# BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

Present

Cllr. P. Dennis Chairman

Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

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

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. D. Pengelly

Cllr. R. Maycock

**In Attendance.**  Cllr. B. Lamb and Cllr. E.K. Wager.

**1635. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can**

**be taken on these matters.**

1) Cllr. Lamb – The TAP Funding – Devon County Council have issued new guidelines on how

they wish things to go forward, new name for the fund ‘Communities Together’.

2) Cllr. Lamb – I have seen the agenda for Bridestow and they have put the Annual Parish

Meeting first and Full Council after, so if you have a speaker it would be an

advantage for them to get away at a reasonable time. Perhaps the Chairman would

consider this.

3) Cllr. Wager – At 10 O’clock this morning the bin by the Youth Club, litter was all around on the

floor. Cllr. Dennis stated that at 7.30am there was no rubbish there when he

arrived.

**1636. Matters arising from the minutes of the 13th February and taken as read, to deal**

**with matters arising.**

Matters Arising.

Minute 1582(2) – the Clerk has not had a reply from County regards the hedges being cut back on

the Denham Bridge Road, Clerk to contact them again.

Minute 1574 – Cllr. Hanson asked if the bin has been removed from the entrance to the park, the

clerk confirmed it had but they are still emptying the bin outside the toilets onto

timber seating in the playpark and setting fire to it.

**1637. Financial Statements.**

The Clerk emailed the financial statements to committee members.

Cemetery Cllr. Maycock proposed approval of the Cemetery finance statement, seconded by Cllr.

Hanson.

Recreation Cllr. Hanson proposed approval of the Recreation finance statement, seconded by Cllr.

Maycock.

**1638. Report from BARP and information on phase 2.**

Rhino have taken the climbing net and the ropes away to get new ones made up, they have said they will manhandle some of the equipment in but they are waiting for Council to give permission to start.

Discussions took place, it was agreed that we give permission for the work to go ahead as long as they are happy using the entrance as it is now.

Cllr. Pengelly stated that BARP will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt.

**1639. Grass Cutting Contract.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford has updated the grass cutting contract for Bere Ferrers. Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Discussions took place. Clerk was asked to investigate costing on the original contract.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed tendering the work at Bere Ferrers until such time as we have more information, seconded by Cllr. Hanson. A vote was taken 4 for the motion and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

**1640. To discuss the present work being carried out by BAUFC.**

Cllr. Dennis welcomed Mr. Will Westlake. The clerk explained there were burst pipes in the referees changing room. Mr. Hayler the workman checked that the stopcock was turned off but this did not stop the flow of water so he turned it off at the mains on the road.

Mr. Westlake stated that they had not done any plumbing work yet, his plumber was at the Pavilion on Monday repairing the pipes, it seems that the stopcock in the ladies does not turn off the water to the rear half of the pavilion, “my plumber suggests a stopcock be put in to do this” he would ask his plumber to give a quote.

Cllr. Leithall asked about the CASC application as the work in the pavilion should not have been started until there was a decision on BAUFC application. Mr. Westlake stated he had sent off the paperwork but it had been returned as he had got a few things wrong, also the club had to update their constitution. The forms were sent off again two weeks ago. Mr. Westlake believed once the forms had been sent off they could start work. The clerk asked about connecting the toilet in the referees changing room, Mr. Westlake stated there was a sewage trap just by the back of the ladies and the Building Reg’s Officer agreed to the connection being made there, they would come out and look at the trench before connection is made.

Cllr. Leithall asked if they had met Building Reg’s regulations, Mr. Westlake stated there should be a sign off form from the Building Inspector.

Mr. Westlake will speak with his plumber for a quote to put in a stopcock also best way to lag pipes. Cllr. Lamb offered 2 bags of insulation, Clerk to ask the workman to collect it from him tomorrow and put it in the Pavilion.

Mr. Westlake asked if Council are going to do anything about the area at the corner of the entrance to the pitch by the wooden fence as it was dug up when Air Ambulance lighting went in and has never recovered. Council will look at it.

**1641. Issues raised by Bere Ferrers Villagers Association.**

Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Wager investigated the entrance to the playpark Bere Ferrers; there was a large hole by the entrance gate which has now been filled. Need to have talks with County Highways about the water off Hensbury Lane pouring into the entrance and making the situation worse.

Cllr. Lamb – there is a ditch that runs along the rear of the car park, the entry point needs clearing and the ditch needs opening up to take the water. Cllr. Wager stated they need someone with a

small/mini swing shovel. Clerk to contact Andy Ball to see if they have one. Cllr. Wager has agreed to collect crushed slate from Mill Hill to fill in pedestrian entrances.

It was agreed that Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Wager come back with facts and figures for next month.

**1642. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure at the Cemetery.**

Cllr. Dennis stated this is ongoing as he and Cllr. Boot-Handford need to meet up with the workman to discuss the access layout to the workshop.

**1643. Possible alterations to specifications on work to the entrance to the Recreation Field**

**The Down.**

The Clerk has contacted the contractor to ask if it would be possible to alter the specifications, to remove the item regards sifting existing soil for re-use and put in to purchase already sifted soil, existing soil to be removed from site, to be able to move the work along.

Clerk has had no reply as yet.

All present were in agreement with the Clerk’s suggestion.

**1644. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.**

Cllr. Lamb reported no change at Bere Ferrers.

Cllr. Hanson – entrance gate still difficult to close. Zip wire seat and chain put back.

The Down – there was a slat loose on the bench- workman has repaired. Also large gate in fencing still catches badly.

Cllr. Boot-Handford recalls back some while ago this committee suggested a feasibility study on the drainage to be undertaken on the play area at Sarah Park.

Mr. Richard Maddaford will be in contact with the Clerk tomorrow to discuss this.

**1645. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.**

Cllr. Maycock – considering the weather we have had everyone is trying to get their allotments up and running.

Cllr. Page-Bailey – Bere Ferrers Allotment Association have agreed not to undertake plot 2 Bere Ferrers as a memorial garden for Maggie Cartwright, re-let plot.

There is a new Chairman on the Allotment Association, she is Alison Howes.

Due to the bad weather no inspections have been undertaken.

**1646. To investigate the role of the Road and Snow Wardens.**

Cllr. Pengelly asked for this item to be put on the agenda as he has been asked by parishioners how they can contact the wardens.

Cllr. Maycock stated that there are 7 active snow wardens, on the last snow fall we were asked to grit junctions and Tap hill also any potential slide hazards.

Discussions took place regards the gritter route, the Clerk thought that it is supposed to grit the school bus routes; The Down is a school bus route but does not get gritted.

Cllr. Lamb felt this should be pointed out to County.

With regards to Road Wardens Cllr. Maycock stated that their remit is pot holes no bigger than a dinner plate, cleaning weeds, cleaning road signs, keeping gullies clear after County has cleared them.

As far as contact is concerned their initial contact is the Clerk.

Cllr. Lamb reported that Government is releasing a pot of money for poor rural roads to be upgraded; he is in conversation with Highways to further the proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan for a heavy vehicle bay for use till 10am.

**1647. Community Composting.**

Clerk to contact Devon County re setting up the Community Composting scheme at the bottom of the allotments at Bere Alston.

**1648. Proposals for next meeting.**

1. Feasibility Study on drainage at Sarah Park play area.

2. Report by Cllr. Lamb on the work to be undertaken at Bere Ferrers Play Park.

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

Signed this 27th day of March 2018.

Chairman…………………………….