**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber

Bere Alston on Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

Present

Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman Chairman

Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. G. R. Reed

Cllr. R. Maycock Cllr. H. Rogers

Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

**1383. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wager due to business.

**1384.** **Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July and taken as read, to deal with matters**

**arising.**

Minute 1208(1012) – Peter Guy has delivered gate posts to Bowling Club.

Minute 1210(3) Old stile at Bowling Club removed and gate put in.

**1385**. **Financial Statements.**

The Clerk circulated the financial statements by email to all members.

Cllr. Maycock proposed acceptance of the statements, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**1386**. **Footpath Problems.**

Cllr. Maycock reported that FP11 at Main Farm is now getting badly covered by nettles and brambles.

**1387. Any information on the Footpath Guide.**

The Clerk has received adverts back from Bere Peninsula Pharmacy, Margaret’s Hairdressing, Hope Cottage and the Post Office, I am expecting one from Dawn Rolls Bere Alston Hairdressers, it was suggested we ask the Micro-Brewery, also Cllr. Reed wishes to place an advert in the guide.

The Clerk has had a price for a small run of existing guides from the printer. The Clerk has been in contact with Clive Charlton who is prepared to update the two pieces on Bere Alston & Bere Ferrers and if there is the scope, he could add something on Weir Quay/Holes Hole as well. If the map needs tweaking at all to take account of micro changes to footpaths, the original was drawn by his cartographer colleague in the University. They may still have the original on file and be able to make any minor amendments. Please let me know your deadline.

The Clerk pointed out some changes that need doing to the introduction page and also the last two pages of the book.

Discussions were held regards changing the program the guide is written in coral, Cllr. Rogers and Cllr. Page-Bailey will look at this. Cllr. Rogers to rejig the Post Office advert to make it fit a whole page in the guide.

It was agreed that we would do 20 copies in house to tide us over using 2009 2nd revision.

**1388. To discuss the precept.**

The Clerk pointed out that Footpaths currently have £1,000 of which some is earmarked to reprint the guide after paying for the printing this should leave ample monies to run on.

The Snow Warden and Road Wardens have £1139.

It was agreed that neither of these groups needed to precept this year.

**1389. Review of any necessary works allocated to Jim Jeffry.**

The Clerk is investigating the TAP Fund allocations; we have used the first sum of money up but believe there was another £1,000 asked for.

**1390. Snow Warden Issues.**

County have asked if more salt is needed.

Cllr. Maycock thinks we have enough.

Cllr. Hanson has complained about the blocked drains at Station Road, one at the junction of New Road, this has been blocked for at least a year, one a little further down where it turns right to the little industrial estate at the rear of the station (near railway cottages). Water from these blockages is flowing down Station Road, damaging the surface and potentially undermining the railway bridge foundations. It also flows onto FP26 making it very boggy. The clerk stated that supposedly all drains were cleaned out back in July.

Cllr. Maycock to investigate, if they are blocked then County should initially clear them and the Road Wardens can then keep them clear.

**1391.** **Correspondence.**

1. Devon County Highways – Road closure 16/17th October Fore Street between High Cross and Marythorne, Resurfacing work.
2. Devon County Highways Parking Bay – Proposed Disabled Badge Holder only at any time

outside the butchers.

1. Mr & Mrs Harrison – Informing Council that the contractor who undertook their hedge cutting has damaged the old Bere Alston Milestone. Clerk to pass contractors name onto Devon County Heritage Section.
2. Rev. N. Law – Just to inform Council the Beregen AGM is on Monday 23rd October 7pm in

the council Chamber.

1. Jim Murdoch – Informing Council of a long standing complaint that he has with the local

highway department. The complaint relates to a stretch of road running from Denham Bridge in the direction of Bere Alston. I have written to them on many occasions relating to drains and gullies that are not maintained adequately, which in turn makes the said unfit for purposes and dangerous to the general public and road users.

The Chairman of Council asked that a reply be made to Mr. Murdoch sympathising with him

but stating there is very little we can do as this is a highways matter.

6) Mr. Neil Mitchell

Dear Environmental Health,

**WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL;**

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003;**

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014;**

**PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS;**

**WAR MEMORIAL TRIANGLE (FORE STREET), BERE FERRERS, WEST DEVON, PL20 7JL;**

**(100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE GREAT WAR 1918-2018)**

Next year (2018) mercifully marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War in 1918 and many cities, towns and villagers will be thinking about the long term protection of their respective public War Memorials, both physically and in terms of their focus for quiet and respectful commemoration of the fallen.

 Here in Bere Ferrers we are fortunate that community spirit continues to ensure that our dignified and poignant memorial to both the local fallen, and 10 New Zealanders, is well-maintained at all times and is also the annual focal point for commemoration each Remembrance Sunday.

 However, it is becoming noticeable that a less respectful attitude toward the memorial and its symbolism is beginning to emerge amongst some and thus, perhaps, for 2018 onward it seems appropriate that the village’s War Memorial Triangle should gain the perpetual protection henceforth of a **Public Space Protection Order**, under the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

As the nearest resident to the Bere Ferrers War Memorial I now duly propose that such be made by WDBC.

The War Memorial Triangle (Fore Street) can most easily be delineated by a boundary from “Swallows Reach” (formerly “Ingleside”) over to “Valletort Cottages”, “Eureka” and “Tapp Cottage” to “Hawcombe Cottage”, “The Old Post Office” and “Orland” across to “Hillcrest” and “Tavy Cottage” to “The Nook”.  It is a small and pleasing public open space, suitable for affording both respect and reflective tranquillity to the memorial.

The PSPO need not be overly prescriptive in its objective of permanently sustaining that respect and tranquillity, perhaps (in my view) needing only to be absolutely clear and simple in restricting:-

**1.   No overnight parking of heavy goods vehicles, commercial vehicles, vans, motor homes, campervans, or caravans**

**2.   No audibility of outdoor amplified voice or music, live or recorded, from vehicles or open air gardens in the surrounding vicinity**

**3.  No depositing of glasses, bottles, plastic cups or litter upon the War Memorial, or its footings**

**4.  Other?**

It would be surprising indeed if any of my fellow residents were to be opposed to such a respectful and practical measure to protect the long-term dignity of the village memorial and the memory of its named.

I look forward to hearing of any developments on this formal proposal over the coming months running up to 2018.

**1392. Items for next Agenda.**

1) FP Guide Update.

2) Review work for Jim Jeffrey.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Dated this 31st day of October 2017.

Signed by the Chairman…………………………………….