

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Full Council meeting held in the Bere Ferrers Church Hall on Tuesday 17th August 2021.

Present

Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of Council
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. B. Lamb
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. R. Maycock
Cllr. H. Peace	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. G. Reed	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. C. Shaw	

112. Apologies

Apologies were received by Cllr. D. King and Cllr. Graeme-Drury due to prior engagements. Cllr. Crozier proposed that the Council accept their apologies, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

113. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

114. Notification of items of interest at the discretion of the Chair. No action can be taken on these items.

Cllr. Lamb:

1). I wish to acknowledge the good work that had been done on the renovation of the Railway Signal box at Bere Alston, by the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership. This will now be the base for the Scouts in the Parish. I suggest that the Council send a letter of thanks to Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership, complementing them on the work completed.

2). For those who have not yet RSVP'd for the Cemetery Road Opening on Thursday 26th August, please do so via the Clerk.

Cllr Reed wished to thank those who took part in the recent traffic survey on the corner of The Down and Bedford Street. The date for the next survey will be confirmed at a later date.

Cllr Dennis confirmed that the crowd funding page for the repair of the Parish Clock was now just short of £1000.

115. To discuss proposal of installation of CCTV around the Parish Hall.

Cllr Lamb – two/three years ago, the Council looked into installing CCTV, but the cost was too high and no grant could be sourced, as we were not a town, therefore the matter was left. But the issue of litter and vandalism around the Parish Hall continued.

The CCTV system at the Bere Ferrers Social Club, installed by a local company, was brought to the attention of Cllr. Lamb. This company surveyed the Parish Hall and devised a plan to install 8-10 cameras round the Hall. These cameras would be able to pick up sound and record day and night. The plans were given to other Specialist in the village, who agreed it was good. The local police officer also looked at the plans and gave their approval.

The total cost of installation would be just over £2000. The Youth Club have been approached and they will donate £300 towards the cost. Cllr. Dennis confirmed the garage owner was interested in donating a sum towards the costs, but would like more information from the Council before committing. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had sufficient funds to pay the outstanding costs.

Cllr Dennis asked what the legal aspects were of putting up the cameras. Cllr. Lamb confirmed that the Council would need to put up signs stating CCTV was installed and recording. The Council would also need to have in place Controllers of the cameras, which would be the Clerk and the Chair of the Council and state a justification for each camera.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Council go ahead and install CCTV cameras around the Parish Hall. Seconded by Cllr. Reed. All in favour.

Cllr. Lamb proposed forming a Task & Finish Group of himself, Cllrs, Dennis, Crozier and Leithall to complete this project. Seconded by Cllr. Rogers. All in favour.

116. To discuss the replacement of the cemetery gates

Cllr Crozier – after the cemetery gates were sand blasted, it became apparent that they were in such a poor condition to repair; it would be cheaper to order new gates.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Crozier proposed that in principle the Council replace the current gates with new gates, at a cost of £816 each, seconded by Cllr Reed. All in favour.

The idea is to replicate the gates, but the final design will be discussed at the next Open Spaces meeting in September. In the meantime, if people wish to submit a design for the gates, please do so.

117. To discuss the replacement of the easy access Bere Alston toilet door.

Following the Council's decision during the Finance & General Purpose meeting (minute no 84) on 20th July, to replace the easy access door with a non-radar system door, the Toilet Cleaner wrote to the Council asking them to reconsider that decision, due to their concerns of vandalism if this toilet door was left unlocked all day.

In accordance with Standing Order 7a and 9, the following Councillors, Cllr. P. Crozier, Chair of the Council, Cllr. B. Lamb, Vice-Chair, Cllr. P. Dennis, Cllr. D. Pengelly and Cllr. H. Peace, gave notice to the Clerk that they wish item 84 of the Finance & General Purposes minutes of the 20th July 2021 and approved by the Full Council on the 27th July 2021, be rescinded and the matter is given further discussion so that the Council can review the decision at its next meeting.

Discussions took place, including whether to repair the existing door.

Cllr. Lamb obtained a quote from SBP Carpentry & Construction, to have the rotten wood removed and repaired on the lower section of the door, for the total cost of £428.46.

Cllr. Leithall proposed the Council ask SBP Carpentry & Construction to repair the existing door, seconded by Cllr. Maycock. All in favour.

118. Update on Zurich Claim

Cllr. Lamb updated the Council on the claim with Zurich with regards to the breakdown of the lift in the Parish Hall and on Thursday 12th August, Zurich agreed to pay the Council a settlement fee of £3,193.09.

Cllr. Crozier thanks Cllr. Lamb for his persistence in this matter.

119. Correspondence

1). The Workman will be on a free strimmer course on Tuesday 24th August, which has been organised by Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Liaison Officer.

2). Letter from the Electoral Services West Devon, concerning the vacancy on the Bere Ferrers Parish Council:

Referring to our Notice of Vacancy dated 23 July 2021. I write to inform you that I have not received any requests for an election. Therefore, you are now in a position to co-opt to fill this vacancy.

3). Following her talk at the Full Council meeting on 27th July, Kate Royston, Director and Energy Advisor – Tamar Energy Community, emailed to ask if any Councillor would wish to be the representative for the Council and participate in their meetings.

Cllr. Reed expressed an interest in being the Council's representative, but as a Director of the organisation it could be a conflict of interest. If it is, Cllr. Maycock expressed an interest, as long as the meetings were held in the evening. The Clerk to contact Kate Royston for further information.

120. Questions from public

A member of the public asked about the picture quality of the CCTV camera, as when previously discussed the quality was

considered poor. The Council confirmed that the picture quality of cameras have improved over the years.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.09 pm.

Signed by the Chair:

Dated: