**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in the Church Hall, Bere Ferrers on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

Present

 Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

 Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

 Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman Cllr. H. Rogers

 Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. G.R. Reed

 Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. E. Wager

 Cllr. B. Lamb

 Cllr. R. Maycock

1663. **Apologies.**

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Pengelly due to business.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that we suspend standing orders P3 seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

1664. **To approve the minutes of Full Council held on 27th February as a true record and taken as**

 **read.**

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Matters Arising

Minute 1615 – Cllr. Pengelly asked about the article he had requested be placed on the Website explaining the role of the Road Wardens - this is in hand.

Minute 1618 – Cllr. Leithall asked if a copy of Mr. Guy’s letter was forwarded to Cllr. Page-Bailey. The

 clerk stated that she had passed a copy on to Cllr. Page-Bailey.

Minute 1620(1603) – Notice Boards – Nathan Blamey has informed the Clerk it will be 8-10 weeks before

 he can start the notice boards.

**SO RESOLVED**

1665. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on Tuesday 6th March and taken as**

 **read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

Matters Arising

Minute 1633 – Cllr. Lamb has tried to get the back log of Enforcement Cases reduced. The problem is staff,

 they did have 3.8 Enforcement Officers, and they are now down to 1.

Cllr. Reed proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

**SO RESOLVED**

1666. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 13th March and taken as**

 **read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Dennis proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

Matters Arising

Minute 1636(1582[2]) Tom Lee was intending to inspect the hedges last Wednesday.

Minute 1641 – Work digging out the ditch at Bere Ferrers Recreation Field Car Park – The Clerk has spoken

 to Andy Ball who has a small digger but he wishes to know the area needed clearing and

 where do the power cables run from the pylon.

Cllr. Lamb has been down with Devon County Highways Officer who has agreed that the problem is being caused further back up Hensbury Lane where the water is coming out of a broken drain; Tom Lee the Devon County Highways Officer feels they should get that fixed.

Minute 1644 – Feasibility study on the drainage at Sarah Park – Richard Maddaford asked the Clerk how far

 we wish to go, he has dug down to the membrane, and it looks as though it is compacted

 earth under the membrane, then on top is rotted compacted wood chip.

Cllr. Dennis proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

**SO RESOLVED**

1667. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the F&GP meeting held on Tuesday 20th March and taken**

 **as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

Matters Arising

Minute 1649 – Visit by PC Callender – Cllr. Boot-Handford will put a piece in the Bere Link.

Minute 1650(3) – Gabion Baskets Weir Quay – Cllr. Lamb took To Lee down to inspect the area, he

 will arrange to keep a watch on them.

Minute 1650 (4) – Footpath Guide printing – there are a couple of questions, one is how many are we going

to have printed and the other is getting the master to the printers. The clerk has spoken with 3 printers who have given her all the information on how to send it to them. The clerk will pass this information onto Cllr. Rogers.

Cllr. Lamb proposed delegated powers be given to Chairman, Chairman of F&GP and the Clerk to look at the estimates for printing and make a decision, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Minute 1651(1603) – Siting of Bere Alston Notice Board – refer back to F&GP.

Minute 1660 – Financial Regulations and Procurement Policy – Cllr. Boot-Handford stated there will be a

 meeting at Hope Cottage on Friday to go through the documents, anyone is welcome.

Cllr. Dennis proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Boot-Handford.

**SO RESOLVED**

1668. **Report by Cllr. Leithall on the Southern Links Meeting.**

 This report will be included in the next Full Council minutes.

1669. **Report by Cllr. Lamb on West Devon Borough Council.**

 Cllr. Lamb stated that the new recycling lorries will be launched on the 15th April.

1670. **Correspondence.**

1. The Clerk sought payment of the following cheques :-
2. Beregen – hire of rooms & sponsorship of mat £221-81
3. Post Office –SWW toilets BA/BF Pavilion £243-64
4. Bere Ferrers Parochial Church hire of Church Hall £14-00
5. Cash – Petty cash/postage £40-00

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

 2) Tamar Valley AONB – Sustainable Development Fund.

 If you have a project that will help to support the conservation, enhancement or awareness of natural

 beauty, wildlife or cultural heritage of the Tamar Valley, we would love to hear from you.

 3) DALC – Newsletter.

 4) Mark Hopwood GWR – Extra train capacity boost for South West underway.

Just a quick reminder that electrification work between Newbury and Reading starts on Monday 12 March.  This impacts our West of England services as the line is closed from Monday to Thursday and we need to divert your trains through Swindon. This will add between 20 to 50 minutes to journeys and will mean some trains are retimed.

 We are asking everyone to double check their journey before they set out.

This is a major piece of work by Network Rail which will mean we will be able to run our new Intercity Express trains on electric power as far as Newbury on their journeys to the South West.  This will enable us to operate a new faster timetable from January 2019.

The work will take over 1200 hours to complete, and there will be several weekday line closures between March and November, including a three week closure in July.    Dates are on our dedicated webpage [www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/newbury2018](http://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/newbury2018)

We are using traditional and social media to spread the word, as well as station posters and announcements, and we will be very happy to help if you would also like to send updates to constituents, colleagues, members or others.

 5) WDBC – Launching the SeaMoor Lotto.

**South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council are calling out to all community groups, charities, and good causes in the area who might be interested in being part of a new council run Lottery initiative.**

The SeaMoor Lotto is a new venture which is being led by the councils to provide a way for local good causes to raise funds.

60% of all money raised will go towards local good causes, 20% of ticket sales will be put towards prizes and 20% will go towards the running costs.

Now the councils want to hear from any interested parties, so that they can be invited to a launch event in May and find out how to sign up to become part of the Sea Moor Lotto.

 6) Bere Alston Carnival – Informing Council of the dates for Carnival Week. Carnival procession

Saturday 5th May seeking permission to use the Recreation Field, there will be a football match on that day so the toilets will be available.

Cllr. Dennis brought up the condition of the field entrance on the day, discussions took place and Cllr. Wager agreed to inspect the entrance and field and make an on the spot decision.

 7) Police report by PCSO Greenwood-

 1 x Common Assault – school bus issue

 2 x ABH – Domestic related

 1 x Theft of a number plate

 2 x Criminal Damage to cars – extensive H2H done and negative on both occasions

 1 x Criminal Damage to a hedge – longstanding neighbourhood issue.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending declared the meeting closed at 9.53pm

Signed this 24th day of April 2018.

Chairman………………………………..