

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Present:**

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chairman
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. P. Graeme-Drury	Cllr. D. King
Cllr. C. Shaw	

**125. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Leithall. The Committee accepted his apology.

**126. Declaration of Interest.**

No interests were declared.

**127. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.**

Cllr. Shaw enquired about the abandon car in Pilgrim Drive. Cllr. Crozier said a notice has been placed on it.

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A discussion took place under Part 2.

Cllr. Crozier discussed that the bonfire at the allotment could take place in the next 10 days. The plan is not to have bonfires in the future, as it is hoped that people will compost or remove their waste themselves.

**128. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

No matters arising from the minutes.

**129. Update on Rospa Play Safety Inspection Reports and outstanding work required around the Parish**

Cllrs. Crozier, Pengelly and the Workman conducted a survey on all the issues raised in the Rospa reports and Cllr. Crozier went through the list with the Committee. There were issues raised on the reports where no action is required at this time. The sleepers at the Basketball court, there is a suggestion they be taken out and reinstate a green bank. Discussions took place on removing the rubber chips and replacing with rubber pads.

Cllr. Crozier proposed looking into the cost of rubber pad and ropes and costs to be discussed at the F & G.P meeting, seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

Cllr. Pengelly is making enquiries regarding how the Cableway can be repaired and will let the Clerk know.

**130. Bere Alston Allotment Association's Woodland Trust 'plant a tree programme' application.**

A member of the Bere Allotment Association attending the meeting, explained that the Association had been successful in their application for two packs of trees and hedging. One pack containing 105 saplings of Wild Harvest are to be primarily used for hedging and will be offered to all Bere Alston allotment holders for free. The Association ask permission, via the Clerk, to send out a communication to all holders to gauge their interest in obtaining a pack. The hedging should help allotment holders to better cultivate and maintain the plots. Increase the ability to deal with high winds and offer small areas of shade.

After discussions, Cllr. King proposed that the Association, via the Clerk, sent out this information to all Bere Alston allotment holders. Seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

The pack is a small Copse pack (30 Saplings) and the Association wish to create a mini-forest communal space on the disused piece of land at the bottom of the allotments.

Both packs should be delivered sometime in November.

Discussions took place regarding creating a small copse on the disused use of land on the allotment. It was confirmed that the Association will look after the site and will need to come back to the Council to confirm how much space would be required for planting.

Cllr. King proposed that after a sited visit to the allotments, the Council agree to small copse area in the allotment field. Seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. The recommended proposals will go to the next Council's meeting.

### **131. Routine safety inspection reports for the parish Recreational and Play areas**

Any reported issues were discussed under item 129.

### **131. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers**

All Bere Ferrers allotments are looking good.

There are currently no available plots at Bere Alston and another inspection will be done shortly.

It was discussed that holders are allowed to stop encroachment from their plots onto their and if any allotment holders have an issue other allotment, to contact the Clerk, who will take the appropriate action.

### **132. Correspondence**

1. The Clerk confirmed the judging for the Bere Alston in Bloom judging will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.
2. Bere Fere Villagers Group had donated money to the Council for the installation of the zip wire at the Bere Ferrers recreational field. After discussions between the Chair of the Group and the Clerk, it was agreed that the remaining money donated be kept for future repairs as and when required.
3. The Council has received a request to use the enclosed football pitch for two fitness classes a week.

It was noted that the agreement between the Bere Alston Football Club and the Council, the pitch will be available to other suitable sports, subject to pitch and maintenance programmes. After discussions Cllr. Graeme-Drury proposed allowing the fitness classes to go ahead on the pitch and the Council to inform the Football Club, seconded by Cllr. King. All in favour.

The agreement between the Football club and the Council is due to review this September and the Clerk to organize a meeting with the Football Club to discuss.

### **133. Questions from the public present, at the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair**

There being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.48 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022