

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 6th December 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

343. Apologies

No apologies were received.

344. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

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

Cllr. Graeme-Drury reported the hedgehogs signs had now been taken down.

346. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 8th November 2022

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2022.

Matters Arising

Minute 292 The used electric tokens had been removed from the machine in the Pavilion.

Minute 297 The bin at Pilgrim Drive will be removed w/c 12th December 2022.

347. Creation of Wildflower Meadow

The Chair and Secretary from the Bere Alston Wildflower Meadow and Orchard Creation Group were present at the Meeting to give further details on their organisation. Discussions took place on the layout of the 14 trees to be planted in the dog field.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury proposed accepting the trees be planted in the dog field, on condition that they are planted in a north/south alignment and near the borders of the field. Seconded by Cllr. Leithall. Cllrs. Pengelly, Graeme-Drury and Shaw and representatives of the group to have a site visit at the field, to map of the layout of the trees. Once agreed, planting of the trees to be carried week ending 11 December 2022.

348. Rubber pads/ropes for playparks and cableways repairs.

A verbal estimated quote has given to buy and place bonded rubber underneath the Basket swing in the playpark. The Clerk to request the quote be given in writing. The Clerk to also obtain a further two quotes.

The cost to repair the cableways could be approx. £2,000. The Clerk to look at the funds available and advice at the next meeting.

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

There is nothing of major note to report at the Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers play areas.

350. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers**Bere Alston**

There is still an ongoing issue of items being dumped on the bonfire area in the Bere Alston allotment site. The Committee would therefore like the allotment holders to report any incidents of fly tipping to the Clerk.

The Clerk reported an allotment holder wished the path between their and another plot to be reinstated. The Clerk to visit the plots in question to investigate.

Bere Ferrers

The Clerk to forward a poster detailing information of the avian flu to the Chair of the Bere Ferrers Association, in order they can display on the noticeboard.

Overgrown brambles on the Bere Ferrers site can be cut back by the allotment holder.

351. Correspondence

The Clerk has received a request from the Bere Alston in Bloom group, asking if they can plant flower beds either side of the bench located in the Parish Hall car park. The Committee have no objection to this request, as long as they maintain it.

352. Questions from the public present, at the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair

There were no members of the public were present at the meeting.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.37 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 24th January 2023.