

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 14th November 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. E. Wager

In Attendance: Cllrs. B. Lamb and Patterson

361. Apologies

Cllr. C. Shaw sent his apologies. The Council accepted his apology.

362. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

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

Cllr. Grose – Bere Ferrers Villagers group are undertaking projects to improve areas of the village and enquired whether the cobble stones by the Bere Ferrers War Memorial being tidied up. The area is maintained by Devon Highways and the Clerk to contact.

Cllr. Lamb – the Co-op have submitted revised plans for their planning application, 2215/22/FUL. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer to enquire whether the Council's previous objections were still valid.

364. 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

<u>Minute 292 (237 (154 (84))</u>	No action had yet been taken with the ash dieback trees, located on Mount Edgecumbe Estates land. Cllr. Wager to contact the Land Agent again.
<u>Minute 293 (237 (163 (2))</u>	All members agreed that dog fouling posters from the Parish Council should be put up in the Bere Alston recreation field.
<u>Minute 297</u>	The Contractor will extend the track in the Bere Alston allotments site all the way down to the bottom of the field. Start date to be confirmed. The Clerk was asked to request further clarification on the costs provided to clear the bonfire area.
<u>Minute 298</u>	The 1950 Allotment Act states it is an allotment tenants' rights to keep poultry on their plots, as long as it is for their own use and not for business or profit.

365. Review and approve 2024/25 Open Spaces Budget

After discussions on the electricity usage at the Pavilion. Cllr. Leithall volunteered to review the coin operation machine and electricity usage at the Pavilion.

After review, Cllr. Pengelly approved the budget, seconded by Cllr. King. To be reviewed by the F & G.P Committee.

366. Update from the Bere Alston playpark improvements Sub-Committee

The National Lottery has given an extension of the grant given to the Parish Council and the plan is to have the new equipment in by Summer 2024. The playpark at the Down may need extending to accommodate the new equipment. The Sub-Committee to join the Community Engagement Event in the Parish Hall, on Saturday 27th January 2024.

367. Update from the Redevelopment of Pavilion Task & Finish Group

Cllr. Lamb confirmed that there was no further update than what was said at the Council meeting on 31st October 2023.

368. Update on work required at Bere Ferrers Recreational field car park

Cllr. Pengelly met with the Workman to discuss what work is required. After discussions, Cllr. Crozier proposed to look into how best to solve the drainage issue. Seconded by Cllr. King.

369. Review of hedge trimming required around the Parish

The Clerk was asked to contact the Hedge Trimmer Contractor to enquire when the work will be carried out. Cllr. Wager can, along with the Workman, cut the hedge behind the Bere Alston public toilets. Work can be carried out in February 2024. Cllr. Crozier proposed the Council hire a chipper and Cllr. Wager to carry out this work and also clear up the area behind the cemetery hut. Seconded by Cllr. King.

370. Review and approve the Recreational Field Hire Policy

Cllr. Lamb suggested an amendment to the policy. Cllr. Pengelly proposed, with the additional amendment, the policy be approved. Seconded by Cllr. King.

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

Installing a fence along the hedge between the playpark and the doctor's carpark has been discussed by the Improvement to Bere Alston playparks Committee and the cost will be met by the earmarked fund.

The clerk to ask the Workman to check the fence against the Victoria Social Club.

372. Poultry on allotment sites

It was agreed that new allotment tenants could now keep poultry on their plot, but in addition to signing the allotment agreement, to also adhere to a poultry policy and sign a separate agreement. Policy to be reviewed at the next meeting.

373. Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

Inspections of both sites will be conducted before the next Open Spaces meeting in January 2024.

374. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Poultry Policy.
2. Allotment inspections.

375. Correspondence

1. An email from a resident concerned their family memorial bench, situated on the quay at Bere Ferrers, had been moved.

The Council had not moved the bench and after discussions, it was agreed that the Council will look into the matter.

376. 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 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 26th November 2023