

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Present

Cllr. E. K. Wager	Chairman
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	
Cllr. M. Flicker	Cllr. R. Leithall
Cllr. S. Hanson	Cllr. D. Pengelly

In Attendance. Cllr. Reed.

**31. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Leithall due to business.

**32. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

Matters arising.

Minute 3204 and 3208 Cllr. Lamb – the current Sub-committee structure is not in line with our Standing Orders or SLCC. Both the Clerk and I have taken advice, and a distinction should be drawn between Sub-committees and Advisory Committees.

Sub-committees are public meetings and they have to be called formally, and the Clerk should attend.

Advisory Committees or “Task and Finish Committees” operate more informally and have to report back to Council to get their approval for what they are proposing.

This committee needs to elect new Advisory Committees for the road work in the Cemetery and the drainage work at Sarah Park.

Refer to next Open Spaces.

Minute 3212 - Donation of £50 to Bere Villagers Association for help with the cost of removing the cycle track. Cllr. Lamb proposed that Council increase the donation to £100 from monies carried forward from last year, seconded by Cllr. Hanson. All present agreed.

**33. To receive any updates on the BAUFC Pavilion Lease.**

The Clerk stated that in the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed to send the Football Club a letter informing them that Council have agreed to look into a lease on the pavilion.

**34. Financial Statements.**

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

Cllr. Hanson - there is an anomaly in the way EMR transfers are recorded and I would like to resolve this with the Assistant Clerk. With this proviso, Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the financial statements, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

**35. Report from BARP.**

Cllr. Pengelly- BARP has nothing to report.

**36. To Discuss Sarah Park drainage and elect a Sub-Committee.**

The Sub-committee will become an Advisory Committee.

The following Councillors to form the Advisory Committee for Sarah Park drainage: Cllr. Wager, Cllr. Crozier and Cllr. Pengelly. Cllr. Crozier to be Chairman.  
 Discussions took place. Cllr. Leithall has done some property surveying on the work, and we need to get hold of these figures to get a proposal to Full Council as soon as possible.  
 Cllr. Hanson asked if we have a project description/specification. Cllr. Crozier stated that we do not as the project has evolved over the period of time. He and Cllr. Lamb would prepare a specification and cost estimate as soon as possible. If we are not able to get these figures to next Full Council then they are to go to next Open Spaces in June.  
 Cllr. Pengelly stated that there could be no real progress until the drainage is completed.

### **37. Update on road infrastructure Cemetery, also possible inspection of Cemetery drawings and elect an Advisory Committee.**

The Clerk spoke with Cllr. Dennis before the meeting; he advised her that our workman has spoken with the grave digging company and has details which he will pass on to Jeremy Maddock. With this information it is hoped to bring the new drawings to Full Council but if this is not possible they will be presented at the next Open Spaces meeting  
 Cllr. Dennis has offered to continue with the Cemetery Roads Advisory Committee, Cllr. Wager will join the committee.

### **38. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish recreation and play parks.**

The Clerk reported on work carried out by the workman from the action sheet as follows:

#### The Down.

All missing wood surround has been repaired.

Painted the underneath of the slide.

Glued the monkey bars in position.

Cleaned up all the loose rubber chip from the other areas in the park.

The workman also reported that the dustbin slab has been broken and some of the wooden framework has been damaged.

Report of a child climbing over the hedge by the recreation park and making a cut through to the field.

Also the football club have had the pitch cut very short and dumped the grass cuttings down by the garage. They did report to Cllr. Crozier that there is a problem with wire worms in the pitch.

Football club are also storing their posts in the Pavilion. Cllr. Crozier has agreed to speak to them.

#### Sarah Park.

Cllr. Leithall has adjusted the gate to make it comply with the safety minimum standard 12mm gap recommended by ROSPA. The gate latch functioned correctly and the right hand entrance gate swung open and shut freely.

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

Cllr. Wager reported the following;

Bere Ferrers:

The ex-Councillors allotment is still the same.

The allotment on the right hand side of the gate is not being worked.

The first plot as you come down the path beside the Social Club is not used.

Bere Alston:

The post in the entrance was out again - Cllr. Wager put it back in.

The first plot on the left hand side has been cleared but does not seem to have got any further.

Mr. Penny's plot has poultry on it - they have no room to move and the netting is down.

The bottom end of the field is a disgrace. As there are birds nesting at the moment, next autumn this needs to be sorted out.

Cllr. Wager felt that the work Mr. Willmott did at Quarry was very good. Cllr. Wager proposed that this now be kept clear and the area has three cuts a year by our workman, seconded by Cllr. Hanson. All were in favour.

**40. Correspondence.**

**1. Bere Alston United Junior Football Club.**

Asking whether the green shed at the bottom end of the recreation field is currently in use. If not is it possible for the Club to make use of this for the youth football team to store their belongings now that we have under 12s, under 9s, and a mini kickers, each with their own goals and training equipment.

Discussions took place and it was agreed that if Mr. Damon was able to tidy up and make safe there would be no objections. Member of Open Spaces to meet with Mr. Damon. Workman to clear the shed.

**41. Questions from any member of the public present, at the discretion of the Chairman.**

Cllr. Wager asked that the grass around the seat at Church Hill by the Dog Field entrance needs strimming, also the one at Weir Quay towards Hole's Hole.

**42. 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 9.34pm

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

Chairman.....