Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 22nd May 2018.

Present

Cllr. M. Page-Bailey Chairman

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Chair of Council

Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. R. Maycock

Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. D. Pengelly

**.Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Leithall out of the country on business.

**1753. Notice of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No decisions can**

**be made on these items.**

1) Cllr. Pengelly – It has been reported to me that the public toilets were not open on Sunday. The

Clerk explained that when Mrs. Poulton went to open them they were in a disgusting state, we believe the persons living in the caravan opposite on the workshop site is emptying their chemical toilet down the loo and spilt it everywhere.

2) Cllr. Pengelly – Bere Ferrers Water sports, I believe the Clerk stated that Mrs. Poulton has

refused to clean the Bere Ferrers toilets after water sports. It was foul the

morning after with vomit and excrement all over the place, has anything been done about this situation. Cllr. Musgrave did say he had them cleaned. This to be an agenda item for next month.

3) Cllr. Lamb – You are all no doubt aware of the Borough Council Boxit Campaign. I have asked

that they visit the mini market with it.

4) Cllr. Lamb – as you will recall the Neighbourhood Plan Group asked for a loading bay outside

the Co-op Fore Street, the answer was no as it would cost in the region of £2,000

to advertise etc. but now this has changed and a yearly application for such items

is now in place so have started the ball rolling. Cllr. Maycock, Mr. Granville Starkey

and I met on site. We have had a response back asking what length is the

Co-operative lorries.

5) Cllr. Page- Bailey – reported that the newly formed Youth Football team have been given a

£200 grant by the Constabulary as they realise the youth problem in the village.

6) The Clerk- reported more damage to the watering can at the Cemetery. They are still

playing with water bombs in the Cemetery. It was agreed to write a letter to Shaun of

the Premier shop, also the Co-op to ask if they would kindly desist from selling the

water bombs as the children are playing in the Cemetery. Cllr. Boot-Handford will

speak with Mrs. Hammond at the Post Office.

Cllr. Lamb- spoke with Cllr. Robin Musgrave he reported that he was at the Y2Y Hut last night and the noise outside was awful. Cllr. Musgrave has asked to have a meeting with Cllr. Lamb and West Devon

**1754. Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of April and taken as read.**

Minute 1685 (2) – Cllr. Lamb has been in discussions with Devon County Council regards

Crowndale Tip, who have paid a site visit. They feel the tip could be reorganised to

alleviate the current problem. Cllr. Lamb came up with two suggestions to either

widen the road or reorganise the tip.

Minute 1686(1604) – Cllr. Dennis is still trying to get some information from Land Registry.

Minute 1697(2)-The clerk has received an invoice form for 3 Tommy figurines but it still means

paying the cheque to Mrs. Hill. Cllr. Boot-Handford can find nothing in

Standing Orders to say we cannot do this. Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed we

pay Mrs. Hill the cheque for the Tommy figures in the sum of £98.00, seconded by

Cllr. Maycock.

**1755. Accounts for payment.**

The Clerk emailed the accounts for payment to the Councillors present. Cllr. Dennis proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

**1756. Financial Statements.**

The Clerk emailed the financial statement sheets to all Councillors present.

Toilets Cllr. Pengelly proposed acceptance of the financial statement for the toilets, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

F&GP Cllr. Bailey asked about the Works Pension Scheme. Mr. Hayler opted out, do we have a signed letter to that effect. The Clerk stated she sent Mr. Hayler a letter but did not get it signed and returned.

It was agreed that the question about opting out of the Pension Scheme should be in Mr. Hayler’s annual review.

Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance of the finance sheet for F&GP, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that committee go into part 2 standing order 3P, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Discussion took place.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed committee come out of part 2 standing order 3P, seconded by Cllr. Lamb

**1757. 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.

**1758.Discussions on set aside monies.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that the Finance sheets shows set aside monies for projects; there are various pots of money. “I do not think this is the best way forward, as this money could be earning interest”.

Cllr. Boot-Handford can see what Cllr. Page Bailey is saying and asked that he come up with some figures to clarify the idea.

Cllr. Page-Bailey thought that one pot of money with a list of projects, not lots of pots and not enough money to complete any of the projects.

This will also need to go to Full Council for their views.

Cllr. Boot-Handford felt time was passing and we need to defer some items on the agenda to next month’s meeting;

To discuss new notice boards.

Update of new accounting system.

To review inventory of assets layout.

**1759. Update on Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr. Maycock explained that the Plan is still with the Inspector; she is 75% of the way through.

**1760** **. To Review the Donations Policy**

The Clerk emailed the Donations Policy to all Councillors present. Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed the policy fit for purpose, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

**1761. Financial Regulations referred back to F & G.P. from Full Council**

Cllr. Boot-Handford “We propose that Full Council accept the Financial Regulations with the necessary adjustments, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

**1762. To discuss the Mosquito System.**

Cllr. Dennis stated there were four different packages. They can all be adjusted so residents cannot hear the noise; they can also be programmed to not have them running when Playschool and Youth Club are running.

Cllr. Lamb has had some bad feedback on these systems.

Cllr. Dennis reported that the system has no health risks.

Discussions took place and Cllr. Dennis stated that the only other option was CCTV.

It was agreed to defer to next month’s meeting to decide which system to use.

**1763*.* Fire Check Report**

Cllr. Dennis has undertaken all the necessary fire checks and entered them in the book.

The Fire Alarm system has had its annual service.

The Fire Extinguishers have also had their annual service.

**1764** **. Correspondence.**

1) West Devon Borough Council News Release- Lotto signup opening soon.

Calling all good causes in South Hams and West Devon, SeaMoor Lotto will be accepting

good cause applications from 29th May and good causes are encouraged to attend one of

the SeaMoor Launch events.

2) West Devon Borough Council-Parking Charges Explained

The amount of money that councils charge for parking in their car parks varies greatly from city to district, town to town and even carpark to carpark.

As West Devon Borough Council announces a new consultation for residents and business to tell them what they think of their latest proposals for parking charges, the Council explains how these charges are worked out and why it’s not a simple “One Size Fits All”.

3) Ros Davies – P3 co-ordinator

We shall be holding three Strimmer courses this year for those parishes who wish to train volunteers to use a strimmer for the maintenance of local rights of way.  I have a record that either you or a member of your parish wishes to participate in this event.

Courses have been arranged and the dates and venue are as follows:

**Date                                                               Venue**

Monday 18 June 2018             Kenn Centre, Kenn, close to A38 Near Exeter

Monday 25 June 2018             Kenn Centre, Kenn, close to A38 Near Exeter

Tuesday 10 July 2018             Kenn Centre, Kenn, close to A38 Near Exeter

Courses start at 9.00am and last all day ending at 4pm, the courses are free of charge but we do ask you to bring the following:

* Strimmer (if your parish has one) plus fuel, harness and blades and/or cord
* All safety gear i.e. helmet, visor, ear defenders, wellington or steel toe capped boots, overalls or ‘gardening’ clothes, safety glasses – some items are available to borrow on the day if required.
* Lunch

If you are available and would like to join us please state by email which days you would be available as soon as possible and preferably no later than ***11th June 2018***.  Places are limited to eight per day.

Your 1st and 2nd choice dates would be most appreciated.  Confirmation emails and maps will follow.

4) Cllr. H. Boot-Handford- Wording for a notice to go on wall by the disabled bay in the car park.

Here is my suggestion:

This space is available for any Blue Badge users who wish to access the Parish Hall.

**1765. Agenda Items for next meeting.**

1. To discuss new notice boards

2. Update of new accounting system

3.To discuss Office system

4. To review Inventory of assets.

5. To discuss the Mosquito system against CCTV.

6. Toilet cleaning after Bere Ferrers Watersports.

7. Discussions on Set Aside Money.

8. Flood lights Parish Hall entrance.

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

Signed this 29th day of May 2018.

Chairman………………...