**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday 26th June 2018.

Present

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Chairman of Council

Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. D. Pengelly

Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. H. Rogers

Cllr. R. Leithall Cllr. G.R. Reed

Cllr. R. Maycock Cllr. E. K. Wager

1824. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Chapman due to illness and Cllr. Crozier due to being in hospital.

1825. **Chairman’s Report.**

The chair reported that she had not represented Council at any public events this month. She had spent time working through the Part 2 paperwork with Cllr. Page-Bailey and as this is ongoing, quite possibly this will be the substance of next month’s report as well

1826. **Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken**

**on these items.**

1. Cllr. Wager – months ago I complained of litter outside the Clerk’s Office in the bushes, it is still there.

2. Cllr. Hanson – why is there a roadworks sign stating this road will be closed 5th July when it is closed

now, the other side of the road closure has no notification at all.

Discussions took place about the Quarry Cross closure and how badly organised it was,

there were lanes completely grid locked. The Chairman asked Councillors to individually

complain to Devon County Highways.

3. Cllr. Lamb – some months ago I filled in a survey for Great Western Railway Franchise on behalf of the

Council, they would like a copy of our response.

Bere Alston Station: every year Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership bring along students to

improve the area. The planters are looking nice but need to find someone who could water

them. Cllr. Lamb will pop in and see the gentleman who lives in the Railway Station.

4. Cllr. Reed – I would like some information for Weir Quay Hub Club as the boat club comes into use we

thought we should have a defibrillator. The Hub Club will supply the location and the

electricity.

This is a community asset and with the amount of people visiting we feel we should have a defibrillator, would Council consider applying for funding from the new Communities together Fund.

1827. **To approve the minutes of Full Council held on 29th May as a true record and taken as**

**read.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

Matters Arising

Minute 1769 – The Clerk reported that the packet of drugs was cannabis and it has been handed to PC

Callender.

Minute 1770(1702) – The Syrian Refugee Party was a success with approximately 180 attending.

Minute 1778 – Cllr. Boot-Handford stated we should not ignore the GDPR (General Data Protection

Regulations).

Cllr. Page-Bailey is trying to set up training with TAP Funding.

Minute 1780 – Has the Clerk had a reply from Bere Ferrers Villagers regards all the items on Cllr. Crozier’s

inspection list? The clerk has had the following reply from Diana Mitchell.

The Spring on the gate to the playground was disabled some years ago for safety reasons.

The Council has been aware of this for all that time. ROSPA always bring it up in their

report!

We are well aware of the rotting fence round the playground and are in discussion with our

expert about this.

I have asked Tricia Kent who organises the tennis group to look into replacing the broken

lock on the compost toilet door and she will arrange to replace it.

We will arrange to root up the ragwort when we have a volunteer available.

**SO RESOLVED**

1828. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on the 5th June and taken as read,**

**to deal with matters arising.**

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

Matters Arising

Minute 1784 – Is there any information from DALC?

Minute 1785 – Cllr. Boot-Handford is it not Council policy not to name parishioners in the minutes unless

directly in connection with a planning application.

Cllr. Boot-Handford does not think this is the correct name in the minute, remove

name and insert parishioner.

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

**SO RESOLVED**

1829. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Special Finance and General Purposes meeting held on**

**the 5th June and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Matters Arising

Minute 1789 – Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed that Council go into Part 2 and invoke Standing Order P3.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that Council come out of Part 2 and revoke Standing Order P3.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed Council employ a professional accountant to give us advice, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

A vote was taken all were in favour.

**SO RESOLVED**

1830. **To approve and adopt the minutes of Open Spaces held on the 12th June and taken as read, to**

**deal with matters arising.**

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

Matters Arising

Minute 1794(1740[1]) – Cllr. Dennis is still searching to see if the land is registered.

Minute 1793(1) – Cllr. Pengelly spoke with Mr. Graham-Drury.

Minute 1793(2) – Cllr. Dennis is speaking to Cllr. Leithall about the advert.

Minute 14793(3) – Cllr. Lamb visited the Cemetery, the sandbags are covered in weeds. Ask workman to

clean it out so we can see how much sand we have.

Minute 1794(1740[2]) – The Clerk contacted Mrs. King who had the following reply from John Doswell: I

am happy for this to go ahead with this, take this email as permission as long as they are not planted where they could obscure visibility.

Minute 1797 – Cllr. Page-Bailey has further information about the rubber chip required and also the shillet

required for the Bere Ferrers play park entrance.

Cllr. Lamb felt that an application should be made to the Communities Together Fund for a grant.

Minute 1799 – Cllr. Dennis has arranged a meeting of the Grave digger, Undertakers, Rev. Law and our

Workman for Monday 16th July.

**SO RESOLVED**

1831. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes held on Tuesday 19th**

**June and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed approval, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Matters Arising

Minute 1807 – Cllr. Dennis reported that the trustees will be meeting on Monday night to discuss the issue

of pre-school.

Minute 1816 – Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed that this committee set up a staff sub-committee, seconded

by Cllr. Maycock.

The following members of Council put their names forward: Cllr. Maycock, Cllr. Page-Bailey, Cllr. Lamb, and Cllr. Boot-Handford.

Minute 1817 – Cllr. Maycock – The Neighbourhood Plan will be posted by the 4th July to West Devon they

then have 56 working days to arrange a referendum. Approximate date Thursday 20th September.

Minute 1818 – Cllr. Dennis is trying to contact the owner of the garages as they were very keen on putting in a CCTV system.

Minute 1821 – Cllr. Page-Bailey informed Cllr. Dennis that there is no need for a tender document to sell

the trailer, just go ahead and advertise on Gumtree.

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

**SO RESOLVED**

1832. **Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that the dress code for gentlemen should be smart, casual but a**

**tie is not necessary, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford felt that in the extreme heat the dress code should be relaxed.

Cllr. Dennis objected to the motion, Cllr. Reed supported the motion, Cllr. Maycock said that Full Council is a professional entity and he will continue to wear a tie. Discussions took place. Cllr. Wager ‘I am old school we could have members of the public at a meeting, this would not look professional.”

Cllr. Boot-Handford called for a vote, 5 for the motion, 4 against and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

1833. **Cllr. Lamb proposed that the responsibility for the Road Warden Group be transferred from**

**Footpaths and Environment to the Planning Committee with immediate effect, seconded by**

**Cllr. Page-Bailey.**

Cllr. Lamb – having talked with the Chairman of Planning, this item to be referred to Planning.

1834. **Internal Audit carried out by Cllr. Pengelly and Cllr. Reed.**

Cllr. Reed reported that they chose a cheque and followed it through, system check A. All was in order.

Cllr. Hanson system C Petty Cash & Postage from last month, not happy with the system, Clerk has changed system and it is running in good order.

1835. **Report by Cllr. Lamb on West Devon Borough Council.**

Cllr. Lamb has nothing to report.

1836. **Report from Cllr. Reed on the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Meeting.**

After the minutes of the February ’18 were agreed and matters arsing were completed, there were two presentations:

1] Rob Price, Catchment Co-coordinator for the Environment Agency; his presentation was in

power-point format.

Summary

2017 £2.8m spent on 50 projects covering 56km. of in the Tamar Valley Catchment area,

liaising with 56 other Bodies

2018 £3.2m is being spent on 50 projects covering 64km. in the same area

If there are any issues within BFPC where we could benefit from this funding, the Council

will have to contact him for further details

2] Stephanie Davies, Scientific Officer, of CIFCA [Cornwall Inshore Fisheries & Conservation

Authority] gave her presentation on the

River Tamar Crab tile Survey of 2017. Crab tiles are artificial ‘shelters’ for crabs in the inter-

tidal zone. The tile will typically, be flowerpot

sized items laid on their side half-buried in the mud which the crabs use whilst moulting their

shells.

Her slides showed ‘exquisite’ delight of the process using manual and drone viewing to count

these pots – total for the area: 7,067 [2017]

Up by 836 over 2016. Total for the Plymouth estuary and R. Tamar put at 12,600

The people who place these Tiles gather the crabs for their own use as bait. When challenged

about the environmental consequence,

Stephanie could not provide an answer and doubted whether this question has been

researched in detail!!

The remainder of the meeting covered:

GDPR;

A safety update from Simon Crayford [RNLI]

Bio-security especially for NNS [non-native species] and INNS [invasive non-native species] – a booklet will be issued soon [July ‘18] alerting to the dangers

The finalised Biosecurity Plan is now available to view online, along with the accompanying species guide, via the following link:

http://web.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/environmentandplanning/natureconservation/natureprojects/tecf/tecfactivities.htm

New Notice Boards at the water’s edge – 5 trial sites are being populated – Weir Quay will have an updated Board at some point.

Water safety:

Guard against pollution.

I questioned the effectiveness of apprehending speeding power boats [there is a general 10Kt speed limit] both the QHM and Police pleaded shortness of

Resources when I said that there is a routine flouting of the speed limit upstream in the Tamar of the estuarine limit of the R. Tavy.

1837. **Correspondence.**

1) West Devon Borough Council – News Release.

Statement from the Leader of West Devon Borough Council regarding the Tragic Events in Tavistock this weekend

Cllr Philip Sanders, Leader of West Devon Borough Council Said: “I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to all of those people affected by the tragic death of a 15 year old girl in Tavistock over the weekend and the friends and family of the 14 year old boy, who was also taken ill. All of our councillors, and particularly our Tavistock ward members are deeply saddened by what has happened. The Council is in contact with the police and will provide Tavistock with support though our Community Safety Partnership. I cannot imagine the grief of losing a young person in these circumstances and the impact that this will have on the whole community.”

2) West Devon Borough Council – News Release.

New source of funding launched for West Devon Community.

Do you have an idea for a project that you think would benefit or enhance your own, or another, local community? If so, you may be able to access funding from the new Communities Together Fund.

The Communities Together Fund (formerly Town and Parish/TAP Fund) is managed in West Devon by West Devon Borough Council. It’s allocated according to the number of number of electors on the electoral roll with the Borough Council contributing ten pence per elector to the fund, and Devon County Council contributing one pound per elector.

The Fund is intended to support new ideas and to help communities work together on projects that enhance and make a difference to residents. Previously, the TAP Fund has supported a range of valuable projects over the last few years, including Devon Air Ambulance night landing sites, the provision of life-saving defibrillators, and various public space improvements.

Devon’s District, Borough and County Councils reviewed the criteria for the fund, and want to encourage even more collaboration between communities, whether they are projects led by voluntary and community groups, or Town and Parish Councils.

Leader of West Devon Borough Council, Councillor Philip Sanders, said: “Through the Communities Together Fund, new ideas can be supported and I want to encourage communities to work together and to put forward new ideas to access this pot of money.”

The Leader of Devon County Council, Councillor John Hart, said: “Through this fund, we’re encouraging local communities to identify projects that will make a real and positive difference to their local area. It’s great to see the successful projects that have already taken place thanks to this initiative, and we hope others take advantage of the scheme.”

For more information in West Devon about The Communities Together Fund, please visit theCommunity Grants and Funding page:

https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3687/Communities

3) West Devon Borough Council News Release – Planning for the Future and Learning from the Past.

West Devon Publishes Annual Report.

4) Devon County Highway Maintanance Team – Funding fom 2018/19 Highway Maintanance Community Enhancement Fund. To enable the board to our bid further consideration, following information is required

* Total cost of the project
* The value pf the Parish’s contribution to the cost of the project
* More detailed and specific information regarding the type of work that will be undertaken.

5) DCC Highway Maintenance Team –

Thank you for submitting a bid for funding from the 2018/19 Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund.

To enable the Road Warden Board to give your bid further consideration, would you please provide me with the following information:

• The total cost of the project

• The value of the parish’s contribution to the cost of the project

• More detailed and specific information regarding the type of work that will be undertaken

On receipt of the above information, the Road Warden Board will be in a position to provide you with a formal decision on your application.

6) Granville Starkie – The Parish has now formally approved the final plan documents after them being appropriatley amended as per the examiners recommendations.

They are attached for your attention.

Please would you advise me when we can proceed to publish them on our website.

Also an indication of how we might expect things to develop from here onward would be much appreciated.

7) Tamar Valley AONB – News bulletin.

8) Devon Air Ambulance – Latest news June 2018.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed this 31st day of July 2018.

Chairman………………………………..