

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Present

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

646. Apologies

There were no apologies.

647. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None were declared.

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

Cllr Crozier updated the Committee that the potholed road surface from Orstocks to the Gravity Head junction has been in an unacceptable condition for a long time now (years). Councillors have asked for repairs several times to no avail. A very small amount of patching was done but this was insufficient and was complained about at the time. The Parish Council has repeated asked members of the public to on the DCC's Highways page of any pothole and if they are found to be the relevant size for a repair it carried out reasonably quickly. This Council did write to DCC's CEO, Director of Highways and our County Councillor in March re Highways problems in this Parish. The reply received was a non-committal and due to the paucity of the funds it had not reached the criteria for action. This patch of road is in Gulworthy Parish but used regularly by Bere Ferrers Parish residents.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Council formally write to Devon Highways, copying in Stuart Hughes of Devon County Council, Cllr. Philip Sanders, Ms. Meg Booth, CEO of Devon Highways and Gulworthy Parish Council asking for urgent action to be done. Seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska. All in favour.

649. Matters Arising from the minutes from 4th April 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023.

There was no matters arising.

650. 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.

0860/23/FUL Mrs. Josie Gay, Land at SX 463 663, Bere Alston
Proposed stables, hay store with hard standing and equestrian use of land (retrospective)

After discussions, the Committee agreed the below comment be submitted to the Planning Department:

Comment: The Council regrets the loss of agricultural land and the retrospective application. PP should be sought before any development is started.

3077/22/FUL Miss Cheryl Haddy, Bere Alston Primary School, Station Road, PL20 7AU
Replacement of old cast iron fence (retrospective) & proposal for a further new replacement fence with 2-metre-high V mesh.

A statement was read out by a Chartered Architect acting on behalf of the school, detailing that the design of the new fence had been agreed in principle, in negotiations with the Historic Buildings Occupier and will provide enclosure to the children's playground and be 1.8m high.

Comment: The Council have no objection to the application.

1147/23/TPO Mr. Brian Roach, 2 Trinity Close, Bere Alston, PL20 7BD
Works to a TPO tree, T1: Cherry – fell due to decline causing instability causing risk of fall, and to give more room to neighbouring trees.

Comment: The Council was unable to access this application and therefore assume it has been withdrawn, if it has not the Council will leave the decision to the Tree Officer.

1187/23/TCA Mr Peter Kenvin, 3 Stephens Close, Fore Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7AB
T1 & T2: Sycamore – remove, G1 : mixed hazel and sycamore – remove branches overhanging garden

Comment: The Council have no objection to this application.

0921/23/VAR Mr Trevor Atkinson – Peninsula Care Ltd, 72 West View Residential Home, Board Park Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7DU
Application for removal of conditions 3 (tenancy restrictions) of planning consent 3507/22/FUL

The Clerk read out a letter from the applicant regarding the application.

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

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This application is to remove restrictions that the tenant of the property must be an employee of West View Residential Home.

After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed accepting the application proposed removal of condition 3, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska. All in favour.

Comment: The Council have no objection to the application removal of condition 3

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

0635/23/TCA Mr Paul Graeme-Drury, Bedford House, 1 Bedford Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7DF
T1: Birch – crown thin by up to 30% and crown lift to 4m from ground level
Decision: No objections raised

0361/23/ARC Mrs Prunella Barnes, land around South Hooe Cottage, Bere Alston, PL20 7BW
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (CEMP) and 6 (LEMP) of planning consent 1701/22/FUL
Decision: Discharge of condition approved

4347/22/HHO Ms Sue Packer, Orchard Cottage, 1 Gullytown, Weir Quay, Bere Alston, PL20 7BT
Application for construction of replacement single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling house & associated works including the erection of new garden fence.
Decision: Conditional approved

652. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

There was no updated enforcement list of cases to discuss.

653. Devon Highways updates

There are no current updates to pass onto the Committee.

654. Request for a grit bin to be placed near the Olde Plough Inn in Bere Ferrers

After discussions it was deemed there was no space for a grit bin, but grit bags can be organised to be given out to residents to use as and when required.

Cllr. Maycock to liaise with Cllr. Grose on the matter and have a plan in place by Winter.

655. Extension of existing parking restrictions on Station Road, Bere Alston

The Clerk read out a letter from a resident who outlined the on-going problem along Station Road, with vehicles parking in such a way, leading to problems for parents using their vehicles to drop-off/pick-up children at the school. Their suggestion is that the existing single yellow line which imposes restrictions during school drop-off and pick-up times, be extended

south-eastwards. This would also have an additional benefit for the Fire Service should they need to exit their station and turn right along Station Road.

After discussions Cllr. Maycock suggested deferring this item to the next meeting and in the meantime requested all member of the Committee conduct a site visit during the pinch point times.

656. Correspondence

1. Email from the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group requested permission to use the Bere Ferrers Recreational field for a Coronation Fun & Games on Monday 8th May 2023.

The Committee had no objection and granted permission.

657. 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 30th May 2023