

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 11th April 2023.

Present:

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

In Attendance: Cllr. B. Lamb

603. Apologies

No apologies were received.

604. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Grose declared an interest in the item, Inspection of Allotments.

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

Cllr. Crozier - there had been a complaint from the Football Club regarding the use of the football pitch by a fitness class. The Clerk confirmed she had received correspondence from the individual which is to be brought up under Correspondence.

606. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 14th March 2023

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023.

Matters Arising

Minute 534

The pot hole in Fore Street, Bere Alston has not been repaired to a good standard and the Clerk to contact Devon Highways requesting it be done again.

Minutes 538

The motion to give the pizza van permission to trade in the Bere Alston recreational field car park was passed at the Full Council meeting on 28th March 2023 and letters will be posted to residents on The Down informing them of the decision.

Cllr. King proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

607. Detailed Receipt and Payment report for 2022-23

The report is not ready to present to the Committee, therefore this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

608. Current list of jobs required around the Parish

Cllr. Pengelly detailed the jobs that are required. It was proposed that a Councillor be appointed as Projector Manager to work alongside the Workman. Cllr. Pengelly volunteered and the work will commence as soon as practically possible.

609. The Council's request to tidy up the Memorial Garden in the cemetery

The Clerk updated the Committee that she has received two emails from residents requesting more information and has responded accordingly. One resident also advised that items had been removed from their family grave, without their knowledge. The Clerk has asked for more information on what has been removed and will then look into the matter.

610. Update on the Wildflower Meadows planted in the dog field

Cllr. Crozier discussed that many fruit/apple seeds contain cyanide, but dogs would need to eat a lot of seeds for harm to be done. It was therefore agreed that the decision, taken at the meeting held on 8th March 2023, that the crab apples trees planted

in the field, should not be moved until the Autumn and in the meantime to pick the apple buds off the trees as they grow. No sign was also not required to be put up.

The Chair of the Wildflower Meadow group has also enquired regarding a no mow area in the Bere Alston recreational field. The Committee concluded that the Council are not planning any changes to the mowing schedule around the recreational field and there have already no mow areas established around the village.

611. Rospa Play Park safety reports

The gates at the Bere Ferrers play park and the Down do require adjusting to ensure a spacing of at least 12 mm to remove any danger of entrapment. The Clerk to ask the Workman to complete this job as soon as possible.

The gaps around the Roundabout exceed the permitted 8 mm. The Clerk to check with the manufacturer how this can be rectified.

The Clerk to summarise all the jobs that are required and pass to the Workman to start working on.

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

This was discussed under the item, Rospa Play park safety reports.

613. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

Bere Ferrers

Cllr. King updated the Committee that she had been asked if the water containers at the Bere Ferrers site can be tidied up. Cllr. Lamb stated that the containers are owned by an allotment holder and the allotment association need to laise with the person in question and also the Bere Ferrers Social Club to obtain water.

Cllr. Grose asked if a 'Keep dogs on lead' sign be put up. The Clerk to provide a sign.

Bere Alston

Rat bait boxes have now been placed down in the Bere Alston allotment site and the Workman is visiting daily to check on progress.

614. Correspondence

1. Email from a resident who held an exercise class on the football pitch, detailing a complaint she received from the Football Club that the class had damaged the pitch.

The Council and Football Club were not aware that the classes were due to start on the pitch. The Clerk to contact the resident to confirm what dates/time the field will be used and also request they document/photograph any damage that may be on the pitch before and after the class. After discussions, Cllr. King proposed an item an added to the next F & G.P meeting on possibility charging individuals use of the football pitch, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

The Clerk was asked to find a document which listed charges the Council use to charge for the hire of the recreational field.

615. Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Open Spaces Financial Report for 2022-23.
2. Update on list of jobs required for the playparks, highlighted by the rosipa reports.

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

Members of the public present at the meeting asked no questions.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.42sp pm.

Signed by the Chair