on with the maintenance of the Parish Clock.

Minute 488 (430) Coronation parties/events taking place on Council land, if endorsed by the Council, will be by the public liability insurance.

Minute 488 (434) The meeting between members of the Council and the Trustees of Beregen has taken place and the Clerk has been asked to look into certain parts of their discussions.

Minute 492 The Committee agreed to give all Council's staff an additional day's holiday for 2023-24, pro rata for part-time staff.

Minute 495 Cllr. Lamb has consulted with a local electrician, the quotes the council has received to install outside motion sensor lights. The recommendation will be discussed at the next F & G.P meeting.

Minute 498 The Committee agreed that as Cllr. Crozier used to be licenced in rodent management and has previous experience that he, along with the Workman, put together a Pest Control Management plan.

Minute 499 A meeting is to be arranged between Cllrs. Crozier, Pengelly, Lamb and the Workman to review all the proposed jobs around the area and compile a list of all the costs.

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

**SO RESOLVED**

**516. Motion to support the Stop the Meters campaign in Tavistock**

Cllr. Crozier updated the Council that an email from West Devon Borough Council stated that 'nothing will be progressed without discussions with stakeholders and a full and proper economic impact report for Tavistock being carried out.'

Cllr. Lamb proposed the following motion be passed by the Council: We regard the proposal by Devon County Council to impose parking fee, for on street parking in the main streets of Tavistock, to be abhorrent, unnecessary and will reduce the usage of the shops and restaurants in those areas and assist in a downturn to the town economy. The proposals will inflict hardship on shoppers from rural areas who depend for these needs on this wonderful market town. A decision should be made to cancel these proposals before the local elections on 4 May this year as they have significant political significance. Seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska. All in favour, except for one, who abstain.

### **517. Correspondence**

1. A meeting for the next Tamar Valley Line Forum is scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Tamar Belle, Bere Ferrers Station.
2. A request from a mobile pizza van, requesting permission from the Council to trade on Council land.

After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed they are informed that there is no suitable area to offer them to trade on, seconded by Cllr. Grose. A vote was taken, seven for, one against and one abstained. Motion carried.

3. The Clerk requested approval to purchase McAfee Anti-virus software for the Clerk's laptop.

Cllr. Leithall proposed the package be purchased, seconded by Cllr. Crozier

4. A letter from the Land Registry regarding the Council's application to registry the Parish Hal. They have questioned the Council's rights to the use of 4 Parking Spaces in the Surgery Car Park. It was agreed that Cllr. Lamb go through the Council's records to try and find the relevant document required.

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

A member of the public expressed concerned about the condition of the Weir Quay noticeboard. They were informed that the noticeboard was owned by AONB, had been informed and are in the progressing of getting it repaired.

It was asked when the election nomination papers would be available to collect. The Clerk confirmed the papers will be available for collection from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.