

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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

**345. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**346. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr. Lamb declared an interest in Minute 293 from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October; Update on the aerial runway at Bere Ferrers playpark.

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

No items of notifications were brought up.

**348. Matters Arising from the minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Matters Arising

Minute 290 (226 (147)) The new fence at the Bere Ferrers recreational field has been erected.

Minute 290 (226 (140)) On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, three youths were caught damaging the side door at the Pavilion. The person who stopped them believed they gave him false names. The Clerk has reported this incident to the police, and it is likely that the whole door will need replacing. Discussions took place regarding how the Council can address anti-social behaviour. It was decided to invite members of Youth2Youth to the next meeting for further discussions. The Clerk to obtain a quote for the replacement of the door.

Minute 293 At the 12<sup>th</sup> of October Open Spaces meeting, Minute 227, the Committee proposed accepting the quote received from Rhino Play to install a zip wire at Bere Ferrers playpark. Cllrs Lamb and Crozier have since visited a Rhino Play zip wire installed at the Wembury playpark and where not satisfied with the product, one reason being the maximum weight allowed was 65.5 kg, which was felt not acceptable. Cllr. Crozier therefore proposed that the Committee reverse their decision for Rhino Play to install the zip wire and recommend that Outdoor Play, who have previously quoted £11,800 to install the zip wire do so. Seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**349. Open Spaces budget for 2022-23**

Discussions took place with regards to the proposed budget and amendments were made.

The Clerk to investigate as to whether the Football Club still use the electric meter machine in the Pavilion.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed acceptance of the budget, subject to the discussed amendments, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

**350. Suggestion from Bere Alston in Bloom for a communal allotment at Bere Alston**

Mrs. Jeanette Englefield, the Chair of the Bere Alston in Bloom Committee discussed with the Committee, the idea of having a communal allotment plot at the Bere Alston site. Discussions took place. Currently there are no available plots and although the Committee thought this was a great idea for the community, they would need to honour those currently on the waiting list for

an allotment. It was therefore agreed that Bere Alston in Bloom be added to the waiting list. The Clerk will inform the Group, when a plot does become available.

### **351. BARP Update**

Cllr. Pengelly confirmed that a meeting scheduled for potential new Trustees, no one had attended. The current Trustees have therefore decided to continue until after December and with the money they already have in the bank, which can be increased with grants and match funding, will be spend and then the charity could possibly close.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury suggested that may be a new direction for BARP be taken, for example a project to install a skateboard park. If BARP were to take on a project like this, hopefully they would find enthusiastic people to help and support the project.

### **352. Cemetery Update**

The Clerk discussed how a resident was concerned that her husband's grave and several others, the topsoil had been washed away, leaving stones on top.

Discussions took place. The Clerk to ask the Workman to use the topsoil currently in the dog field and put on the graves concerned.

### **353. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play areas**

The reports had been forwarded to the Clerk and the list of repairs required had been passed onto the Workman. The Clerk confirmed that some of the repairs highlighted had already been done.

### **354. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers**

There were no issues to report. The Clerk to enquire when work on Plot 13 at Bere Ferrers will be started.

### **355. Correspondence**

1. Following the Council's donation of £500 to Youth2Youth, the Clerk read out a letter from them:

Thank you for the good news of the donation of £500. The money will be used to support the session each week, particularly during December, and the Christmas Dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> December. We provide snacks and the opportunity to cook items at each of the three sessions.

2. The Toilet cleaner confirmed, via the Clerk, that the toilets will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
3. The Clerk read out an email from a resident informing the Council they felt the halyard on the flagpole needed replacing.  
The Committee agreed and the Clerk to investigate ordering a replacement.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021