

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

Finance & General Purposes Committee Updates and Actions 18t January

1. Road Closures

Cllr. Dennis highlighted the issue of the closure of Denham Bridge Road until 30 January 2022 and the lack of signs advising drivers of this closure. Cllr. Crozier to pass on Cllr. Dennis's comments to West Devon Borough Council.

Action: Going forward all road closures, known by the Parish Council, are to be posted on the Council's Facebook page and website.

2. Update on Emergency Plan

Cllr. D. King and Mr. Stuart McQueen are continuing to update the Parish's Emergency Plan.

3. Application for a Council debit card

18/01 - Application was submitted before Christmas, but not yet received. The Clerk has contacted NatWest Bank for an update but has yet to have confirmation it has been issued.

26/01 – the Clerk received confirmation from the Mandate NatWest team, that they didn't receive the completed form.

The Clerk to resubmit the form and send via email.

4. January 2022 Accounts for payment

A total of £6965.39 was paid out for the January accounts and circulated to all Councillors. No objections for payment were received. All payments to be authorised for payment by 22nd January.

The bank statement up to 31st December 2021 has been reconciled by the Clerk.

5. Operation London Bridge

A draft action plan has been completed by the Clerk and circulated to all Councillors.

A Task & Finish Group with Cllrs. Crozier and Lamb and the Clerk to be formed to discuss and the action plan and finalise. The Clerk to also ask representatives from the British Legion and Church organisations for their input.

6. Financial Regulations & Standing Orders

Cllrs. Crozier, Lamb, and the Clerk are to review the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders for 2022/23.

7. Cycle Stands

The cycle stands will be free of charge and the only cost incurred by the Council, will be their installation.

Cllrs. Maciejoska and Shaw are to select suitable sites in Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers, with consultation with the Weir Quay Group and Bere Ferrers Villagers Group. There will be two stands at each site, which will be enough for 8 bikes to be parked.

For Bere Alston, the suggested sites are the Parish Hall and Pilgrim Drive car park.

Action: The Clerk to check that the stands will be covered by Council's public liability.

8. The Rejuvenation of Bere Ferrers War Memorial site

A Jubilee project to be completed by an ad hoc group of the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group. Cllrs. Crozier and Lamb to meet with the group, at the site on 26th January, to discuss their suggestion further. Planning permission will be required.

9. Piece of land at Prilgrim Drive

There was a question raised from Cllr. Pengelly 'Could this piece of land be used for a car park?'

Cllr. Crozier to confirm that this piece of land is owned by Devon County Council and if yes, to formally make a proposal to turn it into a carpark with Cllr. Philip Sanders.

10. Replacement of Clerk's Computer

The Clerk is currently in correspondence with Dell to get the new computer and equipment ordered. The laptop the Council approved for purchase is currently out of stock, with a lead time of 67 days.

25/01 – to obtain other future quotes for a laptop.

11. Provision of a hearing loop system in Council Chamber

24/01 - The equipment has been ordered and should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

12. Replacement of Office photocopier

An order can be signed by the Clerk and now just waiting on a date when the new photocopier will be delivered.

13. Repair of outside lights at the Parish Hall

The Clerk has asked the Electrician again for a quote to replace the four broken lights on East side of Hall with more substantial fixtures.

26/01 – Chased Adam Smith again. Cllr. P. Dennis reminded the Council that the lights had been disconnected years ago due to complains by local residents. Therefore replacement motion sensor lights must be taken in to consideration of the neighbours.