

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 10th October 2023.

Present:

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

In Attendance: Cllrs. B. Lamb and Patterson

290. Apologies

There were no apologies.

291. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

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

Cllr. Grose has received an email regarding the state of The Close, which runs through Cornwall Street, Bere Alston. Cllr. Grose to forward onto the Clerk, who will request action be taken by West Devon Borough Council. Could it also be requested that the high kerb on The Close be lowered.

Cllr. Grose has been informed of a fallen tree on Mount Edgumbe land. To investigate further, before reporting.

Cllr. Lamb reported the good news that authorities have announced the reinstatement of a railway line between Tavistock and Bere Alston.

293. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 10th October 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

Matters Arising

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| <u>Minute 235</u> | The parking area for motorcycles in the Parish Hall carpark, will be installed shortly. |
| <u>Minute 237 (154 (84))</u> | Cllr. Wager reported no action had yet been taken with the ash dieback trees, located on Mount Edgumbe Estates land and will contact the Land Agent again. |
| <u>Minute 237 (154 (92))</u> | At the 2023 South West Bloom Civic Reception, held in Truro on 2 nd October 2023, Bere Alston in Bloom achieved Gold in the Champion of Champions category and came 2 nd in the Environmental work Award. The Clerk was asked to write to the group offering the Council's congratulations on the Group's achievements. |
| <u>Minute 237 (156)</u> | The minute stated that an area to be left for wildflowers in the Holy Trinity Church was still to be agreed, but Cllr. Patterson confirmed that an area had been agreed on. |
| <u>Minute 237 (163 (2))</u> | A poster had been put up regarding the amount of dog mess left on the recreational field but following a complaint and a discussion at the Council meeting held on 26 th September, the poster had been taken down. Cllr. Pengelly asked if the Council were not going to put up posters alerting people to the issue, how was the Council going to tackle the problem going forward?
After discussions, Cllr. Leithall proposed putting up the poster again and put it to next Full Council meeting, for final approval. Seconded by Cllr. Shaw. |
| <u>Minute 240</u> | The Workman is working through the list of repair jobs required at the Pavilion. |

Minute 247

Regarding the pot holes and drainage problems in the Bere Ferrers recreational field, a site meeting is to be set up between the Workman and Cllr. Pengelly to discuss how to rectify the issues.

294. Development of Pavilion

Cllr. Lamb updated the Committee on the history of the Council's Playground/ Pleasure Ground charity. The Trustees for the charity are Cllrs. Crozier, Lamb, Leithall and Pengelly.

The Council also have funds invested in the CCLA and Cllrs. Leithall and Lamb are the Trustees of this account. Cllr. Lamb requested how these funds could be spent, be added to the next F & G.P agenda.

The Task & Finish Group for the redevelopment of the Pavilion are Cllrs. Crozier, King, Lamb and Pengelly. This group will now meet to start discussing ways forward. The first action is to determine the demand of the Pavilion and the field.

295.Improvements to Bere Alston playparks

Cllr. Pengelly confirmed the BARP charity is now closed and the remainder balance of their account has been donated to the Council. The donation to be ring fenced for improvements to the Bere Alston playparks.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the ex-Trustees of BARP thanking them for all their hard work with the charity over the years.

The sub-committee set up consists of Cllrs. Grose, Pengelly and Shaw. Cllr. Grose will also join the committee. A report on their first meeting will be given at the next Open Spaces meeting.

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

A list of small issues reported in the Bere Alston play parks, will be passed onto the Workman to complete.

There were no issues to report at the Bere Ferrers playpark.

297.Update on Bere Alston allotment general improvements, including the allotment wildlife section

The Clerk discussed the onsite meeting she had with a member of the Bere Alston allotment association with regards to the saplings they planted on the site. If the Council were to clear the area, the Group would, going forward, maintain the area.

After discussions, Cllr. Leithall proposed the surviving saplings be moved closer to the bottom hedge and the planted area only be the size of one allotment plot. Seconded by Cllr. King. The Council will clear the site and Council members help move the trees. Approx 10 saplings need replacing and the types to be replanted, will be discussed at a later date.

The Clerk proposed organizing a meeting between members of the Committee and members of the Association, to draw up an agreement for the site going forward.

Cllr. Pengelly and the Clerk also held an onsite meeting with a Contractor, to provide a quote for various jobs that are required on the site.

It was agreed that due to budget restraints, the work required would need to be prioritized. The Clerk was asked to request the Contractor to first extend the road down to the bottom of the field and also provide more information on the removal of the bonfire material process.

298.Discussion of poultry on allotment sites

Due to avian flu, the Council had not allowed any new poultry to be introduced to allotments. The Clerk was asked to clarify what the Allotment Act states regarding poultry being kept on allotments.

299.Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

A couple of plots on both sites are looking overgrown, but it was agreed that no action was required at this time and to keep an eye on them.

300. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Report from Improvements to Bere Alston playparks sub-committee.
2. Poultry on Allotments
3. Report from the Pavilion redevelopment sub-committee.

301. Correspondence

1. Email the Tamar Valley AONB regarding Himalayan Balsam reported near Lockeridge Road. The AONB wondered whether the Parish Council had a plan of action to address the spread of this non-native species.

It was discussed that the species is located on Mount Edgumbe Land. The Clerk to inform their Land Agent.

2. The second correspondence was confidential and should be have taken into Part 2.

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

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After discussions taken in Part 2, the Clerk to organize a meeting between the two parties to resolve the issue.

302. 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 9.37 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 31st October 2023