

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

Present:

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. Graeme-Drury	Cllr. V. Grose
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. Leithall
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In Attendance: Cllr. B. Lamb

287. Apologies

No apologies were received.

288. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

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

Cllr. Grose has received a complaint about the dog litter bin located on Station Road in Bere Ferrers. There is no lid on the bin and the question was whether it could be replaced with a bin with a lid to cut down on the smell.
The Clerk to report the issue to West Devon Borough Council.

Cllr. Shaw stated that the grit bin, located in Pilgrim Drive, had been deliberately moved, but due to the weight of the bin, Cllr. Shaw had been unable to move it back by himself, to its original location. The Clerk to ask Devon Highways to reposition the bin.

290. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 14th July 2022

Matters Arising

Minute 232(130) Packs of trees/hedging have been given out by the Bere Alston Allotment Association, to allotment holders who requested them.

Minute 233 A site meeting has been arranged between the Council and the group who wished to plant a wildflower meadow. The Clerk confirmed that a donation from the National Grid will fund this project.

291. Open Spaces 2023-24 Budget

The Committee went through the draft budget for the 2023-24 financial year. The Clerk to make the amendments as discussed. The budget will then be discussed at the next F & G.P meeting and Final approval of the budget will be at a Full Council meeting.

The Clerk to revisit why business rates are being paid for the Bere Alston recreational field carpark.

292. Bere Alston Football Club and Junior Bere Alston Football Clubs agreements

Cllrs, Lamb, Leithall, Pengelly and Crozier recently attended a meeting with the Chairs of the two Football Clubs. The two main points discussed was the Club needed to be more diverse and the Council's proposed project to replace the Pavilion. Cllr. Leithall stated that the meeting was positive and the Council were encouraged by the Clubs encouraging signs to the Council's plans.

It was agreed at the meeting that the agreements would only be renewed for 6 months and another meeting to held in 3 months' time. It was also agreed that the Council was to paint the toilets.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed a minor amendment to the Adult Football agreement, under Sub Heading Pitch, Point number 3. Seconded by Cllr. Shaw. All in favour.

After discussions on electricity use, Cllr. King proposed that the Clerk, Chair of the Council and Cllr. Shaw visit the Pavilion and

view the electronic coin-operated machine. Seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

293. Rubber pads/ropes for playparks and cableway repairs

Cllr. Pengelly has approached several companies regarding the repairs required on the cableway, but has been unable to source the part needed. Cllr. Lamb to put Cllr. Pengelly in touch with the Chair of the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group, as a company they are in contact with, are visiting the area and may be able to provide the part required.

Rubber pads are to be placed under the area of the basket swing. Quotes are being obtained.

294. Review of Interment Charges

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had sent the Committee the interment charges from cemeteries in the surrounding area for a comparison. After discussion, Cllr. King proposed the Council freeze the interment charges at High Cross cemetery for 12 months and review again after that time. Seconded by Cllr. Shaw. All in favour.

295. Dog Litter Posters

After discussions it was decided that no action was to be done at this time and this item was to be discussed at the next Footpaths & Environment meeting.

296. Pilgrim Drive litter bin

The litter bin located on Prigrm Drive needs to be emptied every day and was becoming extremely difficult to remove empty, due to the weight of the rubbish.

Cllr. King proposed removing the bin and a sign be put up to inform people not to fly tip. Seconded by Cllr. Shaw. All in favour.

297. Overgrown hedges in Pilgrim Drive and Pounds Park

There are several overgrown hedges causing pedestrians, to avoid the obstructions, to walk on the road. The Clerk to report overgrown hedges located in Pilgrim Dive and Pounds Park to the Locality Officer at West Devon Borough Council.

298. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish recreation and play areas

There were no major issues to report at the Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers play areas.

299. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

A noticeboard has been installed on the gate into the Bere Alston site.

The Clerk has been notified by West Devon Borough Council that a complaint has been made regarding the rats on site and a member of the Environment team will be visiting the site shortly to undertake an assessment of the situation there. The Clerk confirmed that information on how to keep the rat population down will be sent out to all allotment holders and posted on the noticeboard. The Workman is also undertaking an online Rodent Management course.

300. Correspondence

The Clerk read out an email from a resident wishes permission to either use the Parish Hall carpark or garden area for a private event. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to request further information before permission could be granted.

301. 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 9.40 pm.

Signed by the Chair