

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 12th December 2023

Present

Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. P. Archer	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. V. Grose	Cllr. R. Leithall
Cllr. J. Maciejowska	Cllr. M. Patterson
Cllr. D. Pengelly	Cllr. Shaw
Cllr. E. Wager	

444. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. King, Dennis and Maycock. The Council accepted their apologies.

445. Declaration of Interests

None were given.

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

Cllr. Archer has had a telephone conversation with a member of the public regarding benches on the Bere Ferrers Quay. The resident stated that the Parish Council had given them the wrong information.

Discussions took place on whether permission had been given for a bench to be moved and replaced with another. As the benches are on West Devon Borough Council's land, the Clerk to contact the Estate Department at West Devon and request they contact both parties to try and find a resolution.

Cllr. Wager wanted it noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair were not wearing their Chains of Office. They apologised for the oversight, citing the quick succession of meetings tonight.

Cllr. Grose highlighted that Devon County Council Public Right of Ways have requested that any footpaths issues be reported via their website [Home - Public Rights of Way \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/home)

447. Chair's Report

Cllrs. Crozier and Lamb are continuing to speak to District Councillors, County Councillor and Devon Highways regarding reducing the speed limit into Bere Alston to 30 mph.

448. To receive reports from the District Councillors

The District Councillors were not present at the meeting.

449. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr. Sanders stated that the matter of reducing the speed limit into Bere Alston is looking positive.

Updates on Devon County Council were also given.

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been renamed National Landscapes. Therefore this Parish is now part of Tamar Valley National Landscape.

450. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 28th November 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 406

Cllr. Maciejowska asked the Clerk if there was any more progress from Zero Hours Climate and Ecology Bill. The Clerk to follow up.

Cllr. Patterson proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Archer.

SO, RESOLVED

451. To approve and adopt the minutes from the Plans & Highways meeting held on 5th December 2023 as a true meeting and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

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

Matters Arising

Minute 420

Salt bags will be distributed to 15 sites on Wednesday 13th December.

Minute 421

Devon Highways has sent the approx. cost to install an additional street light on Fore Street in Bere Alston. After discussions the Clerk was asked to contact Devon Highways and ask if an existing street light could be adjusted.

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

SO, RESOLVED

452. Approve 2024-25 Budget

Cllr. Lamb proposed approval of the 2024-25 budget. Seconded by Cllr. Leithall. All in favour.

453. Approve 2024-25 Precept

The F & G.P Committee proposed a recommendation precept of £82,380. Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of precept, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. All in favour.

454. Correspondence

1. An email from a member of public regarding the Christmas tree in the remembrance garden in Bere Alston has been severely damage. Many Baubles have been removed, trodden on around the tree, leaving shards of broken glass and plastic. All of the tinsel from the lower branches have been removed and is around the village. The lights are still there but have been pulled out. This incident will be reported to the Polices.
2. The Clerk updated the members on when Council staff will be taking Christmas leave.

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

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Signed this date 30th January 2024