

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers
Bere Alston on Tuesday 26th February 2019.

Present

Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman	Chairman
Cllr. H. Boot-Handford	Chairman of Council
Cllr. S. Hanson	Cllr. H. Rogers
	Cllr. G. R. Reed

In attendance. Cllr. B. Lamb, Cllr. D. Pengelly and Cllr. M. Page-Bailey, Cllr. P. Crozier.

3122. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis due to illness.

3123. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No actions can be taken on these matters.

- 1) Cllr. Rogers – with regards to the weeds growing everywhere, the Britain in Bloom Group are cleaning weeded areas at the moment.

3124. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2018 and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Matters Arising

Minute 1994(1847) Cllr. Hanson asked if there was any update on the grant we have applied for from County to employ Mr. Jeffries. The Clerk stated that she has had an offer, and that this will go to the next Plans meeting for discussion.

3125. Financial Statements.

Cllr. Hanson asked if the Clerk had an update on the financial statement as none had been circulated. After looking at the figures Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the financial statement for Footpaths and Environment, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

3126. Footpath Problems.

The Clerk read the following footpath problems

- 1) FP. 47 the narrow kissing gate has still not been altered.
- 2) FP. 74 gate tied up and difficult to open, lower section almost impassable. Discussions took place about the depth of mud on footpaths.
- 3) Cllr. Reed – thinks all of our footpaths need to have numbers on the fingerposts to identify them; this is something we could do ourselves, or get volunteers to help. Cllr. Reed felt that if he could get some agreement then he would go ahead and get costings for such number discs. Cllr. Hanson proposed that Cllr. Reed look into the cost of putting number tags on the footpath posts, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.
Action by Cllr. Reed.

3127. Footpath Inspection forms.

The Clerk read out the following paths that have failed and the reasons;

- 1. FP.35 steps rotten, sign ambiguous.
- 2. FP.39 tree down.
- 3. FP.43 tree down, no sign on southern end.
- 4. FP.51 gate collapsed.
- 5. FP.75 sign northern end, realign sign.
- 6. FP.2 muddy, boggy rutted, imminent risk of injury.
- 7. FP.83 very wet at Thorn Point. (tidal).
- 8. FP.65 broken loose steps in valley right of junction with footpath 63 also broken way marker.
- 9. FP.37 serious path erosion.
- 10. FP.4. Gate dropped, off bottom hinge.
- 11. FP.10 tree down.

The Workman has reported FP 35. Southern end way marker pointing in wrong direction, corrected.

FP. 43 Don't know why inspection of this path came back with no sign or way marker. I have placed extra way marker to follow Apple Route.

3128. Environmental Issues.

Cllr. Rogers Britain in Bloom – who is responsible for cutting the hedge on Down View? One of our volunteers has asked if they could cut it.

Cllr. Boot-Handford thought the housing association should be contacted.

Cllr. Rogers - It has been suggested that we put flowers on the railings of Langman Court; again you should approach Hanover Housing Association for permission.

3129. Proposals for next meeting.

- 1. To issue annual footpath inspection forms.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.35pm

Dated this 26th of March 2019.

Signed by the Chairman.....