

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Present

Cllr. E.K. Wager	Vice Chairman
Cllr. S. Hanson	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. R. Leithall	

**In attendance.** Cllr. Page-Bailey, Cllr. B. Lamb.

**1976. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis and Cllr. Boot-Handford due to holidays, Cllr. Crozier due prior engagement.

**1977. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these matters.**

- 1) Cllr. Page-Bailey – noted that the wire fencing has not been attached to the new gate post. Cllr. Wager felt that it is because the wire is not long enough.

**1978. Matters Arising from the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> September and taken as read.**

Matters Arising.

Minute. 1918 – Cllr. Pengelly has been back in touch with Quay West School, more information required. Cllr. Pengelly asked to have this as an agenda item for F. & G.P.

Minute. - The Clerk reported that there has been a request to remove the plastic fencing around the main gate. The Clerk spoke to Cllr. Boot-Handford who felt the area could be protected for a little longer.

**1979. Financial Statements.**

Cllr. Hanson asked if there has been any move forward on the accounting package, as I see we are in debt with regards code number 4445 Play equipment maintenance.

The Clerk spoke with the assistant Clerk over this and it seems this is to do with grants from TAP and BARP for new equipment.

Cllr. Hanson feels that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk prepare a break down sheet to explain any over spend.

Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

**1980. To review Recreation Fees.**

Cllr. Hanson proposed that the charges stay the same as this year with a view to increasing them next year, seconded by Cllr. Wager. All present were in favour.

### **1981 Report from BARP**

Cllr. Pengelly- reported that one of the wooden animals at The Down playpark was set fire to. A coat was left hanging over it and someone set fire to the coat, it is not believed to be badly damaged. Workman to investigate and possibly sand down and re stain.

### **1982. To discuss the progress on Sarah Park Drainage.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey- to obtain the last piece of information, send it in to the Clerk to finalise the application to Cllr. Sanders.

Cllr. Pengelly asked when the work would finished as BARP have a TAP grant of £2,500 plus their donation to put in a swing in Sarah Park. Discussions took place about getting the swing put in.

Cllr. Pengelly has had contact from Rhino who wish to re-quote for this work. It was agreed that BARP go ahead and have the work done.

### **1983. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure at the Cemetery.**

Cllr. Dennis – is on holiday so no further information. Refer to next meeting.

### **1984. Cemetery Look at changing conditions for Non Resident Burials.**

Cllr. Hanson – the rules as they stand at the moment prohibit anyone not living in the Parish from being able to apply to be buried here. Discussions took place, Cllr. Hanson proposed that close family or relatives be allowed to be buried in the Cemetery, there was no seconder.

### **1985. What is committee's proposal for removal of general hedge cuttings?**

Cllr. Wager – felt there was a ruling when bonfires were stopped at the allotments, that there be a bonfire arranged and supervised by our workman to burn up the rubbish once or twice a year.

At the moment there is a small trailer with pallets on at the bottom of the allotments. Clerk to investigate as trailer still has number plate on. This area also needs cutting.

### **1986. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.**

#### The Down

Cllr. Hanson – the large gate in the play area fence now it has been rehung and it has a very large gap at the bottom which will allow dogs to get into the park, workman to look at putting a piece of wood across it.

#### Sarah Park

Cllr. Hanson- the main entrance gate still needs looking into as it will not swing shut. Clerk awaiting an estimate.

### **1987. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.**

Bere Alston. Cllr. Maycock – Cllr. Maycock emailed the following report-

No further additions to the rubbish pile at the bottom of the field as far as I can tell.

No letters to be sent other than those already sent.

Cllr. Wager- the main gate where it should close has a very large hole which needs filling in as it

could become a dangerous trip hazard. Also the pedestrian iron gate needs clearing as it is overgrown.

Bere Ferrers. The allotment Association have noticed the sign on the Bere Alston Allotments "Allotment Holders Only" could they have one for Bere Ferrers.

The small gate into the allotments will not shut, workman to look and see if he can adjust it. All allotments reported last month have had letters sent to them.

### **1988. To discuss community composting.**

The Clerk has replied to Mr. Meek Devon County explaining the situation.

### **1989. To meet with B.A.U.F.C. to discuss the finished work at the Pavilion.**

- (a) Cllr. Wager welcomed Mr. Westlake who gave Council the completed Building regs certificate and the electrician's certificate for the work at the Pavilion.
  - (b) The Clerk sought quotes for replacement UPVC door for the Pavilion. Orchard quoted £1,498.00 including Vat. Duchy could not quote they were too busy.  
Mr. Westlake also sent in a quote of £452.77 + Vat =£543.33 and they will fit the doors. Cllr. Wager proposed that we accept Mr. Westlake's offer, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.
  - (c) Lamerton Football club would like the posts and will remove them. The club will keep us up to date with progress.
  - (d) Mr. Westlake reported that the fencing around the football pitch is getting rotten they are planning to take it down and replace it. The league they have now joined asked that the run off area be made approximately two feet wider, discussions took place as this could be a problem with the Devon Air Ambulance light then being inside the area. Mr. Westlake to go back to the league and explain this.
  - (e) Mr. Westlake sent off the CASC application; it has now been accepted and is being processed, but has not heard any more from them.
- Chairman thanked Mr. Westlake for attending.

### **1990. Correspondence.**

1. Phoenix Rinkowski. The Clerk read a letter from Phoenix about a group of teenagers who feel there is nothing for the teenagers, they meet at the Hut twice a week, but the rest of the time we are left to hang out in the area known as 'The Courts', which is run down, vandalized and has no facilities except a neglected basketball hoop. About 5 to 15 members of our friendship group as well as other young people from our village meet daily in all weather conditions, we like it outdoors. As a collective we feel that the construction of a shelter situated in 'The Courts' a civilized area in which we meet, somewhere sheltered and safe would not only benefit us, but the entire village community. With your permission we will work with 'Youth 2 Youth' as a team to help raise the necessary funds to purchase and construct a Youth Shelter which will be strong, sturdy and vandal proof, we are aware that they cost £3,500 upwards.

We feel now that a Youth Shelter is our biggest priority, however we would like to work closely with you, the Parish Council, and Youth 2 Youth to make this the start of a wider transformation of this area.

Discussions took place and it was agreed to invite them to the next Open Spaces.

### **1991. Proposals for next meeting.**

1. Sarah Park drainage.
2. Invite Phoenix to attend to discuss their idea of a Youth Shelter.
3. Update on Sarah Park drainage.

4. Update on Sub Committee road infrastructure Cemetery

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

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