

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 13th June 2023

Present:

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. V. Grose	Cllr. D. King
Cllr. Leithall	Cllr. C. Shaw
Cllr. E. Wager	

In Attendance: Cllrs. B. Lamb and R. Maycock

82. Apologies

No apologies were received.

83. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Grose declared an interest in the item, Inspection of Allotments.

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

Cllr. Wager brought up the issue of a dead ash tree near Weir Quay and Holes. It is on Mount Edgecumbe land and the Clerk to report.

Cllr. Grose – Cattle will be going into that field that footpath 95 runs through and the landowner has made a request to Public Right of Ways, to install three self-closing gates

Cllr. Leithall – the swinging chair in the Bere Ferrers recreational field is missing a ground screw. The Clerk to ask the Workman to install a longer screw.

85. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 11th April 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2023

Matters Arising

<u>Minute 606 (538)</u>	The Pizza Van have asked permission to trade in the Bere Alston carpark on Sunday 18 th June. The Committee had no objection. Charges to trade in the car park after their trial period, will be discussed under item 87.
<u>Minute 609</u>	The notice informing residents of the Council's plans to tidy up the Memorial Garden has been taken down and the work is due to start shortly.
<u>Minute 610</u>	The Wildflower Group have confirmed, via the Clerk, that the crab apples will be left in their current position.
<u>Minute 612</u>	The Clerk reported to the Chair of the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group that a bolt was missing from a piece of play equipment, but they could not find it. The Clerk to clarify with the Workman what piece of equipment is missing a bolt and pass back to the Group's Chair.

86. Detailed Receipt and Payment report for 2022-23

It was note that the fee paid by the annual rent paid by the Bere Alston Football Club is short by £40. The Clerk to look into it.

Cllr. Grose queried the cost of allotments at Bere Ferrers. The Clerk confirmed that all, except the Orchard and two plot which have been split into two, are £16 each.

The Clerk explained that under Cemeteries, Code 4990, Sundries, the £301 was a repayment to a Funeral Director, who had paid this amount to the Council in error.

The Committee accepted the report.

87. Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces Conditions of Use and Hire Policy. To be taken into Part 2

Cllr. King proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

Cllr. Leithall proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. King.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed for the hire of part of the recreational fields (approx. size of Junior football area) be £13 per hour. The hire excludes the fenced off football pitch. Seconded by Wager. All for, except one who abstained.

For commercial businesses using the recreational field car parks, Cllr. Crozier proposed a rate of £15 an hour. Seconded Cllr. Wager. All for, except one who abstained. It was recommended that charges to come into effect from 1st July 2023.

All members agreed that not for profit charitable organizations and events, the hiring of Recreational Field & Open Spaces will be free of charge.

These recommendations to be discussed at the F & G.P Committee meeting on 20th June 2023 and final approval given at the Council meeting on 27th June 2023.

88. Improvements to Bere Alston playparks

This item will be deferred to Open Spaces meeting on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

89. No mow areas in the Parish

This item will be deferred to Open Spaces meeting on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

90. Update on jobs required around the Parish

Cllr. Pengelly will look into getting concrete stabs to place on top of the motorcycle parking area.

91. Tender for Hedge Trimming and grass topping contact

It was discussed that the Clerk will go out to tender for hedge trimming, but not for grass topping.

92. Update from Bere Alston in Bloom

The Judging Day will be 12th July 2023.

The Chair of the Group requested the Council's permission to paint the Bere Alston toilet window frames. The Committee had no objections.

93. Report on the issue of soil being dumped on the Bere Alston allotment wildlife section

A report will be produced for the Open Spaces meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

94. General improvements required at the Bere Alston allotment site

This item will be deferred to Open Spaces meeting on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

95. Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

It was noted that there are several untidy allotments at Bere Ferrers. To be monitored and reported on at the next meeting.

96. Review of Terms of Reference for the Open Spaces Committee

After discussions, an amendment is to be made to point 8 'The Committee will inspect monthly all playparks in the Parish.'

97. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Improvements to Bere Alston Playparks
2. No mows area in the Parish.
3. Tender for hedge Trimming
4. Report on issue of soil being dumped on the Bere Alston allotment wildlife section.
5. General improvements required at the Bere Alston allotment site

98. Correspondence

1. The Carnival Committee have requested to be allowed to use the Bere Alston recreational field for next year's Village Fete.
The Committee had no objection and gave their permission.
2. A resident requesting to be allowed to use a metal detector on Council land.
It was discussed that permission not to allow this was made several years, due to health and safety reasons and the Council will continue not to give permission.

99. Questions from the public present, at the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.47 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 27th June 2023