

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 15th October 2019.

Present:

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| Cllr. D. Pengelly | Chairman |
| Cllr. B. Lamb | Chair of Council |
| Cllr. P. Crozier | Cllr. M. Flicker |
| Cllr. R. Leithall | |

249. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wager as he is away on business.

250. To decide the location of the Notice Board for the Recreation Field The Down.

It was felt that as the notice board was to display Council notices it should be placed outside of the recreation field in a suitable place that is safe for people can safely stop and read the notices. Discussions took place and it was decided that it should be placed in the pull in area by the bottom entrance to the Recreation Field close to the Cemetery hedge.

251. Report from BARP.

Cllr. Pengelly had nothing to report.

252. To make a final report on Sarah Park.

Cllr. Lamb stated that there was a grant of £7,000 plus £2,000 reserved by Council this equated to £9,000 for materials and an estimate of £5,000 was put in for labour. The spend was £7,773.00 leaving a balance of £1,227.00. Discussions took place about replacing the junior swing seats and chains at Sarah Park. Cllr. Lamb proposed that this committee replaces the two junior swings and chains, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

253. To discuss problems that has been happening at The Recreation Field Bere Alston & receive a report from the Task and Finish Group.

Cllr. Crozier Chairman of the Task & Finish Group stated that they have been researching what powers Council has with regards the Dog Control Act and the Public Spaces Protection Order on the recreation field.

Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Crozier meet with Samantha Delie W.D.B.C. Dog

There are new signs which Cllr. Crozier will obtain from West Devon, basically they state "No dogs are allowed when sport is in progress on a marked pitch".

The Task & Finish Group will meet once they have all the necessary information.

Cllr. Lamb discussed the removal of the fencing in the corners, the Clerk has an email from Mr. Westlake stating that this will be done by the end of the week.

254. To review the Allotment charges plus the pitch charges.

Discussions took place as to whether we can increase the charges as they were increased in 2018, Cllr. Crozier reminded committee that the land is under an agricultural agreement and charges can only be increased three yearly.

After discussion Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Full plots at Bere Alston should be increased from £22 to £24 as and from March 2021, all the rest of the plots to stay the same, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Discussions then took place with regards to the pitch charges, Cllr. Crozier proposed they stay the same, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Cllr. Lamb asked that the charge for the junior pitch for the season for parish teams under 16 should be removed from the charges, seconded by Cllr. Flicker.

Cllr. Flicker proposed that we stand on with the £32 for the fees for the hire of the Barn at Bere Ferrers Recreation Field, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

255. To Review the Cemetery Charges.

Discussions took place and comparisons made with other Cemetery charges in the area.

Interment charges for non-residents were increased by 19%.

Interment for cremated remains non-resident was increased by 25%.

Purchase of grave (burial plot) was increased by 10% for a resident and 7.5% for a Non-resident.

Cremation plot for a non-resident increased by 5. 5%.

This is to bring us in line with other Cemeteries. All other charges to stay the same.

Cllr. Crozier proposed the increases in the Cemetery Charges they are to take effect from 2nd January 2020, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

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

The Clerk reported that Mr. Maddock has sent the drawings down and they were circulated to committee to view. Mr. Maddock has not done anything to the Dog Exercise entrance.

Cllr. Lamb is exploring grants, he has also spoken with Mr. Maddock with regards the road structure. There seems to be some confusion about this. Cllr. Lamb and Cllr Dennis are to meet with Mr. Maddock.

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

Cllr Leithall has not been able to inspect the Bere Alston Parks.

Cllr. Crozier has been down to Bere Ferrers all looked well.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that committee go into part two, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that committee come out of part two, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

The Clerk sought permission to purchase a hedge cutter. Cllr. Leithall proposed that a hedge cutter be purchased for the Workman, to cost no more than £350 before vat, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

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

Cllr. Wager and the Clerk plan to carry out a detailed inspection of Bere Alston Allotments.

259. Proposals for next meeting.

- 1) Report on the Allotments.
- 2) Updated on plans for the Cemetery.
- 3) Update on the problems at the Recreation Field on The Down.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.48pm

Signed this 29th day of October 2019.

Chairman.....