Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

Present

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Chairman

Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. R. Maycock

Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

In Attendance. Cllr. Hanson and Cllr. Pengelly

**1684. .Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Leithall away on business and Cllr. Wager on business.

**1685. Notice of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No decisions can**

**be made on these items.**

1) Cllr. Pengelly – Rhino were due to start work at the Recreation Field today, no one there when

I went past, weather was not good.

2) Cllr. Lamb – with regards the ongoing problems at Crowndale Tip with regards cars queuing.

Cllr. Lamb there have been moans and groans from West Devon members there

seems to be a new initiative and concerns about the danger being caused by the

tip closing on irregular periods.

The Clerk gave Cllr. Lamb a letter written by this Council and a reply from Devon County Council.

**1686. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March and taken as read, to deal with matters**

**arising.**

Matters Arising

Minute 1604 – Regards Cllr. Dennis trying to get some information from Land Registry. This is

ongoing.

Minute 1603- Notice Boards and their siting; refer to next month’s meeting.

**1687. Accounts for payment.**

The Clerk circulated the accounts to be paid by email to all committee members.

The Clerk had made an error on the spread sheet; she will correct the error and re-circulate.

Cllr. Lamb proposed payment of amended accounts, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

**1688. Financial Statements.**

The Clerk explained the end of year balances for F&GP and the Toilets Financial Sheets. There is a balance of £8391.00. Cllr. Maycock proposed that this amount be set aside as project reserves, seconded by Cllr. Lamb, all agreed.

Cllr. Dennis proposed acceptance of the up to date sheets, seconded by Cllr. Boot-Handford.

Current toilet sheets, Cllr. Dennis proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Current F&GP sheets, Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that £100 from carried forward be put on the F&GP Financial Sheets as Defibrillator Funding, and £16.00 is transferred to Web site subscription, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance of the current finance sheet, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Discussions took place about transferring some of the Council’s funds into a savings account to accrue a better interest. Cllr. Boot-Handford to speak with the lecturer of the Finance Training meeting on the subject.

**1689. To accept the reconciled bank statement.**

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation sheets. The Clerk explained the reserve sheet. Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance of the bank reconciliation, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

**1690. Parish Hall car park surface and lighting.**

Cllr. Dennis went on to explain the MOS System which deters the gathering of youths. A complete unit will be in the region of £540 Inc. VAT. Cllr. Dennis is awaiting the electrician’s input.

**1691. To look into Defibrillator Training.**

Cllr. Lamb announced that the training sessions for the defibrillator are booked in the Parish Hall for Wednesday 16th May and Wednesday 23rd May. If interested please contact the Assistant Clerk.

**1692. Update on new accounting system.**

Cllr. Dennis reported that he would be in contact with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk in the next two weeks to discuss the new system.

**1693. Property Inspection.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford inspected the following;

Bus Shelter- Station Road, this needs a good pressure wash. Cllr. Lamb suggested contacting the

Window Cleaner.

Tables and benches in the garden opposite the Hall – these are beyond cleaning, also the garden

is looking shabby. Clerk suggested contacting the Stone Masson to see if he could

clean the granite tables and benches.

Public Toilets- Mould on the ceiling. The Clerk informed committee that she has already asked the

workman to rub down the toilet doors and repaint as they are flaking off, also gates

need rubbing down and repainting.

Cllr. Dennis inspected the Hall- toilets are to be painted. Now the carpet has been removed in the

play group area the heating is more efficient.

**1694. Update on Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr. Maycock reported that the Plan is still with the examiners.

**1695. To review the Beregen Agreement.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford has undertaken this review and proposed it fit for purpose.

**1696. To accept and amend Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Procurement**

**Policy.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford, Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Hanson reviewed Standing Orders and Financial

Regulations which have been amended in order to include the Procurement Policy.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed these now go to Full Council for approval, seconded by Cllr.

Dennis.

**1697. Correspondence.**

1) Cllr. Dennis- has received a statement to renew the bereferrersparishcouncil.org.uk to renew

the domain name, the renewal cost is £96.00inc. vat. There seems to be a query as to

whether Bev Slaughter paid last years as the Clerk has no invoice for it. Clerk to contact

Mr. Slaughter.

Cllr. Lamb proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

2) Maria Hill- Seeking a donation for the ‘Tommy Appeal’

I write to you asking if I would be able to get some financial support to help raise some funds for a memorial tribute I have set up this year.

My husband and I have lived in the parish all our lives and my husband’s family have lived here since 1700s.

I am sure you are aware that this year recognises that it’s the 100 year since the end of WW1 and as such our little Parish lost 41 men.

The “There but not there” campaign was started in 2014 to start the 4 year remembrance of the Great War and I felt I wanted to do something for our Parish to honour our fallen and to teach the younger generations now and in the future, how many men from here gave their lives so bravely for us to have the lives we live today.

So a “Tommy” figure of 10 inches high made from Perspex can be engraved and can be seen on the website of “there but not there” along with other items. Each one of these figures with P&P and engraving are £38.99 each. I would like to purchase 1 for each man.

I have spent this year tracing direct descendants locally and further afield and now 11 of these have ordered a figure. I have approached the Carnival Committee, History Group and the local British Legion, all of whom have offered funding.

I am looking to have all the figures on display on Armistice Day and thereafter, those that have not been purchased by the family members, with be stored at the church and will from time to time be on display, I have also researched a little about each person too. I think having a visual thing will have an impact on our youngsters and help them understand the men’s sacrifices.

All the money from the sale of these “Tommy’s” go to 7 charities dealing with our military, all listed on the website. They are made by our Veterans through the British Legion. Too.

I am conscious that time is of the essence as each figure takes 6 weeks to make and then I have to get them engraved, so I am asking for all monies to be in as soon as possible but no later than the end of June, there are posters up locally around the village and in Bere Ferrers and collection pots in various shops in the high street, in the Edgcumbe and The plough Inn at Bere Ferrers if people want to make donations, they do not have to be directly related.

I will be contacting the local Brownies and Scouts and other local children’s organisations to get

them involved.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed a donation of £100, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

**1698. Agenda Items for next meeting.**

1. Notice Boards.

2. Wording of possible Car Park Notice

3. Review Inventory of Assets.

4. Fire check report

5. Review Donations Policy.

There being no further business the chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed this 24th day of April 2018.

Chairman………………...