

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Present

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

In Attendance. Cllr. Page-Bailey, Cllr. Maycock

**20. To discuss the outcome of a meeting with B.A.U.F.C. regarding the lease of the Pavilion.**

Cllr. Crozier explained that he, Cllr. Boot-Handford and Cllr. Leithall had met with members of Bere Alston United Football Club to discuss a lease for the pavilion, so that the club can apply for a grant from the Football Association to improve the building.

Initial discussion went well. The Club have consulted with the Football Association and they agree that they only need a lease for 10 years, but if they continue to play badly there will be no chance of a grant this coming year. If the grant is available it could be 80% of the refurbishment cost; the question was asked would the Club be able to find the other 20%, and would we impose conditions on them?

Cllr. Crozier - there is a need for Council to allow a lease on the Pavilion and a licence on the pitch; the Club will be spending money both on the pitch and the pavilion. There will be remedial work on the pitch and replacement of the fence, also removal of the dugouts and replacement with plastic ones. The rest will go on the pavilion, a new roof is needed and the kitchen has to be moved.

Cllr. Leithall – to clarify, this means a 10 year lease on the Pavilion, and a licence on the pitch, though a licence is normally short term, basically seasonal.

Cllr. Crozier stated that the Club will pay the legal fees for the lease/licence and felt that the lease should be on the same terms as the current one.

Cllr. Page-Bailey pointed out that if a Cricket Club should start up again then they will have preference over the football club, the reason being that originally the Cricket Club built the Pavilion.

Cllr. Maycock - we should support the club but if they decide to do the work themselves, but there should be a caveat that we have a say and a proper input on what is done, and it is to be checked over by someone who is qualified.

Cllr. Crozier proposed that to move forward with the Football Club we should allow them the lease for 10 years on the Pavilion, seconded by Cllr. Lamb. A vote was taken 7 for - Motion Carried.

Cllr. Wager wished to bring to Council's attention that when the workman cut the grass in the play park beside the hall he left a trail of grass cuttings out to the trailer, this was not cleaned up.

Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that Mr. Willmott has done a good job out at Quarry Cross clearing away the brambles. Discussions took place and it was agreed that this area should be cut at least three times a year to keep the brambles down.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.44pm

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

Chairman.....