

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 28th March 2023

Present

Cllr P Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. V. Grose	Cllr. R. Leithall
Cllr J Maciejowska	Cllr. R. Maycock
Cllr. Pengelly	Cllr. C. Shaw

568. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis. The Council accepted his apology.

569. Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interest made.

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

There were no notifications of items of interest.

571. Chair's Report

Cllr. Crozier:

The Council's Workman and myself have conducted a survey of where the rats are on the Bere Alston allotments, have come up with a pest control plan and what equipment/poison is required. The work will commence w/c 3 April 2023.

The local elections will be on Thursday 4th May 2023 and the Council are now in the pre-election period.

Cllrs. P. Graeme-Drury and Cllr. S. Russell have given their resignation to the Council.

572. To receive reports from the District Councillors

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

573. To receive a report from the County Councillor

The County Councillor sent his apologies for not attending the meeting.

574. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 28th February 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 513 (469)

Cllr. Crozier has sent a letter to the CEO of Devon County Council and the Head of Devon Highways, detailing what is felt by the Council, Devon Highways neglect of the Bere Peninsula, as various improvements to roads within the Parish have for many years been denied. The Council are awaiting a reply.

Two members of the public who were injured when they fell in a pot hole in Fore Street, Bere Alston and are submitting a claim with Devon Highways.

Minute 514 (480)

A notice informing resident that the Council wish to tidy up the Cemetery's Memorial Garden has been posted on the Council's website and social media page

and also is featured in this month's issue of Berelink. So far, the Clerk has received one request for more information.

Minute 516 The Council's motion to support the Stop the Meters campaign in Tavistock has been well received by Tavistock Town Council and they have thanked the Council for their support.

Minute 517 (4) The Land Registry have requested the original deeds for the Parish Hall and the Bere Alston recreational field. The Clerk to search the Council Offices for the deeds.

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

SO, RESOLVED

575. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 7th March 2023 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 526 The proposed 20 mph speed limit areas for both Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers have been submitted. The Council are awaiting a response to their application.

Minute 527 The Committee approved the Neighbourhood Plans' funds to transferred to the Council and place in an earmarked reserve, for spend by the Neighbourhood plan only. To be added to the next F & G.P meeting for final approval.

Minute 529 The Council are awaiting a response to their letter sent, via email, to the CEO of Devon County Council and Devon Highways. The Council have gone through Devon Highway's Winter Service Plan and feel that The Down does meet the criteria required to get a route added to the gritting route, due to the following points:

- It is the primary route to High Cross Cemetery and the Air Ambulance landing site.
- The last road survey conducted two years ago showed 1614 cars used the road during a 12-hour period.
- It is the primary route that buses, school buses and lorries use. Devon Highways have suggested traffic should go down the primary gritted route of Bedford Road, but due to the narrow parts of the road, this does cause congestion.
- The gritting lorries already drive down the road.

As the Council has received no response yet, Cllr. King suggested sending the letter via recorded post.

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

SO, RESOLVED

576. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Footpaths & Environment meeting held on 7th March 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 537 Cllr. Grose stated that Footpath 2 has been rerouted. The Clerk to contact Devon County Council to confirm whether the issue on this path has been resolved.

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

SO, RESOLVED

577. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Open Spaces meeting held on 14th March 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 534

The pothole reported in Fore Street, Bere Alston has been repaired.

Minute 535 (480)

Cllr. Crozier is awaiting on an acknowledgement of his email sent to the Police regarding reported cases of anti-social behaviour.

Minute 536

Bere Alston in Bloom has installed the planter outside the toilets. The bench in the Parish Hall garden will be repainted in the next few weeks.

The national standard height of benches is 15-17 inches. Cllr. Shaw has measured the benches and concluded that two benches are below height. To be added to the next Open Spaces meeting agenda to further discussion.

Minute 539

Cllr. Leithall has inspected the wooden bench seat in the Bere Ferrers field and concluded it is sturdy enough. The Clerk also confirmed the Workman inspected the bench. The Council are therefore happy to accept the bench.

Minute 540

Due to the continuing wet weather, the supplier has unfortunately had to delay installing the new equipment at Sarah Park till the end of April.

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

SO, RESOLVED

578. To approve and adopt the minutes from the F & G.P meeting held on 21st March 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Minutes Arising

Minute 549 (494)

Yellow lines have been painted outside the Parish Hall emergency exit.

Minute 556

Following the meeting with Bergen, the F & G.P Committee proposed the Council pay 50% of the refuse collection to Beregen and the Parish Hall insurance, leased by Beregen, be paid by the Council and the water/gas charges be paid by Beregen.

Minute 562

it was discussed rejuvenating the Council's dormant charity. It can then be used to collect funds/donations for the rebuild of the Pavilion.

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

SO RESOLVED

579. Approve Standing Orders for 2023-24

At the F & G.P meeting held on 21st March 2023; the Committee proposed accepting the amended Standing Orders for 2023-24.

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

580. Email from Atlas Tower Group requesting a discussion with and guidance from the Council about selecting a suitable location to build a single mast to then market to the mobile phone Operators

The Council has received an email from Atlas Tower Group, who build operate towers for the mobile phone operators. They have identified Bere Alston as having poor coverage and would like to talk to the Council about selecting a suitable location along with the Council's guidance to build a single mast to then market to the Operators.

Cllr. Crozier suggested the Council invite Atlas Tower Group to a Council meeting to discuss their request further. The Council had no objection. The Clerk to contact the company and invite them to the next meeting.

581. Issue of litter on Denham Bridge Road

Cllr. Crozier stated that the issue of litter has been highlighted in this months' Berelink magazine and the road is due to be closed for maintenance shortly. This would therefore be a good opportunity to clean up the litter. It was suggested that once the Council are aware of when the road will be closed, the Council to put a notice on their social media page, asking residents to help with the clear up. The Council's litter picking equipment to be used.

582. Approve cost for list of jobs currently required about the Parish

Following discussions at the Open Spaces meeting held on 14th March 2023, the costs of all the jobs currently required about the Parish will be approx. £1000 - £1500. Funds will be taken from several Open Spaces and F & G.P budgets to cover the costs.

Cllr. Lamb proposed setting a budget of £1400, plus 10% contingency. Seconded by Cllr. Leithall. The Clerk to liaise with the Workman on a start date.

583. Approve purchase of equipment for pest control

Following discussions at the Open Spaces meeting held on 14th March 2023, the committee proposed purchasing 12 bait boxes at £8 per box and poison for approx. £120.

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the purchase, seconded by Cllr. Grose.

584. Request from a mobile pizza van for permission to trade on Council property

This has previous been discussed by the Council under Correspondence, but as it was not detailed on the agenda, a resolution could not be made at that time.

After discussions, Cllr. Leithall proposed allowing the pizza van to trade in the Bere Alston recreational field car park, for a trial period of three month and one visit per month, with the following conditions; they vacate the area by 9 pm, take all their refuse away and avoid nights other organisations use the carpark. The Council to inform the local residents. Seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. A vote was taken. Five for, two against, one abstain. Motion Carried.

585. Invite from the Carnival Committee for the Parish Council to enter the carnival procession, taking place on Saturday 20th May 2023

The Council has received a letter from the Carnival Committee inviting the Council to enter in the carnival procession on Saturday 20th May 2023.

After discussions the Clerk was asked to reply to the Committee thanking the group and the Parish Council will take part if they can, but currently are heavily involved in other projects.

586. Administration arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 31st March 2023.

Arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting were discussed and all Councillors have been asked to help out during the evening.

587. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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

A member of public wished to comment on the high quality of the new seat installed at Weir Quay. Cllr. Crozier confirmed that the seat is not owned by the Council and is privately owned.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 25th April 2023