

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 10th 2019.

Present:

Cllr. E. Wager	Chair
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chair of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. M. Flicker
Cllr. R. Leithall	

197. Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr. Pengelly as he is on holiday.

Cllr. Wager brought item 6 forward.

198. To meet with representatives of B.A.U.F.C.

Mr. Westlake replied to the letter from Council saying that he is minded not to reopen the corners of the new fence as the dog mess and stone is far less. Cllr. Wager reminded the meeting that the original agreement stated that the fence openings should be put in.

Discussions took place about this issue with input from members of the public. Points made included that it is more difficult for members of the public to clear up after their dogs when access to the field has been made more difficult. Mr. Westlake stated that the fence height has not been changed and the original gaps at the corners and around the dugouts were never meant to be access points.

Cllr. Wager asked for the corners to be opened up if there were enough demand. Mr. Westlake asked for a further meeting so that other opinions could be represented.

Access for the disabled and elderly is now more difficult.

Cllr. Lamb explained that this Council is one of the few that offers dog walkers a dedicated field. He asked for all present to make an effort to work together. He also asked Mr. Westlake to keep the gates open.

Cllr. Crozier suggested leaving a gap further down the fence rather than at a corner.

Cllr. Wager asked Mr. Westlake to do this and to report back to Council if the dog mess got worse again.

Cllr. Wager asked Mr. Westlake whether the Football Club charged people to watch their matches. Mr. Westlake said that they do not charge at the field. He explained that the person on the gate is selling programmes about the Football Club.

Cllr. Wager will be attending the next Football Club match.

Parking on match days is also an issue. Cllr. Wager explained that Parish Council have no power over the parking on The Down and suggested that people approach Devon County. Mr. Westlake suggested that the field gate could be opened for overflow traffic, but Cllr. Wager said that this was not acceptable as the only exception to the no traffic on the field is for Carnival day.

Cllr. Lamb asked for co-operation between the parties concerned in these issues and the general feel of those present was that all concerned were

The question was asked about the definition of the words 'when sport is in progress' which are on the gates. There was open discussion about this and the conclusion was that when children or adults were playing with a ball dogs should be on a lead.

A member of the public asked about the policy of using herbicides on the field. Mr. Westlake denied putting any herbicide on the field. He explained that no contractor would be allowed to do this and he gave his word that this would never be done.

Cllr. Wager thanked the public for attending.

199. To elect a Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Pengelly has offered to take on the position of Vice-Chair.

Cllr. Crozier proposed Cllr. Pengelly. Cllr. Wager seconded the proposal and as there were no other nominations Cllr. was elected.

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

- Cllr. Flicker asked if Bere Ferrers Villagers were allowed to lay about a twelfth of an acre to wild flowers. Cllr. Crozier explained that this had been discussed and agreed at the previous meeting, but he also suggested that both the thistles and ragwort should be addressed first. He offered to accompany Cllr. Flicker to inspect the area.

201. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th July.

131 (78 b & c) Cllr. Crozier suggested writing to the allotment holders to offer them disposal of asbestos sheets. Cllr. Wager suggested that Steve H. speak to allotment holders about disposing of asbestos sheets.

(81) The Clerk said that the agreement over the shelter has been agreed and needs to be signed.

202. Report from BARP.

There was no report.

203. The final report on Sarah Park.

Cllr Lamb thanked Cllr Crozier for the help from all of his colleagues. Cllr. Lamb also reported that he estimates that the project is about £1,000 under budget due mostly to Hanson Industries who delivered stone for free. The Clerk has written to the Victoria Social Club to ask for their co-operation in the behaviour of their smokers.

204. To discuss problems that have been happening at The Recreation Field Bere Alston.

This had been discussed in item 6.

205. Update on road infrastructure Cemetery also possible inspection of Cemetery drawings.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Dennis is meeting with architect on Thursday and Cllr. Lamb will be in attendance. The costings will be examined.

206. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.

Cllr Crozier has inspected Bere Ferrers and noted that the junior slide has been repaired and all looked well.

Cllr. Leithall reported on The Down and said that the perimeter fence had a rail missing and two posts broken. The rubber bark needs raking and weeding. There's a ball missing on the octopus. Monkey bars have a rotating bar. Nut is missing on Junior Swing and the poles are beginning to rock. Door to bin frame is missing.

Sarah Park - the toddler swings are too low. The grass needs cutting and the gates were both open. The Clerk stated that this was in hand.

207. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.

Cllr. Wager had not been able to do this.

208. Proposals for next meeting.

Charges for both the Cemetery and allotments.
Inspect the updated plans for the Cemetery.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed this 24th day of September 2019.

Chairman.....