Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 19th June 2018.

Present

Cllr. M. Page-Bailey Chairman

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Chair of Council

Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. R. Maycock

Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. D. Pengelly

In Attendance Cllr. Crozier

**1806. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Leithall due to business.

**1807. Notice of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No decisions can**

**be made on these items.**

1) Cllr. Dennis – the Beregen Trustees had a meeting last night. Bere Alston Primary School are

seeking to start a pre-school on their own ground, which will cause a problem to the one here.

2) Cllr. Page-Bailey – last night on the news a 4x4 owner was prosecuted for doing damage on the

moor, it said he was from Bere Ferrers.

3) Cllr. Dennis – has registered the Council’s Website Domain Name for the next two years, a

further yearly payment is due in August.

**1808. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May and taken as read, to deal with matters**

**arising.**

Matters Arising

Minute 1753(4) – loading bay outside the Co-operative shop, this is ongoing with Devon County

Highways.

Minute 1753(6) – Cllr. Musgrave report on the noise outside Y2Y Hut. Cllr. Musgrave and Cllr.

Lamb spoke with the Police, they are already aware of the vandalism etc. Any patrols with nothing to do have been asked to head for Bere Alston.

**1809. Accounts for payment.**

The Clerk circulated the accounts for payment to all members of committee.

Cllr. Lamb proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

**1810. Financial Statements.**

The Clerk circulated the financial statement to all members of committee.

Toilets A question was asked about the South West Water A/C.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance of the Toilet Finance Sheet, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

F&GP Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance of the F&GP Finance Sheet, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

**1811. To accept the reconciled bank statement.**

The Clerk emailed the reconciled bank statement to all committee members.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance of the statement, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**1812. To discuss the audit results.**

Discussions took place on the Internal Audit report observations and recommendations, the

comment section was filled in with Council’s observations.

**1814. To discus the New Notice Boards.**

Defer to next month’s meeting.

**1815. Update of new accounting system.**

A proposal to purchase the Realta Alpha System was put forward at the Special Finance & General Purposes meeting on the 5th June.

Discussions are needed with the company as a NAS system is needed, also five licenses, training and installation.

**1816 To discuss staff wages in Part Two.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed committee go into part two and invoke standing order P3, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed revoke standing order P3 to come out of part two, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

**1817 .To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr. Maycock – the examiner has submitted the final report to West Devon Borough Council with a few text changes, she has recommended publication of the plan. Cllr. Lamb spoke with Neighbourhood Plan Officers in West Devon who will pass the plan to the Electoral Office for a Referendum in about 8 weeks’ time.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that this Council approves the final copy of the Neighbourhood Plan as produced from the examination and submitted to West Devon, seconded by Cllr. Boot-Handford.

A vote was called for, all present in favour.

**1818. To discuss the Mosquito System against CCTV**

Cllr. Dennis – this system is easily put together with 3-4 parts, you can have the speaker either on

the wall or internally, there is no electrical wiring it can be manually operated or operated by sensor.

Decibels can be controlled by distance.

The company can supply either one or two speakers, one for the hut area the other can be placed wherever you have an issue.

Cllr. Pengelly – raised the issue of the possibility of vandalism which was discussed

Cllr. Dennis – CCTV is a lot more efficient now a days, a lot smaller and clearer. Cllr. Dennis

thinks this is a more efficient answer. Council asked Cllr. Dennis to cost CCTV and maybe contact the garage owner to see if they are still interested.

Cllr. Maycock asked about sound also as we seem to be having issues with bad language.

**1819. Toilet Cleaning after Bere Ferrers Watersports.**

It was agreed a letter be written to Cllr. Musgrave asking if he could arrange with the Watersports Committee to make sure the toilets are cleaned by the Sunday.

**1820. Floodlights Parish Hall Entrance.**

Cllr. Dennis – has spoken to Adam Smith who thinks it is quite feasible to put a light above the

clock using LED floodlights, he will find a way of wiring them into the system.

Cllr. Dennis will get a cost by next week.

**1821. Sale of Trailer.**

Cllr. Dennis – was waiting for Cllr. Leithall to draw up a tender document for the sale of the trailer.

Cllr. Boot-Handford felt it should go on Gumtree.

Discussions took place.

It was agreed a price of £750ono. Cllr. Dennis will contact Cllr. Leithall for the tender.

**1822. Correspondence.**

1) West Devon Borough Council

Council’s Transformation is complete.

A five year transformation programme by South Hams District Council and West Devon

Borough Council is now complete, saving just under £4.5 million combined for both councils

each year.

West Devon Borough Council’s Leader, Cllr Philip Sanders, said: “Peoples’ lives, along with

technology, are constantly changing and we must change with them.  We have had a radical

transformation in the way that the councils have worked for more than 40 years.   Our workforce

was reduced significantly and all staff roles changed to become flexible and responsive to the

needs of the customer.

“A new agile way of working was introduced, with the creation of a hot desk environment in both

the main offices. This new way of working also included the flexibility for staff to work on an agile

basis.  This way of working is an important factor in retaining key people.

The success of this project is testament to the skill and determination of the staff, and they have

the thanks of all of the elected CouncilMembers.”

2) Devon County Council

Devon Mobile Library and Outreach Service Consultation 2018

Have your say devon.cc/librariesoutreach

Closing date 29th July 2018

You can also complete the consultation online and at mobile library service stops.

3) Pascoe &Son

Estimate to clean the ‘mosaic garden’ granite furniture and will include the floor at a cost of

£250+VAT.

Cllr. Dennis proposed accept and go ahead with the work, seconded by Cllr. Boot-Handford.

**1823. Agenda Items for next meeting.**

1. Water harvesting for Public Toilets.

2. Staff Sub-committee.

3. Property Inspection.

4. To discuss position of new notice boards.

5. To review setup of inventory of assets.

There being no further business the chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.56pm.

Signed this 26th June 2018.

Chairman………………...