# Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the F. & G. P. Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 5th December 2017.

Present

Cllr. Boot-Handford Chairman

Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. P. Dennis Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

Cllr. B. Lamb Cllr. E.K. Wager

Cllr. R. Maycock.

1490. **Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman, No action can be made**

**on these items.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford – reported that the bank cashed the cheque for petty cash.

(2) Cllr. Lamb – with regards to the Clerks accident on Saturday evening at Victorian Evening when she fell and broke her wrist the area outside the Parish Hall is poorly lit. I have reported the lamp which is obscured by trees four times; this is the second accident that has happened here. I would like Council to write to Devon County Environment and the County Solicitor.

Perhaps Council should consider lighting outside the hall.

Cllr. Dennis stated there is a light on the porch of the Parish Hall, discussions took place.

1491. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November and taken as read, to deal with matters**

**arising.**

Matters Arising

Minute 1462(1393) – The manhole covers on the path from Pilgrim Drive to Fore Street. The Clerk has a message on the answerphone from South West Water stating they are theirs. Assistant Clerk will speak with them in the morning.

Cllr. Boot-Handford reported another person had fallen on them.

Minute 1469 – TAP Funding – both applications have been awarded.

Minute 1471 – Mrs. King will do the 3 monthly check on the defibrillator next week.

1492. **Accounts for payment.**

The Clerk circulated the December accounts for payment by email.

Cllr. Dennis asked what the VAT figure is; the clerk explained that this is mostly for rubber chip to be claimed back.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

1493. **Financial Statements**

Discussions took place about the Chairman's allowance with suggestions and ideas on what it could be spent on.

F&GP Finance Sheet – Cllr. Dennis proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Toilets Finance Sheet – Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

1495. **To accept reconciled bank statement.**

Clerk does not have the required figure but will present at Full Council.

1496. **Salary Review.**

There is still no information from NALC as yet, refer to next month.

1497. **Update of new accounting system.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford would not like to go down the Alpha or Omega route if it is more complicated, she stated that Cllr. Dennis offered 2 years ago to set up an XL spreadsheet package.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Boot-Handford felt we need professional input. A well designed XL sheet might be the way.

Next step Clerk to contact DALC to ask if they have anyone who could give us advice on a package.

1498. **Discussions on TAP Funding.**

Chairman reported that the application for TAP funding for the notice boards has been awarded, these are 1

wooden board for Bere Alston, 1 metal framed for the Recreation Field and 1 metal for Bere Ferrers.

Also the application for BARP for the Sarah Park refurbishment has been awarded.

1499. **Three monthly inspection report.**

Refer to next month.

1500. **To discuss the suggestion that Council has a presence at CVS volunteering event on 23rd**

**January.**

Cllr. Lamb explained that this would be an opportunity to publicise the Council, he has been speaking with Cllr. Musgrave who thought they could do something for Borough on Food Waste, and we could have a joint table.

Cllr. Boot-Handford asked for volunteers to man the stall as she will not be available. Cllr. Lamb said he would be there and could help out.

1501**. Correspondence**

1) West Devon Borough Council – Town and Parish Training session.

The Council has arranged for a Town & Parish Council training event to take place in the **Council Chamber, Kilworthy Park, Tavistock** on **Wednesday, 17 January – 3pm to 5.30pm**

Topics covered will be:

  The Members Code of Conduct – purpose and application, including;

  Register of Interests

Personal Interests

Pecuniary Interests

And dealing with predeterminations & bias.

  The session is open to all parish and town councillors and clerks. In order that we can make the necessary

arrangements, I would be grateful if you could let me know whether your council will be represented at

this event (and the names of your attendees) by Friday 22 December. As I am sure that you will appreciate

in light of the number of town & parish councils in West Devon, we are limiting this event to a maximum

of two representatives per Council. I can take reserved names and if there are still spaces available nearer

the time I will notify you.

Cllr. Lamb proposed Cllr. Boot-Handford and Cllr. Page-Bailey attend, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

2) WDBC – You could win up to £25,000 in Community Lottery.

**Ground Breaking Community Lottery Plans Move a Step Closer**

Councillors at West Devon Borough Council are to discuss proposals to set up a local community lottery scheme, which could raise up to £100,000 per year for local good causes. If approved, the community lottery would be shared across both West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council areas in order to reach the widest possible audience and participating good causes. Players could win a jackpot of up to £25,000.

**Cllr Neil Jory, Lead Member for Environment and Assets at West Devon Borough Council said:** “This exciting scheme could potentially increase the amount of support we are able to provide for local good causes, at a time when most councils will be looking to reduce their spending. It meets our shared objective with South Hams of empowering our residents to create stronger communities”.

The planned lottery would operate in a similar way to the National Lottery or Health Lottery, however all funds raised will be spent in the West Devon and South Hams areas. In addition, 50% of the ticket sales would go directly to the good cause, with customers able to choose a specific cause to support if they wish. By contrast, the National Lottery only gives 28% of the price of a ticket to good causes.

Many of the good causes currently supported by the councils operate in both areas, and provide direct and measurable benefits to residents, such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Ring and Ride services operating in Tavistock and in Ivybridge.

A similar scheme run by Aylesbury Vale District Council raised a gross annual income last year of over £129,000. Other councils that have recently launched their own community lotteries include Torbay, Wycombe District Council and Portsmouth Council.

The proposal is due to go before West Devon Council on the 5 December. If successful, the lottery could be holding its first draw in early 2018.

3) CAB -Please find attached a letter from the Chief Executive Officer here at Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice that contains statistics specifically within your Council’s Ward.

We would be extremely grateful if you would present this to the Council to consider helping support the service that the CA offers in your Parish. We understand you are the clerk for Bere Ferrers PC? Please do correct me if this is wrong.

If you would like any more information on the work we do and how we benefit the community, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed a donation if £50, seconded by Cllr. Lamb, all in favour.

4) BAUFC – Reported foul language.

I’m sorry to hear a parishioner was offended by this and I apologise on behalf of Bere Alston UTD.

I was in attendance of the game on the 25th November and I must say the foul language wasn’t as bad as you seem to state, yes there was foul language like there is in every single game up and down the country, however this does not make it right or acceptable.

I’m fully in support of the council contacting the league to raise the issue of foul language on the pitch as this will hopefully force them to adhere to F.A rules on foul and abusive language. Before every game of football Bere Alston play albeit home or away I personally tell them to make sure they keep the language down.

As a club we’re in no position to tell spectators or the other team not to swear. The referee is meant to adhere to the rules of foul and abusive language and he has the power to send players off and ask spectators to leave the ground, unfortunately referees aren’t always consistent.

The biggest deterrent would be match officials implementing these rules as it affects players where it hurts by the way of suspensions and fines.

I will reiterate to all club members again that foul language isn’t tolerated.

I will add that the team we played on the 25th Looe Town are well known to league for being aggressive and abusive along with their supporters, the league will back me up on this.

Foul language doesn’t just happen on the football pitch it occurs around the village, in fact only the other day directly outside the council office there were a group of youths bellowing out foul language from a stereo, this was at a time of a family disco so there was lots of young children around. I hope it’s not the just the football club that gets targeted for this.

Discussions took place, it was agreed Council should contact the league, also a laminated poster be put in the referees room about foul language.

1502. **Agenda items for next meeting.**

1. Notice Boards.

2. 3 Monthly Inspection.

3. Review Standing Orders.

4. Review Wayleaves.

5. Property Inspection.

6. Salary Review.

There being no further business the Chairman thank members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Signed this 12th day of December 2017.

Chairman………………...