**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, Bere Alston on Tuesday 27th June 2017.

Present

Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Cllr. S. Munn

Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. D. Pengelly

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. H. Rogers

Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. G.R. Reed

Cllr. R. Maycock Cllr. E.K. Wager

1249. **To interview prospective candidate for Co-option to Council.**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Rogers and asked if she would like to give a resume on why she wished to become a Councillor. The Chairman invited questions from Councillors. Mrs. Rogers was asked to leave the chamber, discussions took place. Cllr. Lamb proposed that Mrs. Rogers be invited to join Council, seconded by Cllr. Dennis. The Clerk invited Mrs. Rogers back into chamber where she was welcomed as a Co-opted member of Council and duly signed her acceptance form.

1250. **Declaration of Interest.**

The Chairman asked for any declaration of interests and Cllr. Reed proceeded to give items of interest, Cllr. Boot-Handford felt we need to change the terminology as Declarations of Interest and items of Interest are confusing.

The fire alarm started, all members and public present were asked to vacate the building. This was a fire practice organized by Cllr. Dennis.

1251**.** **Chairman's Report.**

Council now has a full complement of members, as we welcome Helena Rogers back on to Parish Council.

I am pleased to report that our Parish Council has passed its annual internal audit, and I would like to thank Mrs Mary Taylor (our Clerk to Council) for the special efforts she put in to support a successful outcome. Consequently the proposed Audit Account Statement has been sent out to members and will be offered for Council approval. The external Auditor did record some observations and made related recommendations that Council will need to consider soon, and our F&PG committee has already started to look at these for us.

Councillor Cllr. Lamb has generously decided to resign from his position as our Parish Council representative on Southern Links because he will be able to attend in his own right as Borough Councillor. Therefore we have the opportunity to elect new Parish Council representative.

Last night Cllr Ralph Maycock and I had a short meeting with Horrabridge Council, and we signed an agreement to terminate Horrabridge’ s involvement with the shared mower scheme (that was originally funded by a TAP fund grant). Therefore the ride-on mower and trailer that are already in our possession are now also legally in our sole ownership. This is in accordance with our expectations, and I would ask our Open Spaces committee to review implications for use and ongoing maintenance.

I would like to remind members that the next Full Council meeting to be held in July will be the last before a month’s break in August.

1252**.** **Items of interest at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.**

1) Cllr. Reed – has had discussions with resident of Pentillie View about the Pentillie Green Management

Control. Cllr. Reed stated this is worth a lot of money £10,000 it would be a good idea for this Council to take it on, also perhaps Cllr. Pengelly could take on the playpark. In principle this is a good idea. It was agreed to refer to Open Spaces.

2) Cllr. Hanson – Resurfacing the play area at The Down Bere Alston. Both Cllr. Hanson and Cllr. Boot-

Handford met with Kate Medhurst, Cllr. Pengelly and a third representative of BARP last night, it was agreed to take this in Open Spaces minutes.

3) Cllr. Munn – The resident of Bere Alston who complained about the language and noise in the playpark

attending tonight’s meeting to update Council on the noise situation.

1253**.** **To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 30th May as a true record**

**and taken as read.**

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

Matters Arising

Minute 1191 – obstruction by Tanner Bridge on the road, Cllr. Dennis informed Council that the tree trunk

has been removed.

Minute 1196(1159[3]) – Mat have fitted the voltage regulator

Minute 1196(1160) – Cllr. Hanson has had good observations about the mirror at the Bere Alston

Allotments, but it is already being obscured by vegetation. The Clerk stated the

Workman had been up and trimmed back the vegetation, perhaps it has moved.

Cllr. Leithall suspended the approval of the minutes as the resident complaining about the noise and bad language by the garages had arrived. Cllr. Leithall asked if they wished to update the Council on the noise etc. from the playpark area by the Parish Hall, I moved into the area roughly 10 months ago, I came to the APM complaining about the noise and foul language.

She explained that she came to the APM in March where she voiced issues to the Council; she has had sound monitoring equipment put in the house. The language is still very offensive and she has not been able to enjoy her garden, she has a general feeling of being uncomfortable with the noise, it is so loud it is intolerable, she cannot work from home. Inspector Mark Sloman has been over and had a chat with the youths but half an hour later the noise was just as bad.

Cllr. Leithall – we have listened to what you have said, the Police are aware of the complaint, there is no feedback from the monitors as to whether the noise is excessive.

Cllr. Musgrave (West Devon Borough Council) issues of noise and nuisance are a very different behaviour, we are sympathetic to your suggestions, and he will also look into this.

The gentleman whose wife owns the garages stated there has been fly tipping by the garages and graffiti, there is an issue that needs addressing, he has spoken with Mr. Paul Gentle with regards setting up CCTV on the Parish Hall building. There is a need to speak to Rev Nick Law the PCSO and the Youth Worker.

Also a letter to Inspector Sloman.

**SO RESOLVED**

1254. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on 6th June as a true**

**record and taken as read.**

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the plans minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Matters Arising

Minute 1205 Cllr. Lamb- with regards to visibility at Quarry Corner, to get clear vision cars coming from Bere Ferrers need to come out a long way. Woodland Trust to be contacted to ask their contractor to cut back to the road line.

Cllr. Wager – with regards this Council leasing this coppice, Council needs to look at insurance on the trees,

they need to be inspected every 3-4 years; this will be of no benefit to the Council.

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

**SO RESOLVED**

1255**.** **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Footpath and Environment meeting held on the 6th**

**June as a true record and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**

1256. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 13th June and taken as**

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

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

Matters Arising.

Minute 1220

Cllr. Hanson and Cllr. Boot-Handford met with members from BARP. Cllr. Hanson gave a report on the meeting to Council. BARP are concerned that the coloured rubber chip would run, the parents would not like it. BARP has not seen parks with the chip or any reports. Cllr. Hanson has good reports from various users of the rubber chip. BARP would prefer rubber mulch around ship and swing, this would be at a cost of £6,000 and £1,500 from BARP.

With the funding in Open Spaces they could rubber chip the whole park, the last email from BARP stated they want Council to take responsibility for surfacing the whole area. This to be referred to Open Spaces, it was agreed by Full Council that Open Spaces has delegated powers to make a decision on what we should do.

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

**SO RESOLVED**

1257. **To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on the 20th**

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

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

Matters Arising

Minute 1232 Cllr. Lamb is standing down as Council’s representative on Southern Links. As this item has not been put on the agenda, this needs to be put on next month’s F&GP and to seek a volunteer to take his place.

Minute 1240 Cllr. Boot-Handford explained in detail the amendment to Standing Orders.

Minute 1246(3) West Devon Borough Council introducing a charge for garden waste.

Cllr. Dennis has read two articles in the paper which do not consider those residents who are not so well off and cannot afford a one off payment of £40, there is no facility to pay by instalments. This will mean people able to drive to the tip will do so which again will cause more traffic problems, also fly tipping and people lighting bonfires.

Cllr. Leithall asked Cllr. Musgrave if the green waste can be placed in the black rubbish sacks. Cllr. Musgrave felt the bin men could refuse to remove the waste.

Cllr. Wager asked if there is any evidence in other areas on take up of this service. Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that other communities have started a Community Compost Scheme.

Refer to Open Spaces.

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

**SO RESOLVED**

1258. **To approve the Annual Governance Statement for Audit 2016-17.**

The Clerk emailed the Governance Statement to all Councillors.

The Clerk proceeded to seek answers to the statement.

Cllr. Dennis proposed acceptance of the Annual Governance Statement, seconded by Cllr. Munn.

1259. **To approve the Accounting Statement for Audit 2016-17.**

The Clerk emailed the Accounting Statement to all Councillors.

The Council noted that there are assets to be added to the register.

Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the Accounting Statement, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

1260. **Report by Cllr. Lamb on the 100yrs Remembrance of the Death of the New Zealand Soldiers at**

**Bere Ferrers.**

**NEW ZEALAND 2017 CENTENARY EVENT SCHEDULE 24th SEPTEMBER 2017**

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| TIME | SERIAL | ACTION | NOTES |
| 15:00 | Arrival of NZ HC / NZ DF / UK VIPs & guests at Bere Ferrers Social Club  *(sat-nav postcode PL20 7JJ)* | All | Parking for 10 vehicles |
| 15:30 | Departure to Bere Ferrers rail station  Opportunity to view the memorial garden at this location | Tamar Belle Station Master | Transport of VIPs & Guests by C J Downs Coaches |
| 15:51 | Memorial service *(VIPs & Guests to consider umbrellas for inclement weather)* | All / BBC /NZTV/ Press / Rev Nick Law / UK Armed Forces Cadets |  |
| 16:15 | Departure to St Andrew’s Church Bere Ferrers |  | Transport of VIPs & Guests by C J Downs Coaches |
| 16:25 | Celebration of the lives of the 10 NZ soldiers, choral tribute Tavy Tars | Rev Nick Law / Tavy Tars / BBC /NZTV/ Press |  |
| 16:50 | Bere Ferrers War Memorial (adjacent to St Andrew’s Church) RBL Rev Nick Law delivers Dedication 1. RBL read out the names of the 10 fallen, laying of wreaths. Exhortation, Last Post, 2 minutes silence, Reveille, Kohima Epitaph (Raising & Lowering of RBL Standard & NZ National Flags as ordered) Rev Nick Law delivers Final Blessing *(VIPs & Guests to consider umbrellas for inclement weather)* | VIPs / BBC / NZTV/Press / Rev Nick Law / RBL Standard Bearers / UK Armed Forces Cadets |  |
| 17:15 | Return Bere Ferrers Social Club. Meet & greet parishioners, official thanks & presentation of commemorative materials to NZ HC & flowers for partners. Photo opportunities. Refreshment buffet | Brigadier Simon Young BFSC & nominated volunteers | Transport of VIPs & Guests by C J Downs Coaches |
| TBC | Departure of NZ HC / NZ DF / UK VIPs & guests from Bere Ferrers Social Club |  |  |

Dedication 1. Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war and in peace; those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure, and all who lived and died in the service of their country and mankind

Final Blessing: God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, Queen, The Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us all and His servants, life everlasting, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always

1261. **Report on West Devon Borough Council.**

Cllr. Lamb – there are lots of committees and sub-committees, a proposal will go to Full Council in July followed by possible consultation with Parish Council’s.

There are problems occurring with Social Media, such as Councillors making inappropriate comments.

1262. **Correspondence.**

**1.** The South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership- has agreed it would like to form

a view on the review of Neighbourhood Policing to submit to the PCC and Chief Constable.

Members of the CSP met on Monday to gather views but feel it is important that we canvas the wider community representatives in South Devon and Dartmoor. Therefore we are holding a meeting at 10am until 12 on Friday 7th July in the Repton Room at South Hams District Council and would like you or a representative to attend. The meeting while hosted by the CSP will be facilitated by Ceri Lloyd from Devon and Cornwall Police.

From engagement so far the importance of Neighbourhood Policing has been clear and all agencies place great value on their engagement with the teams. This exercise will be to capture your views on the role of neighbourhood policing and where the priorities should lie to pass onto those who will be making decisions about a future model with reduced numbers.

We are limited to the numbers we can accommodate and will assign places in order the requests are received, so if you would like to attend please email [Rebecca.hewitt@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:Rebecca.hewitt@teignbridge.gov.uk)

2. PCSO Greenwood Crime Stats

 Sorry about not getting the Crime Stats to you before the meeting, I intended to do them on Saturday but we were so busy I didn’t finish until 10.30 that evening.

1 x Use of Threatening Behaviour}

2 x Criminal Damage                             }       NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES

1 x Burglary                                           }

1 x ABH                                                 }       NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES

2 X Common Assault                            }

1 X Common Assault

1 x Malicious Communications

2 x Harassment – Domestic Related

1 x Out of Control Dog

The list looks a lot worse but 4 of the crimes are linked to neighbourhood issues which have been ongoing for many years of which most of it is civil.

1263. **Question from any members of the public present at the discretion of the Chairman.**

The Clerk informed Council that Mr. Slaughter is stepping down for a while from running the website. Cllr. Dennis is standing in; I would like to congratulate him on taking on this work and getting the site back up to date.

Cllr. Dennis asked for an understudy to help out.

The Clerk would like to thank Mr. Slaughter for all his work in setting up the website and I am sure Council wishes him a good break and hope he will be able to return in the future.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 8.58pm.

Signed this 25th Day of July 2017.

Chairman………………………………..