

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a virtual meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held on the 28th April 2020 by Zoom.

The following were in attendance by virtual locations;

Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. D. Pengelly
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. G.R. Reed
Cllr. M. Flicker	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. R. Maycock	Cllr. R. Leithall

481. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Peace and Cllr. Wager who were not able to join the meeting as they do not have equipment. Cllr. Spry who is in hospital.

482. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on the 10th March and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed approval of the minutes of Open Spaces, seconded by Cllr. Flicker

Matters Arising

Minute 472(a) – Shillet from the Cemetery; Cllr. Lamb has spoken to an allotment holder who will use the shillet to build the road up on the allotments. This can be used as it will be transferred to ground also owned by Council

Minute 472(c) Wire meshing the bottom area of the fence around the football pitch; Cllr. Dennis asked how wild life would get out if they wired the fence.

Cllr. Crozier explained that locking the two gates would be the initial start.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed adoption of the Open Spaces minutes, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

SO RESOLVED.

483. To approve the report of the cancelled Full Council meeting of the 24th March.

Cllr. Lamb proposed the approval of the Full Council report, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

SO RESOLVED

484. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting which was cancelled due to the Lock-down imposed by the government.

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes of the Plans meeting, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

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

SO RESOLVED.

485. To discuss the Graffiti damage around the Parish Hall.

Cllr. Dennis reported more attention from the police they came and photographed the graffiti. The Clerk reported it and she also contacted Mr. Higgins the owner of the garages and he will also be reporting this to the police

486. Corona Virus report by Cllr. Pengelly on the Bere Alston Covid 19 Volunteer Group, also report by Cllr. Dennis who has been co-ordinating for Council.

Bere Alston Covid-19 was formed by local residents to assist where possible anyone in need during this pandemic. We have a committee and hold minuted meetings when needed, using Skype, and have registered with both WDBC and DCC. We have over 30 volunteers and cover the village and surrounding hamlets, (Bere Ferrers has its own group). Shopping, prescription collecting and Post Office visits are most used, but assistance is available in many areas subject to common sense and lock down rules. Continuing the group after the virus danger has passed has been mentioned.

Cllr. Pengelly would like to re-issue there leaflets, Cllr Crozier offered to supply the paper.

Bere Ferrers and Weir Quay have volunteers. Bere Ferrers Group the land lady from the Plough is running a virtual shop and is doing take away meals from the pub. County have given Bere Ferrers £245 grant and West Devon have given the Lunch Club £250.

Are there any farms or homesteads isolated outside the village?

Cllr. Dennis 2 people got in-touch with him, Also 1 person has got help with his shopping. I shop for two people every Saturday

487. To review and update the allotment situation.

Cllr. Lamb contacted the allotment holder on plot 1 left, he will give up the first one once the growing season has finished.

Cllr. Wager and Cllr. Crozier to inspect the allotments.

488. To confirm the staff salary pay rise.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that committee go into part 2, seconded Cllr. Reed.

Discussions were held.

Cllr. Lamb proposed come out of part two, seconded by Cllr. Reed

489. To update on the Government Furlough Scheme.

Cllr. Reed proposed that committee go into part two, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

Discussions took place.

Cllr Read proposed that committee come out of part two, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

490. Accounts for payment.

There was a question on the BT account wondering why it was so expensive.

The Clerk has been contacted stating there was to be a reduction and they will be withdrawing the subscription.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed payment of the April accounts, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

491 Correspondence.

1. W.D.B.C.

You might be aware that there's a current planning application for 37 dwellings adjacent to Woolacombe Road, Bere Alston (application number 3424/19/FUL).

I've provided a consultation response in relation to Open Space, Sport and Recreation seeking open space to be provided on site (with a reduction in dwelling numbers) and off-site financial contributions towards equipped play and sports facilities in the village. The developer has sought some additional information and I'm hoping you might be able to help.

Cllr. Lamb feels that a Task and finish Group should be set up and asked Cllr. Pengelly to run the one for Playparks.

Discussions took place and various areas were put forward.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that two Task and Finish Groups be formed

One for the Playpark run by Cllr. Pengelly who asked Cllr. Flicker to join the group.

The other for the Pavilion and Cemetery Roads. Run by Cllr. Crozier.

Seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the virtual meeting at 8.32 pm

Signed

Chairman.....