BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 13th February 2018.

Present

 Cllr. P. Dennis Chairman

 Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. D. Pengelly

**In Attendance.**  Cllr. B. Lamb and Cllr. E.K. Wager.

**1581. Apologies.**

Apologies were received by Cllr. R. Maycock.

**1582. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can**

 **be taken on these matters.**

1) Cllr. Boot-Handford – Some councillors may remember Jane Nash, who served on this Council

 Sadly her husband George Nash died yesterday. Clerk to arrange for a

 condolence card to be sent to Jane from this Council.

2) Cllr. Wager – I drove from Coles Farm down to Denham Bridge yesterday. I would like

 Highways to be informed that no hedges have been trimmed, they have 14 days

 left to trim road hedges.

3) Cllr. Page-Bailey – Informed committee that the TAP training courses will be coming up details

 to follow.

4) Cllr. Page-Bailey – has received a report from the Community Wellbeing Event which had 89

 people attend and 60 representatives of different organisations manning the

 stalls.

 Cllr. Boot-Handford stated that Billie Burnett had been in touch and they

 have 50 copies of the information leaflet left which includes all those

 attending, she will pass them to Cllr. Boot-Handford to put in Hope Cottage

 and the Hall.

5) Cllr. Dennis – The road by Denham Farm was badly flooded this morning. Also the football club

 are asking when the entrance to the Recreation Field would be done. Cllr. Lamb

 explained that it would be undertaken as soon as it dries up.

Cllr. Lamb informed committee that the road at Woolacombe Farm was again badly flooded today.

**1583. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th January and taken as read, to deal**

 **with matters arising.**

Matters Arising.

Minute 1526 – Bere Ferrers Villagers Agreement was for 3 years from 2013, need to arrange for it

 to be signed for a further 3 years.

Minute 1532(1b) – Cllr. Boot-Handford asked about the trip switch and why it kept tripping out,

 Clerk explained that it was because of the faulty water heater under the sink.

 Discussions took place, costings to be sought for a new water heater.

**1584. Financial Statements.**

Cemetery The Clerk sent the financial statements to all committee members by email.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

Recreation The Clerk circulated the Financial Statements to committee by email. Discussions took place. The Clerk informed committee that the litter bin at the entrance to the Parish Hall playpark is continuously being set fire to. Mrs. Poulton who is standing in for Mr. Hayler while he is off sick reported this.

It was agreed that this bin be removed and the situation reviewed in 4 months’ time in the new financial year.

Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the statement, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**1585. Report from BARP and information on phase 2 and paperwork from the supplier.**

Cllr. Pengelly confirmed that invoice 2799 is to be purchased and paid for by Council with a donation of £3214-00 from BARP.

Discussions took place and it was agreed to ask Rhino if they could manhandle the equipment from the car park to be able to abide by the time schedule for the Tesco grant.

Cllr. Lamb asked the Clerk to make sure the car park was closed off this time. Cllr. Pengelly to speak with Rhino.

**1586. To review your Terms of Reference.**

The Clerk sent the Terms of Reference by email to all committee members.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed they are fit for purpose, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**1587. To review grass cutting and hedge cutting contract.**

This is to look at grass cutting contract for 2018 to end of February 2019.

Discussions took place, there is a need to review the grass cutting situation, defer to next month to investigate.

Hedge Trimming discussions took place, it was agreed the present contractor does a very good job.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that we continue with the present contractor, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**1588. Issues raised by Bere Ferrers Villagers Association.**

Due to a recent accident where a parishioner broke his wrist climbing over the bank, the Villagers Association would like to see steps put in.

Cllr. Lamb has looked at this situation and reported that there is a gateway which should be used but because of the weather it is muddy.

Discussions took place, it was agreed that the Clerk contacts Mr. Paul Willmott to ask him if he could scrape off the loose mud and liaise with Cllr. Wager who has offered to fetch slate chippings from Mill Hill Quarry and also ask Mr. Wilmott if he would level them out.

**1589. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure Cemetery.**

Minutes of Cemetery Road Sub-Committee

At a meeting of the Cemetery Road Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 12th February 2018.

Present: Pete Dennis Chair

Hillary Boot-Handford

Mark Page-Bailey

Rev. Nick Law

The plans were examined at the meeting and to get discussions started on the road infrastructure on Section E of the Cemetery, although Baz is still off sick I think we should start the process and obtain his views when he is back at work.

Graves should be orientated East/West.

Nick explained that at funerals the hearse can only just get into the cemetery via The Down. The car following cannot turn around in the cemetery but reverses back and parks up on the drive at the south-western side of the entrance. The hearse stops in the centre of the area and trolleys the coffin to the graveside.

It’s suggested we do not require roads but pathways from the central turning area of the cemetery would suffice and create a new driveway from the Caretaker’s workshop along the south-eastern boundary towards the dog exercise area for the workman to gain access and egress to and from his workshop.

Discussions pursued around the proposed driveway from the dog exercise field up to the Caretaker’s building along the south-eastern boundary being made of a shillet surface but with the provision for this to be made into a tarmacked driveway if required in the future to link up with further expansion of the cemetery. The width of the pathways should be wide enough for a coffin plus two persons alongside to move easily and should also be able to accommodate the digger.

A further meeting at the Cemetery with Baz would be advisable before firm proposals can be agreed for plans and updated quotations sort from South West Highways Ltd.

Once proposals have been specified and plans amended accordingly, send proposals to all 3 funeral directors plus Mr. Pascoe of Gulworthy for comment and further consultation.

**1590. Report by Cllr. Hanson on the Green Burial Meeting.**

Cllr. Hanson reported that this is in abeyance until they can find some land.

Discussions took place on amount of land required.

Cllr. Boot-Handford did ask if consideration had been given to the Dog Exercise Field. Cllr. Hanson stated that other members of the committee did not feel this is the right area.

Cllr. Hanson is keeping a watching brief.

**1591. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.**

 Cllr. Hanson reported on the following:-

Sarah Park

Entrance gate – out of alignment-hard to close.

Cable Runway – seat missing. Clerk reported on order.

The Down

Entrance gate vehicle – gate grounds if opened more than a few feet.

Bench – one loose slat.

Cllr. Lamb reported on the following:-

Bere Ferrers Recreation Field

Junior swings need painting, slide also needs painting, these items are Council’s. The rest of the items are fine.

 **1592. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.**

Due to the bad weather no inspections have been undertaken.

**1593. To discuss the Princess Diana Memorial Stone.**

The Clerk reported that the stonemason has looked at the damage and is unable to repair it; he can make another one for £250+VAT.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that the memorial stone is not replaced, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

**1594. To discuss Community Composting.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey has had a meeting with the Planning Officer who could not advise if Planning Permission was required or if Environmental Health would ask for a concrete base for the area.

Clerk suggested that Devon County Council Farms be asked if they have any objections.

**1595. Correspondence.**

1) East Cornwall Premier League

Reference your letter of 26th January regarding offensive language at the Bere Alston FC V Looe FC match on 25th November 2017.

There are two league officers present at the game. Our Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary Mr. Mark Adkins, who had gone with the referee Mr. I. Spurling to the match, spoke with Mr. Spurling at half time and they decided that the referee would speak to both captains regarding the language which was being used out of frustration and not directed at anybody in particular. This does make life difficult for the referee to take action under the Laws of the Football Association. Both Team Captains were spoken to and in turn spoke to their respective teams, which produced a reduction in the second half of the match.

The visiting side Looe Town FC have a bad reputation regarding their behaviour and have been warned by the league previously. We have not had any reports regarding Bere Alston.

We as a league do not condone such behaviour and we will be writing to all Member Clubs stressing this but in today’s world, it unfortunately has become an everyday occurrence, whilst watching sport on TV, I have heard the commentators having to apologise for language picked up on their microphones from players and spectators.

I can assure you the East Cornwall Premier League will continue to request Member Clubs to attempt to keep the matter under control.

**1596. Agenda items for next meeting.**

1) Grass Cutting Contract.

2) Sub Committee report on paths/roads Cemetery.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm

Signed this 27th day of February 2018.

Chairman…………………………….