

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 9th November 2021.

Present:

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chairman
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. P. Graeme-Drury
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. R. Leithall
Cllr. J. Maciejowska	Cllr. C. Shaw

In Attendance: Cllr. B. Lamb

287. Apologies

No apologies were received.

288. Declaration of Interest.

Cllr. Lamb declared an interest in the item, Update on the aerial runway at Bere Ferrers playpark.

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

Cllr. Shaw brought up the issue of a van which is continually parked in the disabled spot in the Parish Hall carpark. The Clerk confirmed that the Council were aware of the issue and is in the process of getting the name and address of the owner of the vehicle.

Cllr. Pengelly updated the Committee that the BARP Committee recently met. It was agreed that they had achieved what they wished to achieve; the toddler boat, basket swing seat, roundabout etc., but they now wish to see if anyone else has any other ideas and would be interested in joining the Committee. An open meeting on Tuesday 23rd November, 7pm, at the Bere Alston Church Hall has been organised and all are welcome to come along. The meeting is just an informal drop-in, no agenda, just a cup of tea and a chat.

290. Matters Arising from the minutes from 12th October

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<u>Minute 225 (1)</u>	With regards to the laminated hand prints put up by the school, the Clerk to contact the school again to ask whether this project is to be continued.
<u>Minute 226 (137)</u>	It has been arranged for the electrician to install the defibrillator on Saturday 13 th November.
<u>Minute 226 (140)</u>	The new Pavilion doors have been installed.
<u>Minute 226 (142)</u>	Cllr. Lamb requested, as a matter of urgency, that the Workman tidy up the Bere Ferrers War Memorial, in time for Remembrance Sunday.
<u>Minute 226 (145)</u>	The Clerk reported that the bin, now located beside the Tin Shed, had been set alit twice. No major damage had been caused to the bin. The Committee to review at the next meeting.
<u>Minute 226 (147)</u>	Installing the new fence at the Bere Ferrers recreational field will be done next week.
<u>Minute 229</u>	Cllr. Shaw confirmed the work required on the water hump at the Bere Ferrers recreational field had been completed and he is putting together a group of people to help clear the gully, to ensure that the water runs down into the gully.
<u>Minute 230</u>	Regarding the hedge between the Sarah Park and the Doctor's Surgery, the manager of the Surgery has been contacted.
<u>Minute 233</u>	Cllr. Pengelly stated that the Workman will get the materials required to fix the guttering on the Workman's Hut.

Minute 238

The Council has expressed an interest to the Environment Group at Devon County Council, in obtaining trees from the Woodland Trust. The idea is some will be planted around the area and, in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, residents can adopt a tree.

291. Detailed Receipt and Payment Report ending 31 October 2021

Cllr. Graeme-Drury proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Maciejowska.

292. Possible extension of children's playpark at Bere Ferrers

Cllr. Lamb explained that the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group are considering putting more into the playpark area, which would require an extension of the boundaries and the best place would be on the riverside. If done, there would still be road access around the back. There is no plan to do this at the moment, the group only wished to know how the Committee felt about the idea.

Discussions took place. The Committee had no objections.

293. Update on aerial runway at Bere Ferrers playpark

Cllr. Lamb is hopeful the runway will be installed at the end of December. Fund raising events in Bere Ferrers had been organized and a Locality fund of £500 was recently approved, When all the money to install the runway, £9,936, has been raised, Cllr. Lamb proposed this be sent to F & G.P Committee to formally approve the purchase and sub-committee form of the Chair of the Council, Chair of F & G.P and Cllr. Lamb to finalise the details.

The suggestion is playpark be closed for two days while the runway is being installed and the Council does have the authority to do this.

294. Repair on wooden benches bases at the basket court

The Clerk confirmed that this was on the Workman's list to complete.

295. Discuss ideas on where to place the Council's donations to the Youth

Cllr. Pengelly read out an email sent by Cllr. Rogers:

As one of the projects for Bere Alston in Bloom this year, was to improve the largely unused areas beside the Parish Hall and make it more attractive for everyone, we discussed with Dave Hawkins (Y2Y) One idea was to create a large graffiti wall; specifically for 'Street Art' in the hope they would use it instead of the garage doors Another idea would be to improve the court itself.

Cllr. Crozier stated that Youth2Youth will be looking for donations next year and suggested the Council do make a donation of £500 to the Club and if the Parish Council is shown to be supporting Youth2Youth, it will help them to obtain further funding.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. King proposed donating £500 to the Youth2Youth, with the caveat at they let the Council know how the money will be spent. Seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

296. Discussion on felling certain trees in the Bere Alston allotment and cemetery.

Cllr Pengelly stated a site visit by member of the Committee had taken place and the suggestion was to leave the trees as they are and revisit at a later time.

297. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play areas

Cllr. King reported that tennis court at Bere Ferrers was good, as was the playpark, but it appeared like the bench had been burnt and a stump was rotten and needed replacing. Cllr. King to inform the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group, in order they can be repaired.

Cllr. Shaw reported the playparks at Bere Aston were all good, yet there was a screw missing on the recreational field gate. The Clerk to inform the Workman.

298. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

There were no issues to report.

299. Correspondence

- 1) Cllr. Crozier, on behalf of the Council, had recently sent a card and bouquet of flowers to a couple celebrating their 65 wedding anniversary. The Clerk read out a thank you from the couple, thanking the Council for the card and flowers.
- 2) The Clerk read out a letter from Airband high speed internet. They are to host a free business breakfast networking event on Tuesday 30th November at the Tavistock Rugby Club and the event is for people to meet fellow businesses from the local area and share information and ideas. Booking is essential, and please visit: www.airband.co.uk/TavistockRFC by 12 pm on 29th November, to book a place.
- 3) A member of the public had asked, via the Workman, whether the Council would consider putting in a pedestrian gate between the dog field and the cemetery.
The Council has no plans, as it is not a public entrance.
- 4) Cllr. Pengelly said a member of public had asked him whether the Council would allow her to use an area of the allotment to grow a field of pumpkins next year, In view of making it an event for families to come and pick their pumpkins. This will be discussed further at a later date.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 30th November 2021