**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, Bere Alston on Tuesday 30th May 2017.

Present

 Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

 Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Cllr. R. Maycock

 Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman Cllr. S. Munn

 Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

 Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. D. Pengelly

 Cllr. E. K. Wager

1188. **Apologies.**

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Lamb due to holiday and Cllr. Reed due to canvasing for the

 election.

1189. **To interview prospective candidate for Co-option to Council.**

Mr. Wager gave a short resume on why he wished to join the Parish Council. Councillors then went round the table asking Mr. Wager questions which he dully replied to. The Chairman then asked Mr. Wager to leave the room, and asked the Councillors present for comments, it was agreed by a vote of 8 for and 1 abstention that Mr. Wager be invited to join the meeting and sign his Declaration of Acceptance.

1190**.** **Chairman's Report.**

After several years break, we welcome Eaon Wager back onto Parish Council, which leaves us with one other vacancy for which applicants are now advertised.

This is the first full Council meeting since the Annual General Meeting, although all our four standing committees with refreshed membership have since met and minutes distributed ready for this meeting.

Apart from routine business, I would single out two ongoing actions that we must address over the next month or so:-

* whether Horrabridge Parish Council wish to withdraw from the partnership to share the garden tractor mower and road transport trailer
* Working with BARP (Bere Alston Recreation Group) voluntary group, to make a decision about the preferred material with which to replace the safety surface beneath the Play Ground equipment at the Down Bere Alston

1191**.** **Items of interest at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.**

Cllr. Dennis reported work being carried out on the land in the Tanner Bridge area they have been felling trees, there is a large tree stump on the road by the hedge and is very dangerous especially at night as it does not have warning signs around it. Clerk to contact Devon County Highways and ask them to deal with it.

1192**.** **To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 25th April as a true record**

 **and taken as read.**

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

 **SO RESOLVED**

1193. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd May as a true**

 **record and taken as read.**

Cllr. Leithall proposed approval of the Annual General meeting minutes, seconded by Cllr. Boot-

Handford.

**SO RESOLVED**

1194**.** **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Special Full Council meeting held on the 2nd May as a**

 **true record and taken as read.**

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

**SO RESOLVED**

1195. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on 9th May and taken as read, to**

 **deal with matters arising.**

As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were absent Cllr. Munn proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

Matters Arising

Minute 1152(1) – The pot holes around the peninsula that Cllr. Lamb pointed out have been reported to County.

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

 **SO RESOLVED**

1196. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 16th May and taken as**

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

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

Matters Arising.

Minute 1159(1) – Cllr. Pengelly’s request for police to attend the school. The Clerk produced a report in the Tavistock Times where West Devon Police have been visiting several schools in the area to address issues relating to communication offences, texting and online safety.

Minute 1159(3) – The Clerk reported that she met MAT Electrics at the Pavilion on Friday they were going to check the system and fit the smoother, she has not heard back from Toby Russell or MAT Electrics.

Minute 1160/1097(1) – Cllr. Boot-Handford reported that Will Westlake spent 30 minutes at her house going through the forms to join CASC he has taken the forms away to confirm the answers, they will then correct the details and send it off.

Minute 1160(1060) – Cllr. Hanson reported that the Allotment mirror has been put up Cllr. Hanson congratulated Baz on an excellent job. Cllr. Hanson has had some highly complimentary comments from the Allotment holders.

Minute 1163 – Cllr. Pengelly reported that the roundabout has been stripped down and re-greased, it is to be left and see how it progresses. Cllr. Pengelly went up the next day and he felt it was easier.

Minute 1166 – Cllr. Dennis stated that he and Cllr. Munn would be meeting with the Bere Ferrers Villagers Association before Open Spaces next meeting.

Minute 1167 – Cllr. Hanson explained that she had a meeting with Kate Medhurst and Cllr. Pengelly who have concerns that the rubber chips may be unpopular with parents

The Clerk then read the following letter from Kate Medhurst;

We wanted to write to you to share with you our position on the safety surfacing discussions and plans for the park in the recreation field.

We’ve read the report written by Sarah Hanson, as well as meeting with Sarah to look at the samples and ask questions.

We have concerns about the rubber crumb option(s).

* We’ve spoken to a number of play companies – who have said they wouldn’t recommend it.
* Concerns include colour bleeding (which we understand have been addressed by Sarah), weight i.e. it is more likely to be blown around/away and reputational damage to the companies who supply it and therefore aren’t prepared to do so in their name.
* We only know of 1 play parks use of this material – so we feel to use a (relatively) untried and untested product on our park is not something we’d look to do.
* We feel confident that other parents would also not favour this surface type.

 BARP as a group would formally like to request / recommend that this type of surface is ruled out.

**BARP Proposal**

Our preferred option for the park would be to have a bonded rubber mulch, and this is still our hope long term. We appreciate that the cost of this is unfeasible for the park at this time.

The council have proposed to commit to a rubber crumb surface costing in the region of £7900 + VAT which will cover the next 10 years of use.

Toddler area (roughly 100m2)

* We’ve had quotes for a bonded rubber mulch estimate at around £5,000 - £6,000

The initial cost of resurfacing with rubber crumb = £7900 including the £1500 BARP contribution.

We suggest resurfacing the 400 m2 area with cheaper bark at approx. £2800. Then use the remaining £5100 to lay bonded rubber mulch in the 100m2 area (under the cradle swings and boat). Figures to be confirmed.

It was agreed to defer this back to Open Spaces.

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

 **SO RESOLVED**

1197. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on the 23rd**

 **May and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

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

 **SO RESOLVED**

1198. **Report from the Road Warden Committee and a proposal that the Road Warden Committee is**

 **recast as a sub-committee of Footpaths & Environment.**

(a) Cllr. Maycock – we have not had a meeting since April but we hope to start some jobs in the next few weeks. As there is a question on the signed agreement and the new version we will have to abide by Chapter 8 rules.

Cllr. Hanson brought to Cllr. Maycock’s attention a blocked drain at the junction of Long Orchard and Lockeridge. We need to make a list of what can and cannot be done.

(b) Cllr. Leithall asked the Clerk to explain the reason for making this sub-committee a sub-committee of

 Footpaths & Environment.

 The Clerk is concerned that monies are being spent on equipment etc. And it is not going through the

 minutes as being confirmed expenditure. At precept last year a sum of £750 was set aside in

 Environment for expenditure by the Road Warden’s, so obviously this sub-committee should come

 under Environment.

 Cllr. Leithall proposed that the Road Warden Group become a sub-committee of Footpaths &

 Environment with their minutes forming part of the Footpaths & Environment minutes, seconded by Cllr. Hanson, all present agreed.

1199. **Rail report from Cllr. Lamb.**

As Cllr. Lamb is not present the report was circulated to all Councillors prior to this meeting.

 JOURNEY FIGURES

Excellent news with 2016 being the best year yet with a 4.7% increase to 193,107 and this trend has continued this year, with a chance that we will reach 200,000 plus journeys. This compares with 121,000 in 2001.

NEW SUNDAY LATER TRAIN

Our requests have been answered with an experimental late train on Sundays during the summer from 20 May until 10 September. Times are:

Depart Plymouth 2001, arriving Bere Ferrers at 2018 and Bere Alston at 2027 terminating Gunnislake at 2050.

Return journey Depart Bere Alston at 2110 and Bere Ferrers at 2115 arriving Plymouth at 2135 in time for the last London Train.

SATURDAY TIMETABLE CHANGE

Again as a result of our requests from JAN 2018 the 0945 train from Gunnislake will depart 0929 and all times for this train will be the same as Mon – Fri times. (BA @ 0949 and BF at 0954.) The different times for this train cause confusion to travellers.

MARKETING

An update of the “Tamar Valley Line leaflet will go out in July when the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership will be running a promotion in Plymouth area to encourage residents to visit the T.V. L. during the holiday period.

BERE ALSTON SCRAPYARD

No information but I have been promised the names of more contacts within GWR and I will take the opportunity of raising again with WDBC, in an attempt to make this site more in keeping with AONB.

VALUE OF TVL TO LOCAL ECONOMY

There is a strong possibility that the above study will be extended from the Cornwall stations to B.A. and B.F. if additional funding can be obtained.

PLYMOUTH FIREWORKS NIGHTS

These competitions take place on Wed 9 and Thurs. 10 Aug and the Partnership are working with GWR to ascertain whether they can run a late train on these two days, it will give them an indicator of whether a more regular could be a success.

BAR CODE READERS

The new train conductor ticket machines produce a ticket that will not go through the station exit machines and they now have to install new bar code readers!!

OTHER SERVICES

The Sunday Okehampton service from Exeter (paid for by Devon County council) will again run this year but the Dartmoor Rover has been withdrawn by DCC.

DRAKE LINE (TO TAVISTOCK)

No news as to when building development will start which might trigger a start!

1200. **Report from Cllr. Musgrave on West Devon Borough Council.**

As Cllr. Musgrave was not in attendance he forwarded the following report which was late arriving for the meeting.

The annual meeting was held last week.  You will be aware of individual appointments but worth noting that the Conservative group chose to hold all the Chairs of the various committees (other than Standards) including the new joint Overview & Scrutiny committee.  As Chair of one of the 2 previous O&S Committees I will now have more time for addressing Ward issues!

The recent reports in the local press suggesting a possible merger of South Hams and the Borough council are somewhat unhelpful.  This is an option which will be investigated but there are various major issues to be addressed such as the contrasting Council Tax charges in the two districts.

The adoption of the World Heritage/ AONB policies as part of the Joint Local Plan agreed - as separately notified

1201. **Correspondence.**

1) Network Rail – Bere Alston-Plymouth Rail end straightening.

**Bere Alston – Plymouth – Rail end straightening**

We will shortly begin work to the railway near to your property. Although this work is essential, please accept our apologies in advance for any disturbance it may cause you.

***What are the works involved?***

We are carrying out rail end straightening, which is pulling the rail end up to match the rest of the rail. We will be using a Rail Road Vehicles, Geimsar trolley (multi-purpose monorail trolley), disc cutters and generators.

We also will be packing twist faults with a kango (an electric powered hammer) and possible changes to some sleepers.

*Rail Road Vehicles will be accessing and leaving at Bere Alston on to the single line and moving towards Plymouth. We are working night shifts only.*

*We will access at approximately* ***10pm****, travel towards Plymouth; work as required and then come back to Bere Alston where it will leave in time for the possession to be given up at* ***05:10am***

***How does this affect me?***

Safety is our number one priority and for this reason work of this type must be carried out while trains are not running. The equipment we use means some disturbance is unavoidable, but we will make every effort to minimise any unnecessary noise. Furthermore, those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

***When will the work take place?***

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| Start Date | Finish Date | Start Time | Finish Time |
| Monday 29 May 2017 | Friday 02June 2017 | 10pm | 0510am |

2) West Devon TAP

Please find below the overall budget and individual splits for the 2017/18 TAP grant totalling £47,591.50. Each Link has chosen a different approach to the frequency with which they will be considering applications. I have also attached the application form, guidance notes, Clerks guide and FAQ’s and ask that you **email the typed** application to community@swdevon.gov.uk at least **2 weeks** before the meeting date. **Late applications will not be considered.**

**Eastern Link - £6,937.70**

16th November – Sampford Courtenay Village Hall - 7.30pm **(deadline 2nd November)**

**Northern Link - £12,975.60**

29th June– Exbourne Village Hall – 7.30pm **(deadline 15th June)**

21st September – Meldon Village Hall – 7.30pm **(deadline 7th September)**

23rd November - Germansweek Village Hall (tbc) – 7.30pm **(deadline 9th November)**

**Southern Link - £27,678.20**

5th October – Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall – 7.00pm **(deadline 21st September)**

30th November - Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall – 7.00pm **(deadline 16th November)**

3) Rev. N. Law

Please will you pass on the thanks of all of us at Youth 2 Youth for the continued support of the Parish Council.  The EAT project on Monday evenings is going well.  The young people learn about food, cook and eat together.  Numbers are in the high teens each session, and Vicki is working quietly with individuals as they face different problems and issue.  Thank you for nominating her for the Mayor's Award.

We are working with a wider group under the name of West Devon Youth Partnership to make a bid for three year funding from Reaching Communities Lottery Fund.  I will let you know how we get on.

If you ever want a report in person at the council meeting, just let me know. Many thanks

4) The Clerk sought permission to pay the following accounts;

1. Bere Alston British Legion – Donation 7355 £100.25.
2. Beregen – Hire of Hall plus meeting room x3 7354 £42.00

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14pm.

Signed this 27th Day of June 2017.

Chairman………………………………..