

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 16th April 2019

Present

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

In Attendance. Cllr. B. Lamb.

3202. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis and Cllr. Boot-Handford.

3203. Matters arising from the minutes of the 12th March.

Matters arising.

Minute 3152 (1b) The Clerk reported that the gate in the dog exercise field was left open by the Grave diggers.

Minute 3152 (1c) The Clerk reported that the hedge cuttings have been removed. Cllr. Wager stated that they were still there.

Minute 3163 Cllr. Pengelly stated that Mr. Paul Willmott has done a good job of cleaning away the brambles out on the grass stretch at Quarry Cross.

Minute 3156. Cllr. Lamb confirmed that all was in position to go ahead and order the bus shelter.

3204. Update on Sub-committee meeting with BAUFC and to discuss security of tenure for the pitch.

Cllr. Crozier stated that the meeting was not held and it has been rearranged for the 24th April. Discussions then took place on the different forms of security of tenure.

Cllr. Hanson suggested the option of a licence; Cllr. Lamb commented that a service Licence Agreement might be open to interpretation depending upon what we put in it. Also the FA could remain a sticking point as to what they define as security of tenure.

The general consensus is that there would be no problem in leasing the pavilion but the pitch is a different matter. The foregoing options to be discussed at the 24th April meeting.

3205. Financial Statements.

The financial statements were emailed to all committee members. Discussions took place.

Cllr. Hanson requested more details of the transfers into and out of earmarked reserves.

It was agreed that the apparent anomalies should go to F. & G.P. to sort out as it is the end of the financial year and committees will need to know what balances they have left to earmark.

3206. To discuss the problems with the basket swing.

BARP are very disappointed that the swing is not in use.

There was a site meeting before this meeting which the Chairman of the Sarah Park Drainage Sub-committee Cllr. Page-Bailey attended. The Secretary of the Victoria Social Club joined the meeting – he was happy with the current position and orientation of the swing, but had a

reservation with regards to the infill coming above the Club's rear porch damp-proof course. It was agreed to put boards up with a space behind them to stop any problems.

Cllr. Crozier informed committee that he had spoken with Cllr. Page-Bailey about the time scale and there was a date of early May to undertake the drainage work.

Clerk to contact the Chairman of the Sub-committee asking him to sort out a written specification with costing for the works and also a target date for the work, and present it at Full Council.

3207. Report from BARP.

Cllr. Pengelly reported that they have the £500 towards the basket swing. They are also seeking Sponsorship to paint the equipment at Sarah Park

3208. Update on Sub-Committee road infrastructure Cemetery.

The Clerk had spoken with Cllr. Dennis before the meeting; they had had a sub-committee meeting the previous night. It was decided to look into changing the entrance for the wider hearses from the lichgate to the gate on the Bere Ferrers Road, and removing the need for a pathway to the Workman's hut by installing a porta cabin in the area of the dog exercise field for storage. There is to be a meeting on the 29th April with Jeremy Maddock, Clive Pascoe and the sub-committee to look further into these ideas.

3209. To receive a report from Devon County on Community Composting and a new Common Law tenancy.

The Clerk circulated the letter to all committee members. Discussions took place. It was agreed that because of potential legal problems, we drop the idea of Community Composting. Cllr. Wager proposed that things be left as they are, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

3210. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish recreation and play parks. Also report from ROSPA on Play parks.

As ROSPA has done its annual inspection. Cllr. Hanson had produced a sheet with all the relevant questions on findings in the three play areas along with a brief cost-benefit analysis. Based on subsequent discussions, it was agreed that the Clerk would mark up the sheet with agreed actions, and use this as the basis for a work plan for resolving the problems found by ROSPA.

Bere Alston The Down.

Cllr. Pengelly has had the following reply from Rhino regarding the problem with the roundabout; 'At the time of installation of the roundabout there was only a requirement for a 2m free space around the equipment. This is complied to as no other equipment lies within this area or shares its fall space with the roundabout. There are no specific safety surfacing requirements for this roundabout as the requirement is only for Free space not falling space. The regs have changed since the installment date but this does not affect existing equipment.'

3211. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

Cllr. Lamb asked why the Bere Ferrers Allotment Association were not contacted about the request for a nature pond on an allotment, as they are not in agreement about it for safety reasons.

It was agreed to ask the allotment holder to approach the Association and get the request clarified by them.

2. Annual report by our workman on the tree inspection at the allotments; 'from the survey carried out today in the allotments at Bere Ferrers there is nothing to be concerned about. On plot 13 Mr.

Endean's I believe the lower branches have got dieback but no serious problems on the trees as you come down, general dieback.'

3212. Correspondence.

1. Vicki Lloyd- Youth 2 Youth have been invited to take part in Britain in Bloom. The ideas from the young people are to build flower boxes to sit on the wooden sleepers near the basketball courts, they are looking really tired and it would fit in with the aim to make this a nicer space. We will leave space to sit.

Discussions took place and it was agreed to grant their request.

2. Diana Mitchell – Cycle Track Bere Ferrers.

The Parish Council asked if the spare earth left from flattening the cycle track could be used to make a bank at the back of the car to save the Council from having to buy wood to replace the rotten fence. This seems a very good idea, and Ron has agreed to this. I have asked him to go ahead with this project when he has time, and to spare the oak tree that seeded itself on the track, as it is quite well grown and is a nice feature. He has agreed. Would the Parish Council consider making a contribution towards Ron's fee as they will be saving a fair amount on a replacement fence?

Cllr. Hanson proposed a donation of £50 towards the work, seconded by Cllr. Wager. All present were in favour.

Work Party. – After Easter I will contact you again to see if we can set up a work party to paint the benches with preservative, rake the bark under the zip wire, and do some tidying up. Brian's team is geared up to replace the rotten parts of the playground fence.

3. Cllr. Rogers- Britain in Bloom.

Cllr. Rogers has put in a request to paint the two seats, one on the junction of The Down and Bere Ferrers Road the other is on the corner of Marythorne.

Discussions took place and it was agreed they be left natural as once they are painted they will have to be done every year.

3213. Proposals for next meeting.

1. Sarah Park drainage.
2. Sarah Park basket swing.
3. To inspect the updated Plans for the Cemetery,

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Signed this 30th day of April 2019.

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