**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Plans Committee held in Council Chambers on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

**Present** Cllr. G.R. Reed Chairman

 Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

 Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman

 Cllr. B. Lamb

 Cllr. R. Maycock **In Attendance.** Cllr. E.K. Wager.

 Cllr. S. Munn

 Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

1202. **Matters arising from the minutes of 9th May.**

Minute 1152- Assistant Clerk informed the committee that the pot holes had been reported in February

but did not meet the safety defect criteria, they have been reported again, also a letter has been sent to

the owner regards the tree in the Parish Hall car park.

1203. **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 Chairman.**

**1503/17/FUL** Mr. & Mrs. Jones

Change of use from booking hall to residential accommodation linked to Station Masters House at Station Masters House, New Road, Bere Alston PL20 7ES.

 **Comments Support- Committee feel the proposed improvements will be an asset to the area.**

 **1443/17/TPO** Mrs. Glynis Swift

 Works to TPO- T1- Sycamore, all round crown reduction by approx. 3m at Melrose,

 Bedford Street, Bere Alston PL20 7DL.

 **Comments Support**

 **1639/17/TPO** Mr. Frederick Street

 Works to trees in Conservation Area -T1: Japanese Cedar - Fell; T2: Cypress - Fell;

 T3: Cypress -Fell; T4: Cypress - Fell; T5: Blue Cedar - Fell; T6: Spruce - Fell;

T7: Cypress – Fell at 3 Bedford Place, Bere Alston PL20 7DS.

 **Comments Support- although committee has no objection to the felling of the Cyprus and**

**Spruce trees they would recommend the Japanese Cedar and Blue Cedar be pollarded not felled.**

 **1729/17/ARC** Mr. S. Hunkin

 Application for discharge of condition 8 of granted planning consent 2219/16/FUL at

 land adjacent to 45 Maynard Park, Bere Alston PL20 7AR. (For information only)

 **Comments No comments made as for information only – WDBC have already given**

 **Conditional Consent.**

 **0264/17/FUL** Mr. Venning

 Re-advertisement (Revised Plan Received) Erection of two new garage blocks

 (Resubmission of 0208/16/FUL) at land at Cotts, Weir Quay PL20 7BX.

 **Comments Support- Committee support the changes made on this application but would recommend the provision of Devon Hedges and an Orchard made a condition of this application.**

1204. **Enforcement cases to be taken in Part 2.**

Cllr. Wager was asked to leave Council Chambers as he does not sit on this committee.

Cllr. Munn proposed committee go into part 2, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Maycock proposed committee come out of part 2, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

1205. **Update on Woodland at Quarry Triangle from Cllr. Lamb.**

Assistant Clerk read the following email from Justin Milward Land & Property manager The Woodland Trust dated 28th September 2016 –

We have previously carried out a review of our woodland estate as part of a strategic assessment to ensure that our sites deliver as many of our charitable objectives as they can. As part of the review process, we identified the need for some really iconic sites and we have since acquired a number of substantial ‘landscape scale’ sites. We also identified the opportunity to engage with community groups and private individuals in managing some of our smaller and remoter sites which perhaps no longer fit so closely with our current objectives, such as Bere Alston Copse. I’m sure you will appreciate that, as organizations evolve and develop, there can be a gradual maturing of aims and aspirations. As a result, we have now leased a number of woods to groups and individuals across the country. In each case we have maintained public access, where there is a history of public access, and the leases ensure that the sites will continue to be managed as native woodlands. I should emphasize that outright freehold sale of woods is not currently under consideration. So we are looking for a suitable organization to look after the wood by way of a formal lease. Leases may be for a term of between 25 and 999 years, and will require the lessee to maintain & protect the site (particularly the large mature trees) as native broadleaf woodland with public access and to carry appropriate public liability insurance. No development or buildings etc. will be permitted in the wood without the Trust’s consent, and lease covenants are enforced by the Trust retaining the freehold ownership. There will also be an obligation to retain the site’s name as ‘Bere Alston Copse’.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I look forward to hearing from the Parish Council when they have considered this.

Discussion took place.

Committee requested the Clerk ascertain more information on this issue and report back to next Planning meeting; Cllr. Lamb suggested contact be made with Mr. Robert Plumb (Tamar Community Trust).

1206. **Correspondence.**

1) Email from Naomi Stacey Specialist Licensing WDBC – application received for a new premises licence for The Old Pump House Lopwell Dam PL6 7BZ by Coffee Couture (Plymouth) Limited. The application is for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. If Council would like to make representation then it must be received no later than 12th June 2017.

1207. **Proposals from committee for agenda for next meeting.**

1) Update on Community Woodland, Quarry Triangle.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signed this 27th June 2017.

Chairman ……………………..