**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers at Bere Alston on Tuesday 6th February 2018.

Present

Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman Chairman

Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. H. Rogers

Cllr. R. Maycock Cllr. E.K. Wager

Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

In Attendance. Cllr. Lamb

**1570**. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Reed due to holidays.

**1571.** **Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October and taken as read, to deal with matters**

**arising.**

Matters Arising

Minute 1390 – blocked drain on the road to the station which is flooding FP 43. Cllr. Hanson stated

that the drains she complained about had been done; this drain is further under the railway arch where it turns right into the goods yard.

Cllr. Maycock thought this had all been photographed and sent to County. The clerk has been in-touch with Tom Lee, John Doswell’s stand in while he is away.

**1572.** **Financial Statements.**

The Clerk circulated the financial statements to committee by email.

Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the finance sheet, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

**1573**. **Footpath Problems.**

FP 27 – Cllr. Maycock stated that Rumleigh Lane leading to the main drive is overgrown although

it looks as though someone has tried to clear the area.

FP 6 – Cllr. Robin Musgrave reported on work that has been carried out by Ron & Andy Ball

supposedly for Peter Guy Devon County Footpath warden. Clerk to enquire and ask Mr. Guy to have a look at it.

FP 43 – Cllr. Hanson this is as stated flooded by the water from a drain nearby. The road water

seems to come down into the gully but there is no drain only a drain pipe.

**1574. Request to change an Unclassified County Road into a Bridleway at Leigh Farm.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey reported that at Christmas at about midnight a load of 4x4 vehicles were driving on the unclassified road from the Collytown Road across Mr. Nigel Harrison’s field and down through Mr. Crozier’s field at Leigh Farm, trying to exit onto Denham Bridge Road. These vehicles did not keep to the line of the UCR and did a considerable amount of damage in the field the UCR runs through. The police were called as the drivers became very aggressive. The police have said that they have the vehicle numbers and if there are any more incidents involving them they will have an ASBO against their vehicle and it will be crushed.

Discussions took place.

The Clerk has spoken with Ros Davies about the possibility of down grading this road. She stated that the owner needs to apply and the application has to be advertised and then all those who use the UCR’s such as 4x4’s, bicycles and trail bikes would object; it is difficult to get permission.

Suggestions were that Mr. Crozier and Mr. Harrison put signs on the gates asking people to stay on the line of the UCR.

Cllr. Lamb reported that the Plymouth Traffic Police are dealing with this and if any further incidents happen they would place a vehicle ASBO on those using them.

The advice from the Clerk would be to contact Peter Guy from Devon County Footpaths.

**1575. Any information on Footpath Guide.**

Cllr. Rogers has done a draft of the guide and included all the updated information.

Cllr. Hanson has had a quick look through the guide and forwarded Cllr. Rogers a few errors, inconsistencies and possible improvements.

There is an inconsistence over FP96 as this does not appear on the map or in the guide but has references to it on FP60 write up. Clerk to investigate.

**1576. Review of any necessary work allocated to Jim Jeffrey.**

The Clerk asked committee members if there are any particular areas that have been flooded which may need some work done to them. The only area the Clerk knew was causing a problem is the left-hand bend going up Winsabear Lane. It has been reported but the answer was it needs to be flooded for 24hrs after rain has stopped. The problem is at the moment there is a build-up of gravel etc. which being at the bottom of the hill is where it settles and blocks the drain.

Cllr. Lamb asked if Mr. Jeffrey could look at the large puddle on the causeway at Bere Ferrers just off the road and give us some suggestion on what can be done to improve it. Also last year Mr. Jeffrey cleaned out the gully towards the bend at Bere Ferrers station, could he clear the piece below Cllr. Lamb’s.

**1577**. **Snow Warden Issues.**

Cllr. Maycock as we have not had any adverse weather there is no change.

**1578**. **Report on Road Warden Scheme.**

Cllr. Maycock is putting together a list of work that needs doing. Also with regards to the problem drains the road wardens do not have the equipment to clear badly blocked drains but once County have cleared them the team can keep them clear.

Cllr. Lamb asked about ordering a tub of compound for small potholes from County. Clerk to go ahead and order.

**1579.** **Correspondence.**

1.) D & R Building & Property Maintenance Services -This is for the repair of the Parish Hall roof which Council will be claiming on the insurance; Clerk asked to pay this a/c. Cllr. Hanson proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

**1580. Items for next Agenda.**

1) Footpath Guide.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.09pm

Dated this 27th day of February 2018.

Signed by the Chairman …………………………………