

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 23rd November 2021.

Present

Cllr. H. Peace	Vice Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chairman of Council
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. G. Reed
Cllr. H. Rogers	Cllr. C. Shaw

300. Apologies

Cllr. Dennis sent his apologies due to being unwell. The Council accepted his apology.

301. Declaration of Interest

No interests were declared.

302. Matters arising from the minutes from the 13th of July 2021

Matters Arising

Minute 197 Cllr. Peace has passed information regarding the properties along footpath 48 and 53 to Cllr. Dennis, who will investigate, via the Land Registry, who is responsible for maintaining those footpaths.

Minute 198 The Ramblers Association Lost Path project is in progress.

Minute 199 The deadline to submit the P3 forms to Devon County Council is 14th February 2022.

Minute 202 The updating of the Footpath Guides, including adding the locations of the defibrillators, is an ongoing progress.

Minute 203 With regards to the issue of dog litter, Cllrs. King and Peace have designed new posters to be displayed around the villages and will bring to the next meeting, for the Committee to discuss and approve.

303. Discuss and approve the Budget for 2022/23

Discussions took place regarding the proposed Budget for 2022/23 and the proposed 3% increase of the Workman's time working on the footpaths.

Cllr. King proposed a 4% increase of the Workman's time, seconded by Cllr. Peace. This proposal will now be discussed at the December F & G.P meeting.

Cllr. Rogers proposed acceptance of the rest of the proposed budget, seconded by Cllr. Reed.

304. Approve the ordering of extra footpath number discs

Cllr. Reed objected to the fact that steel base pins were used to secure the footpaths discs. Discussions took place. It was agreed that going forward the correct pins would be brought and used to put up any new discs. It was also agreed that no further discs need to be purchased at this time, but a review of all the discs secured along footpaths, would be required every 6 months.

305. Environmental Issues

At the last Footpaths & Environment meeting, a resident had complained about the issue of flooding in Sherrell Park. Cllr. Crozier has spoken to Devon County Council Highways, who confirmed the issue of flooding was classed as an 'Act of God,' therefore no action could be taken. This information has been passed back to the resident.

306. Correspondence

The Clerk read out an email from a resident:

I am a member of the West Devon Climate Change and Biodiversity Forum and I live in Bere Ferrers Parish.

The Carbon Literacy Project is working on a local council 'toolkit' for calculating carbon emissions which will be circulated to local parish councils soon.

Parishes can calculate their carbon output by using this website <https://impact-tool.org.uk/footprint/search>.

If it is just a matter of the emissions from the Council Body itself then this can be used

<https://localpartnerships.org.uk/greenhouse-gas-accounting-tool/>

My question is, has the parish council looked at this issue?

If so, please could you let me have information.

If not, would you suggest the names of Parish Council Members who are interested in green issues whom I could approach in the first instance.

Discussions took place. The Council will start to look at how their carbon footprint could be reduced, for example installing solar panels on the Parish Hall roof. Cllr. Reed to reply to the resident's email.

Cllr. Peace discussed that a recycling workshop is currently being put together to take place at the local school and that, as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022, the children will make crowns made out of recycle products.

Cllr. Rogers raised a question of what happens to the recycling collected. Cllr. Crozier will investigate this and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

307. Items for agenda for next meeting

1. Ramblers Association Lost Paths.
2. Footpath 48 & 53.
3. Dog Litter posters.
4. Update on footpath reporting.
5. Receipt & Payment Report.

There being no further business the Vice Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.26 pm.

Signed this date 30th November 2021

Signed by the Vice Chair: