

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 11th September 2018.

Present

Cllr. P. Dennis	Chairman
Cllr. H. Boot-Handford	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. S. Hanson	

1917. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wager due to work commitments.

1918. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these matters.

- 1) Cllr. Pengelly – has had contact from a teacher at Quay View School asking if Council would be prepared to allow them to undertake some community work in the village.
Cllr. Pengelly to get back to them with the suggestions of litter picking and may be helping with the painting of the equipment at Sarah Park.

1919. Matters Arising from the minutes of the 17th July and taken as read.

Matters Arising.

Minute. 1857 – The Workman wishes to know if you require the seat put back in its original place in the Parish Hall play park. Yes put it in the same place but Cllr. Hanson suggests concreting the legs in.

Minute. 1861(a) - Clerk read the following letter from Mr. Westlake re old goal posts- “we have now taken delivery of our new light weight goal posts and they come with sockets which is good news.
Would Council like our old goal posts, maybe a new one for the recreation field and possibly the other one for Bere Ferrers.
Discussions were held and it was felt Council would have no use for them. Clerk to thank Mr. Westlake for the offer but no thank you.

Minute 1861(e) – the rotten posts have been removed.

Minute. 1861 (i) – reported the main gate hanging post broken and is making it difficult to open.
The Clerk has asked Mr. Hingston to replace this he did this today with a Shield gate post with a 15 year warranty.

Mr. Westlake has sent a quote for new double glazed pavilion doors, at a cost of £473.54 + Vat =£568.24 Football Club would fit for free.
Discussions took place regarding the practicality; it was felt the doors should be solid
Clerk to thank Mr. Westlake for the quote but ask him if he would get one for solid UPVC doors, Clerk to seek two more quotes.

1865. Winner of the Wager Trophy- Mrs. Norman could not attend the Full Council meeting in July but hopes to be there on the September one.

1866. Routine Safety Checks. – large gate in the play area The Down. The problem with the gate was that the hanging post was not concreted in the ground and was moving about, Mr. Hingston has removed the gate and is rehangng it on the concreted closure post so it just means that the gate opens from left to right now.

1920. Financial Statements.

The Clerk emailed all Councillors with the new financial statements. Discussions took place, Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that as this is the first time we have seen these they are not going to be perfect.

The Clerk explained that the Alpha package will not do monthly committee spread sheets.

The Clerk has kept the monthly statements up to date if you require them.

Cllr. Hanson has some questions as to why we are drawing from general reserves; also the figures do not correspond with the monthly sheet.

Cllr. Hanson proposed that committee is not in a position to approve the accounts with the data emailed to them, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

1921. To discuss the offer from BAUFC Youth team of the purchase of a defibrillator for the Pavilion.

- (a) Council welcomed members of the Youth Football Club. Mr. Daymond explained that the committee has voted that they would like a defibrillator that they could add to their kit and take with them. However we are unexpectedly having the defibrillator sponsored when we thought we would have to fund raise. We would like to offer our full support if the Council wish to proceed with purchasing a defibrillator for the recreation field, we will fund raise and donate the money to your Defibrillator.

Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that defibrillators are no longer able to be funded from the Community Fund, unless Parish Council is working with 2 or more groups working together on a project.

Cllr. Lamb felt that we should go ahead and make an application to the Community Fund.

- (b) Mr. Daymond felt that most members of the public are supportive of the Youth football team as since June we have only removed 3 dog facies from the pitch. There have been two incidents of young team members being chased by dogs onto the pitch barking at them, although there are signs on the main gates asking people to keep their dogs on leads while sport is in progress.

Football Club are to get some A frame's which they will place down by the gates asking people to keep their dogs on a lead while sport is in progress.

Discussions took place regards dogs on leads at all times. Cllr. Boot-Handford asked Mr. Daymond if there was anything Council can do, he felt we should try the A frame idea. Cllr. Lamb stated that if this does not deal with this problem Council to review it in the near future, and asked the football club to keep us informed.

1922. Report from BARP.

Cllr. Pengelly – has been in touch with Rhino who have suggested the best paint to use on the Equipment at Sarah Park.

1923. To discuss with BAUFC the goal posts and finished work at the Pavilion.

The Clerk explained that Mr. Westlake has confirmed that the Building Control Officer has signed off the building works, but on a photo taken by our workman on Monday they have not put the waste water from the hand basin into the sewer it is just spilling out onto the ground. Discussions took place Clerk to ask Mr. Westlake to connect the waste pipe into the sewer.

1924. To discuss the progress on Sarah Park Drainage.

Cllr. Page-Bailey- stated that Cllr. Lamb, Cllr. Boot-Handford and myself met with Cllr. Sanders to discuss the possibility of a grant for the work at Sarah Park which will cost £7,700 but asked Cllr. Sanders for £7,500 pointing out that the other £200 would be our own labour cost. Cllr. Page-Bailey to prepare the application form.

1925. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure at the Cemetery.

Cllr. Dennis – Cllr. Dennis asked if the workman has removed the slabs forming the path at the beginning of section D, the Workman was going to remove the slabs as and when necessary. Cllr. Dennis asked that the slabs be removed.

1926. To review Cemetery Fees.

Discussions took place about comparison charges for burials in nearby parishes. Cllr. Hanson brought up about non- residents, where if her daughter wished to be buried by her it appears she could not as she has not been a resident of the parish. Change of conditions to be an agenda item for next month's meeting. Cllr. Hanson proposed that a 5% increase be applied to all charges and rounded up to the nearest £5, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. All present were in agreement.

1927. To review Allotment Fees.

Cllr. Hanson – Proposed that the allotment fees stay the same until Lady Day, seconded by Cllr. Dennis. All present agreed.

Cllr. Dennis proposed that the Recreation Charges be reviewed next Month.

1928. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.

The Down

Cllr. Hanson – reported weeds growing on the rubber chip, as we know glyphosate weed killer has been in the news recently. Do we use this? If so should we change? Discussions took place and Cllr. Hanson feels we should continue using glyphosate with all the necessary precautions and close the park overnight.

Sarah Park

Cllr. Hanson- the main entrance gate still needs looking into as it will not swing shut. Consider fitting a return spring.

Bere Ferrers- Cllr. Crozier congratulated the people who have managed to eradicate most of the ragwort.

There is a swing seat removed from the swing base at the bottom of the field, Clerk to investigate why.

Cllr. Lamb would like to thank Cllr. Wager for his time and labour in collecting the shillet and helping to lay the new entrance track.

1929. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.

Bere Alston. Cllr. Maycock – Cllr. Maycock emailed the following report-
I can confirm that some rubbish has been dumped where the bonfire used to be. It consists mainly of old pallets, some rotting straw and what's left of a trailer. I don't know if this has come from an allotment recently taken and the new tenants have been clearing it?
Perhaps a laminated sign put on the gate at the entrance may help deter this as no one has deposited rubbish down there for a number of years.

No change at site R 1&2 I believe the gentleman isn't well?

New R 4 doesn't appear to be being worked
Also New left middle 11. If these have recently been allocated then I wouldn't letter yet unless you know otherwise?

With the rain we've had in the last week or so the grass has shot up on plots that previously looked OK so it may be a case of parishioners having to catch up with it.

On the whole the plots have recovered really well considering the lack of rain for so long this summer.

Bere Ferrers. Cllr. Page-Bailey – 1 and 3 have weed suppressing material on these allotments but weed is growing through it.
2 is not being worked.
4 is overgrown.
6 inner has 2 apple trees cannot be seen for weeds.
19 not worked.
16 overgrown.
14 has a mote around it although someone was interested in this one, 15 is being cleared could they have made a mistake and started to clear the wrong one.
Cllr. Page-Bailey felt 14 needs to be flattened

1930. To discuss community composting.

The Clerk has had contact from Mr. Meek Devon County, but they have replied with questions that have no relevance to what we are asking.

1931. Proposals for next meeting.

1. Sarah Park drainage.
2. Review Recreation Fees.
3. Look at changing conditions for Non Resident Burials.
4. To meet with B.A.U.F.C. to discuss finished work at the Pavilion.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed this 25th day of September 2018.

Chairman.....