BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 15th May 2018.

Present

 Cllr. P. Dennis Chairman

 Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Chairman of Council

Cllr. P. Crozier Cllr. D. Pengelly

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. E.K Wager

 Cllr. R. Leithall

**In Attendance.**  Cllr. B. Lamb and Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

**1740. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can**

 **be taken on these matters.**

1) Cllr. Pengelly – in the past I have brought up about the curb across the footpath between the

 Social Club and Cornwall Street.

The Clerk has investigated this but no-one has laid claim to it, so it is no man’s land, although it is believed it was given to District Council.

2) Cllr. Wager- noticed an area out at Quarry has been planted up. Cllr. Boot-Handford thinks

 This is Holly’s garden as it will be the anniversary of her death tomorrow.

3) Cllr. Wager – the well at Tap Hill is bad again and needs a clean out.

4) Cllr. Wager – lots of rubbish along the path way between the Parish Hall and the bushes.

5) Cllr. Wager – there are a load of docks by the bin shed along the fence.

**1741. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th April and taken as read, to deal**

 **with matters arising.**

Matters Arising.

Minute 1875 – Cllr. Lamb asked if anyone has had a problem with recycling.

Cllr. Boot-Handford was under the impression from the talk given by Jane Savage that you now only needed one green box. Cllr. Lamb you can use one box but you have to alternate the combination of rubbish for the bin weekly.

Minute 1675(4) Cllr. Hanson reported that they have about 12 per session.

Minute 1682 – Cllr. Page-Bailey noted that the canker on the apple tree is not Mr. Endean’s plot,

whose is it? The Clerk stated it was plot 3. Cllr. Page-Bailey will be meeting with the Allotment Association.

**1742. Financial Statements.**

The Clerk circulated the financial statements for Cemetery and Recreation to committee members by e-mail.

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

Recreation Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed that we have all the set aside monies shown in a list at the bottom of the page, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

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

**1743. Report from BARP and information on.**

Cllr. Pengelly – stated that the phase 2 is now completed and in time for the Co-op Grant. It seems

there was a problem; the workman took Cllr. Boot-Handford to show her how dangerous the finishing of the bench area was with lumps of concrete buried. Why did he not pick it up and get rid of it if it was a hazard? Cllr. Pengelly cleared it up.

The Clerk has the account from Rhino which is to be paid to Lloyds Bank Financial.

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

Discussions then turned to the entrance on The Down which has dried out remarkably well. Cllr. Wager does not agree with this work as there is nothing wrong especially if you ban vehicles during the winter.

Cllr. Dennis asked the Clerk to insert the original minuted proposal which is 1275, 11th July 2017. A vote was taken 5 for the work to be carried out 1 against, motion carried. Clerk to get the work done.

**1744. To review the grass cutting contract.**

The Clerk has been contacted by the Villagers Association asking if the contract for grass cutting has been awarded as they have a picnic for the Syrian Refugees on the 23rd June.

The Clerk has asked Mr. Willmott to continue with the grass cutting contract.

Cllr. Leithall felt that we should carry on as we are using Paul Willmott and make sure he invoices us with the accounts.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed offer the contract to Paul Willmott for 2018/19 season, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

A vote was taken. 4 for 2 against. Motion carried.

**1745. Report by Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Wager on work needed at Bere Ferrers Recreation**

 **Field.**

Cllr. Lamb- thanks to Cllr. Wager who is getting the stone from Mill Hill, the workman has cut the hedge back, we have hired a mini digger for the workman to clear the ditch and spread the stone. The only other thing is to discuss what type of ramp is needed.

**1746. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure at the Cemetery.**

Cllr. Dennis – the Clerk has contacted the undertakers and grave digger, they are quite happy to come along to a meeting to discuss any suggestions they may have regards the layout.

**1747. Feasibility study on Sarah Park surface.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey – feels we could get volunteers to dig out the wood chip, hire the mini digger to put in drainage pipes and refill the area.

Cllr. Boot-Handford suggested a sub-committee be formed to come up with a recommendation on how to carry out the work at Sarah Park.

Cllr. Crozier, Cllr. Leithall, Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Page- Bailey to form the sub-committee.

**1748. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.**

Cllr. Hanson gave the following inspection reports for The Down and Sarah Park:-

The Down – entrance gate (vehicle gate) grounds if opened more than a few feet. The Clerk pointed out that this cannot be undertaken by one person as this is a heavy gate.

Sarah Park – Entrance gate will not close and dog mess on grass as a result. Bark chip well-rotted, need to replace woodchip.

Cllr. Leithall reported that in the middle of The Down playpark it is still very muddy and wet. This to be kept a watch on as the work on drainage for Sarah Park to be undertaken first.

 **1749. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.**

Cllr. Maycock – L(m)11 new plot requires a letter as doesn’t appear to be worked, also as previously reported R1&2 are spreading dandelion seeds, all others appear to be worked at present.

Cllr. Page-Bailey – Plot 1 weeds growing through the covering, also plot 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19 do not seem to be worked.

The Allotment Association reported that they have been invoiced for plot 2. The Clerk was sure this plot has been re-let and invoiced to someone else.

Letter to allotment holders.

**1750. Correspondence.**

1. Dan Meek Devon County Farms- Re Community Composting.

Thank you for your email and I apologies for the delay in replying for and on behalf of the County Council.

I am taking some legal advice from the County Solicitors Office prior to being able to discuss your request with instructing officers. I will chase the legal advice and get back to you ASAP.

**1751. Proposals for next meeting.**

1. Sarah Park drainage.
2. Cemetery grass cutting around graves.
3. Bere Ferrers what ramp is needed on road entrance.

**1752. Questions from members of the public present at the discretion of the Chairman.**

1. The Clerk had a visit from a parishioner about the state of the Cemetery. They are complaining about long grass being left around headstones. The Clerk stated she visited the Cemetery on Monday and the biggest problem is people putting extra vases and plant pots etc. around the area, if the workman has to remove them and then put them back it will take 2-3 times longer to cut round the graves. Discussions were held, refer to June meeting.
2. The Workman stated the kids are playing in the Cemetery with water bombs, the tap has been left on and there is rubbish everywhere, also watering cans have been stolen. It was agreed to look into putting a pressure tap on

 3) Cllr. Lamb – Syrian Refugee Party 23rd June 10-4pm. Request the Chairman to attend.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed this 29th day of May 2018.

Chairman…………………………….