

DRAFT VERSION**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Plans & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Present

Cllr. R. Maycock	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. P. Archer	Cllr. J. Maciejowska
Cllr. E. Wager	

In Attendance: Cllr. M. Patterson

444. Apologies

Cllr. Shaw gave his apology. The Council accepted his apology.

445. Declaration of Matters of Interest

None were made.

446. Notifications of items for information at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items at this meeting.

Cllr. Patterson has been approached by a couple of residents concerned that a couple of Livewest properties are empty. It was discussed that Cllr. Patterson should pass on the details to the Clerk, who will follow up with West Devon's Principle Affordable Housing Officer.

It was also highlighted that certain pot holes have still not be filled in. It was reminded that all pot holes need to be reported on Devon Highways website.

447. Matters arising from minutes at the meeting held on 5th December and 12th December 2023

Matters Arising from 5th December:

Minute 414 The Clerk updated the Committee on the Carnival Committee's decision to close the Parish Hall carpark the night before the Victorian Evening on 2nd December 2023. For this year's Victorian Evening the Carnival Committee have been asked to submit a formal request to the Council to request closure of the car park.

Minute 417 Cllr. Crozier to contact the West Devon Planning Department, to discuss the delays in decisions being made on planning applications.

Minute 421 Cllr. Lamb suggested the solution to the lack of lighting between the Parish hall carpark and the Doctor's Surgery and Fore Street in Bere Alston, may be solved by installing extensions arms from the street lights. The Clerk to follow up with Devon Highways.

There were no matters arising from the minutes from the 12th December 2023.

448. 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.

2782/23/HHO 9 Sherrell Park, Bere Alston, PL20 7AZ
Householder application for single storey extension, association works including solar panels, skylights, extended garden fence, flue & extension to side of garage.

All members agreed to support the application.

Comment: The Council support the application.

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

2920/23/FUL Mr & Mrs A Jeans, Land at Sx 445 672, Tuckermarsh, Bere Alston.
 General Purpose rural building
 Decision: Conditional Approval

450. Enforcement cases to be taken into Part Two

No updated enforcement cases have been sent to the Clerk.

451. Peninsula Transport public consultation on its draft transport strategy: Shaping the Future of Transport Across the South West

Peninsula Transport, the sub-national transport body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay councils, have opened a public consultation on its draft transport strategy and the strategy will be used to guide regional transport investment decisions through to 2050. The deadline for comments is 5 February 2024. The link to the strategy and to have your say is at www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/peninsula-transport-strategy-consultation/

452. Discuss incidents of parked cars in Bere Alston causing issues to Stagecoach's bus routes

The Clerk has been contacted by the Integrated Public Transport Manager from Devon County Council, who state Stagecoach have highlighted to them 'that on a few occasions over the Autumn they have had to abandon their circular bus route around Bere Alston due to park cars'. The Plymouth Depot Manager from Stagecoach would be more than happy to attend a meeting and address this issue with members. It was agreed to invite the Depot manager to the next meeting and ask they bring information on the pinch points where cars are parking.

The issue of parking on Pilgrim Drive was also discussed. The Clerk is chasing West Devon for their decision to turn a piece of land on Pilgrim Drive into additional parking. Cllr. Crozier will also put a note in the next edition of Bere Link, stating that the Parish Council are actively looking into additional parking.

453. Devon Highways Updates

It was reported to the Clerk on 8th January 2024 that the Pilgrim Drive grit bin has still not be filled up. The Clerk to chase up with Devon Highways.

The Clerk also asked members to monitor that The Down was being gritted during the cold weather.

454. Correspondence

1. Email from West Devon giving details of an online Planning training session which has been organised for Town and Parish Councillors and Clerks. The training will take place on Thursday 29th February 2024. It was suggested all members of the committee sign up to attend.

455. Questions from any members of the public

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

The Chair thanked the members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 7.35 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee.

Signed this date 30th January 2024