

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 11th February 2020.

Present:

Cllr. E.K. Wager	Chairman of Committee
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of the Council
Cllr. P Crozier	Cllr. Pengelly
Cllr. M. Flicker	Cllr. A. Spry
Cllr. R. Leithall	

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

- 1) Cllr. Lamb would like to compliment Cllr. Wager and our Workman for the hard work improving the state of our grounds.
- 2) Cllr. Pengelly – car continuously parked in the hatched walkway area. Letter pointing out that this area is a walkway for pedestrians, pushchairs and disabled buggies. If you continue to park in it, you may be clamped.
- 3) Cllr. Crozier has approached the County Councillor on the number of times a Parking Warden visits the village. The sign in the village on the lorry parking area is ambiguous, as after 11 am no one can park there. The order needs changing; this will have to go to HATOC.
- 4) Cllr. Lamb reminded everyone that the February Full Council will be at Bere Ferrers Church Hall.

409. To discuss the replacement of fencing in the right hand corner of the Recreation Field, The Down.

The Clerk explained that dogs and children have been climbing this fence, discussions took place. It was agreed we should replace this fencing. Cllr. Flicker proposed that we go ahead and replace the fencing, seconded by Cllr. Crozier. Cllr. Wager has offered to supply the wire fencing; the post and rails will cost £90, anti-vandal paint to be used when finished.

410. Report from BARP.

Cllr. Pengelly- the group will be meeting next week.

411. Update on road infrastructure Cemetery.

Cllr. Lamb reported that a local company has shown interest in donating towards the scheme.

412. Financial Statements

The Clerk circulated the financial statements. After discussions, Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance of the statements, seconded by Cllr. Spry.

413. To review the following agreements and terms of reference, BAUFC, Bere Ferrers Bailment Agreement, Terms of reference for Open Spaces.

It was agreed the Bere Ferrers Bailment Agreement is a contract and is not in need of review.

- a) The Clerk has charges from football clubs varying from £850 during season for Pavilion and Pitch, plus any supplementary changes deemed necessary to clean pavilions, to £404 for football season, plus any extra games at £36.77.

Discussions took place. Cllr Lamb proposed a 5% increase on BAUFC charges, to be implemented for the 2021 season, seconded by Cllr. Leithall. A vote was called for, 4 for the proposal, 3 against. Motion carried.

- b) Terms of Reference. Cllr. Crozier proposed that the document was fit for purpose, but requires an addition on item 4 to read "The Committee will meet in accordance with Standing Orders, or as often as the Chair feels necessary; seconded by Cllr. Wager.

414. Request from a parishioner regards signage on The Down for the Recreation Field.

A parishioner, who lives in the cul-de-sac The Down, has complained that it is becoming a regular occurrence for vehicles to turn into the cul-de-sac looking for the football ground. Will you please bring up the need for signage to indicate where the football ground is? Discussions took place and it was agreed to ask the Football Club to put an A board on that junction on Match Days, indicating where the match is.

415. Routine Safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and play areas.

Cllr. Leithall has not been able to carry out his inspection.

Cllr. Flicker – there is still an issue with the zip slide bark, there will be a bark top up when the weather is right. It is so nice to see the brambles by the pitch bank cut right back, congratulations to our Workman for a job well done.

Discussions took place about completing the fencing around the car park as people are still taking short cuts down the bank.

The Clerk has a price of £550 for materials alone. Cllr. Flicker to discuss with the Villagers Association.

416. Monthly inspection of Allotment Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.

No progress on Allotments due to weather. Asst Clerk has contacted the gentleman at Bere Ferrers who has shown no signs of working the plot. No reply from him. Cllr. Lamb to investigate.

417. Correspondence.

- 1) Apple Group – it is the 20th Anniversary of the Apple Group and they would like to plant 20 apple trees in the recreation field at Bere Ferrers, they will look after the trees. Discussions took place and it was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee and the Chairman of the Council have a site visit with the Villagers Association, as to where these could be planted.
- 2) Bere Alston in Bloom – Cllr. Lamb has had a text from Cllr. Rogers over some issues in the Remembrance Garden across the road. Cllr. Lamb thinks there should be a clear policy that Bere Alston in Bloom should work through their Chairman. Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Chairman of Bere Alston in Bloom works with Chairman of Open Spaces, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Signed this 25th February 2020.

Chairman.....