

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Present

Cllr. P Dennis	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chairman of Council
Cllr. H Peace	Cllr. S Russell
Cllr. H. Rogers	Cllr. C. Shaw
Cllr. J. Maciejowska	

51. Apologies

Cllr. King sent her apologies due to Business Commitments. The Council accepted her apology.

52. Declaration of Interest

No interests were declared.

53. Items of Interest at the discretion of the Chairman.

Cllr. Peace updated on the GWR Community Fund where grants are available for improvements to Footpaths, gates, styles and better markings, therefore there is a possibility of applying for a grant in partnership with Calstock Parish Council. Funding of £1,500 could be available to help pay for the booklet and fund some footpath repairs. With this funding, the Footpath Booklets could also be sold at the train stations. Cllr. Peace to contact the Clerk of Calstock Parish Council to discuss further and report back to Council.

54. Matters arising from the minutes from the 23rd November 2021

Matters Arising

Minute 302 – Minute 202 It was confirmed that the positions of the defibrillators will be marked in the new Footpath Guide.

Minute 302 - Minute 197 The properties between Footpath 48 and 53 Cllr. Dennis will investigate who is responsible for maintenance. HMLR Fees of £30.00 would need to be approved by Full Council.

Minute 302 - Minute 306 Cllr Crozier reported back on his investigations of the recycling collections. Further advice can be sort from other organisations regarding further actions we can take. Cllr. Maciejowska will carry out further research and report back to the Council.

55. Review of the Footpaths & Environment Receipts and Payments Report for 2021 - 2022

Discussions took place on the report and with no further questions Cllr. Peace proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

56. Footpath Guide

Cllr. Peace gave a brief resume of the Task and Workforce Working Group on the Footpath Booklet and the report, as below, form part of these minutes.

1. "The discussion was whether to order 250 booklets at the price of £455.00 (£1.80 each) or 500 booklets at £695.00 (£1.39 each). It was unanimously agreed that we would order 500, which would give a greater amount of profit on the sale of the booklets.
2. Discussions regarding the price of selling the booklets. The current price is £2.50. It was agreed to raise the price of the booklets to £3.00.
3. The subject of whether to charge again for the adverts in the reprint was discussed. If so the charge would still be £30.00 per advert. Cllr Rodgers felt that we should. It was felt that if the current advertisers were not willing to keep their advert in the booklet, there were plenty more organisations who would be willing to advertise. Cllr. Rodgers would be willing to contact new advertisers if required, therefore it was agreed that we should charge advertisers again as the reprint would be for 500 booklets.
4. It was agreed to update the Acknowledgements as Graham Reed had created the map, not the University of Plymouth. It was also agreed to change the wording to "Published by Bere Ferrers Parish Council" and to update the edition date to 2022.

5. The Clerk provided an update on funds available from the sale of previous booklets. The total funds from advertising and the sale of booklets, less expenses was £666.00. With the sale of the remaining booklets would cover the costs of £695.00 for the re-print.
6. Cllr. King enquired if walkers were able to contact the Parish Council in respect of any problems on footpath that needed to be reported. Cllr. Rodgers confirmed that the contact details were on Page 3 of the booklet. Cllr. King suggested that we have a QR Code, making it easier for people to get to our website. It was agreed that a QR code would be added to the back of the booklet. This was agreed by all."

Cllr. Rogers explained how she will update the advertisements within the guide before it's reprinted. Consideration was discussed regarding a joint Footpath guide with Calstock Parish. Discussions pursued on the timescale we would need to include Calstock within our Guide Cllr. Peace would contact the Calstock Parish Clerk to see if this is viable within a suitable timescale for our reprint and provide an update for June Full Council.

57. Update from Devon County Council Public Rights of Way

Cllr. Pease reported a meeting is required with Ros Davies for feedback from West Devon and the protocols for reporting back to Devon County Council and who is responsible for the repair and maintenance of footpaths and who holds a central list of property owners and their responsibilities.

58. Footpaths fingerposts and pointers

Finger Posts and pointers are in need of repair and reported to Devon County Council many times, therefore need chasing up and a timescale for this works to be completed.

59. Dog Litter Posters

Cllr. Peace produced some specimen posters for consideration, with various captions and specific wording for consideration. It was agreed that the wording should be changed to more appropriate language before publication.

60. Bench Cleaning

Relating to benches along footpath 65 and placed in situ by Devon County Council but are in a bad condition and require work to be done by Devon County Council. This should be reported to Ross Davies but a local working party could be organised to work on these benches in time for summer.

61. Ramblers Association Lost Paths

Cllr. Peace contacted the Ramblers Association on several occasions but with no avail and no information being forthcoming, as we have now got to the end of the year to complete this task to retain Lost Paths, further investigations and information will be requested again.

62. Erosion of grass on the corner of Bere Alston Road and Bere Ferrers Road

The replanted Commemorative Tree for Princess Diana is now getting taller but people are now cutting corners and eroding the grass on this junction. Could we suggest to Ross Davies to place large boulders around the area to protect the grassland.

63. Environment Issues

None

64. Correspondence

An email has been received regarding Footpath No 2 we have received a complaint about the ridge of the path being lined with barbed wire fence and the track is now quite narrow, grass has also grown in the fence making visibility of the wire difficult to see. To be referred to Ross Davies.

Correspondence has been received regarding a Fallen Tree and damaged stile on Footpath No 2 near to Shutcoombe Farm, Bere Ferrers. This has been passed to Ros Davies who will arrange for a contractor to undertake the necessary works, once the landowner has been contacted and notified.

65. Items for agenda for next meeting

- 1 Update on Benches
- 2 Report on the Footpaths booklet
- 3 Update on the meeting between Caroline and Ross Davies

There being no further business the Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 21:04.

Signed this date 28th June 2022

Signed by the Chair: