

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 4th April 2023.

Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. C. Shaw	

593. Apologies

Cllrs. Crozier and Maciejowska sent their apologies. The Council accepted their apologies.

594. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None were declared.

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

There were no items of notifications.

596. Matters Arising from the minutes from 7th March 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023.

Matters Arising

Minute 522 (471) The owner of the garages behind the Parish Hall have requested the Council clear up the strip of land behind the garages. To be added to the Workman's job list.

597. 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.

0096/23/FUL Mr Richard Miles, application to replace a partially derelict agricultural building at Ezenridge Farm, Bere Alston, PL20 7ET

After discussions, the Committee were happy to support this application.

Comment: The Council support the application

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

0136/23/HHO Mr Alan Reid, 10 The Down, Bere Alston, PL20 7HQ
Application for proposed replacement rear extension, Solar panels at existing rear roof, remove chimney & make alternations to garden to provide pedestrian access ramp & small patio

Decision: Conditional Approval

7397/22/ARC Mr H Acland, Hewton House, Bere Alston, PL20 7BW
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (materials) of planning consent 0735/21/HHO (APP/Q1153/D/3290063)

Decision: Discharge of condition approved

599. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

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

Cllr. Maycock proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Discussions took place with regards to enforcement cases.

600. Devon Highways updates

The Council have received a response from the Deputy Director of Highways and Infrastructure Development, Devon County Council regarding the letter sent to the CEO of Devon County:

Thank you for your letter regarding the inclusion of The Down road in the our future winter treatment network. Donna has asked me to respond directly. I am sorry that you are disappointed with the performance of the Highways and Traffic Management Service. Our Winter Service Plan is published in its entirety online and this includes the criteria that will be considered from a winter service perspective. These include things like strategic routes, access to emergency premises and settlement populations amongst others. From an education viewpoint, it also includes secondary schools but not primary schools. We have to be mindful that DCC are responsible for circa. 8,000 miles of road and treating all of this is not possible. We treat about 20% of the network and this accounts for around 80% of journeys but ultimately there are locations like yours which we don't treat. We also receive multiple requests like yours every winter and consider these as part of the post-winter review. I can confirm that yours has been added to the list for review after the current winter service period. We will be in touch once we have more information.

After discussions, the Clerk was asked to response to the Deputy Director asking when the Council's request will be put before their Committee and whether the Council can be of assistance and summarise the Council's reasons why The Down should be added to the gritting route.

The Clerk to contact Devon Highways regarding the poor job done to fill in the Pot Hole on Fore Street, Bere Alston.

601. Correspondence

1. Email from Devon County Council, giving information on the surface dressing will be done on the road from Ferry Farm to Collins Railway Bridge, Bere Alston on 12th April 2023. Should the dates change, they will be back in touch accordingly, as these works can only be done in favourable weather conditions
2. Letter from White Wood Management & Devon Timber, who as the agent for the owner of Harling Farm, Bere Alston, White Wood Management & Associates Ltd is creating a Woodland Management Plans for the 3.64ha of woodland within the farm's ownership following the Forestry guidelines and if the Council have any queries as to the detail of the management plan, do contact them directly.

602. Questions from any members of the public

No members of the public present asked a question.

The Chair thanked the members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.36 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Signed this date 25th April 2023