BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 12th June 2018.

Present

 Cllr. E. Wager Vice Chairman

 Cllr. H. Boot-Handford Chairman of Council

Cllr. P. Crozier Cllr. R. Leithall

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. D. Pengelly

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

**1792. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis due to business.

**1793. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can**

 **be taken on these matters.**

1) Cllr. Pengelly – the recent vandalism around the Parish Hall has been brought up on Facebook.

Cllr. Pengelly met up with some of the teenagers and had a chat. They said they had helped to raise money to build a proper skate and cycle park up at the Recreation Field The Down, they thought the money raised was given to the Youth Hut, nothing came of it. They said it is not them causing all the problems. When Cllr. Pengelly was leaving he noticed the bench had gone. The Clerk reported the bench damaged, pulled up out of its place and taken around the back of the Youth Hut. It has been taken up to the store for repair.

Cllr. Pengelly stated he would speak with Vicky the youth leader and Paul Graeme-Drury.

2) Cllr. Lamb – asked what has happened about the advert for the sale of the small trailer – Refer

 to F&GP.

3) Cllr. Hanson – was approached by a parishioner for sand bags, this person was put in touch

 with Devon County Council as she required 32 sand bags at least.

 Cllr. Hanson asked that everyone be reminded on what procedure is for issuing

 them.

**1794. Matters arising from the minutes of the 15th May and taken as read, to deal**

 **with matters arising.**

Matters Arising.

Minute 1740(1) – with regards to Cllr. Pengelly’s issue about the curb across the footpath between

 the Social Club and The Close

The clerk has turned out some paperwork sent to her by Claire Fryer about the ownership of this path. It certainly seems no one lays claim to it.

Minute 1740(2) – with regards the area at Quarry. Cllr. Wager asked if they have received

 permission from Devon County Highways. Clerk to speak with Mrs. King.

Minute 1743 – Entrance to playpark The Down

The Clerk has had the following email from Sarah Jarman:-

Due to technical error, it appears email was not sent regarding sifted soil.  The contractor will soon be able to commence work, however the soil on site is too stony to re-use.  To alter the specification to purchase sifted soil.  We need approx. 4-5 ton of screened 20m soil.  The cost of this delivered is £268 plus vat.  I am really sorry about this.  However this will ensure a much better finish.

The Clerk asked for a proposer and seconder to accept the change in contract.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed the amendment, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**1795. Financial Statements.**

The Clerk emailed the financial statements to committee.

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

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

**1796. Report from BARP.**

Cllr. Pengelly – the only thing to report is the binoculars on the ship have been prized off.

**1797. To discuss Sarah Park Drainage.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey, Cllr. Crozier, and Cllr. Leithall met up at Sarah Park. Cllr. Leithall drew up a plan of the park.

Cllr. Page-Bailey stated that the proposal is to lay drainage pipes a layer of shingle on gravel plus a layer of sand then rubber chip.

Cllr. Page-Bailey has some costings in the region of £9,000.

Cllr. Wager will speak to his neighbour who has recently had chippings etc. from a company in Ivybridge.

Discussions took place. It was proposed the group go away and get 3 quotes and come up with a firm cost.

Cllr. Boot-Handford asked where the money could be found.

Cllr. Lamb felt we should go out for grants.

**1798. Update by Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Wager on Bere Ferrers Recreation Field and car park**

 **and what ramp is needed.**

Cllr. Lamb- Mill Hill Quarry cannot supply stone for 2 months. Cllr. Lamb has tried to get some, and the cost is £250 or less.

Cllr. Hanson asked about the ramp. Cllr. Wager stated we are waiting on County Highways about that.

**1799. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure at the Cemetery.**

Cllr. Boot-Handford – Cllr. Dennis has this in hand.

**1800. Cemetery grass cutting around graves.**

Cllr. Wager – has visited tonight. It is better than it was; there are only odd plots where grass has not been cut around vases etc.

Discussions took place.

**1801. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.**

The Down

Cllr. Hanson – rubber chip needs sweeping off safety surfaces. Grass coming through rubber chip needs weed killing.

Sarah Park

Bin casing split, needs repairing.

Cllr. Crozier has not visited Bere Ferrers.

 **1802. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.**

Cllr. Page-Bailer – allotment 8a very badly overgrown.

The Clerk reported letters sent to plots 1, 10,12,15,17 and 19, 12 and 15 have been tidied up.

Bere Alston – no report from Cllr. Maycock. 2 allotments not paid, final letter sent.

Cllr. Wager – visited allotments 1 & 2 right not worked, Clerk explained that the person is suffering

from dementia and is giving up the allotments but wishes to remove some items. Cllr. Wager proposed whoever takes them gets a year rent free to bring them back to working order.

Cllr. Wager has requested a map of the Bere Alston Allotments.

An allotment holder wishes to trim the hedge back as it is stopping growth in that area, there should be no reason why he cannot do this.

**1803. To discuss community composting.**

The Clerk has had no contact from Devon County, she will contact them again.

**1804. Correspondence.**

1.) Will Westlake BAUFC – It was agreed we could store them on the roof and take all

responsibility for them and the roof as we agreed that was the safest place for them go, they are too long to go in or behind the pavilion, also the last time we put them on the floor they used them as a battering ram to bash through the doors, that was also part of the reason for agreeing to put them up there.

Cllr. Boot-Handford stated that in their agreement it says

“2.Remove all goal posts at the end of the season and store them adequately and safely at

 the rear of the Pavilion. Goal post holes to be plugged and turfed over”.

2.) Mr. Kiltie- he is a regular user of the playing field and is concerned about the state of the exterior of the pavilion and the area around it.

 There is a pile of builder’s rubble adjacent to the garage, also a quantity of subsoil, presumably from a building site, used to cover a damaged area of grass caused by the dumping of excess lime. There is the remains of a bonfire which was used to burn plastic rubbish. There is a large pile of rotten fence posts propped against the garage. The back of the Pavilion is very overgrown and there is a quantity of broken asbestos and polycarbonate roofing sheets

 In the spring several people noticed a foul smell emanating from the football pitch.This was noticed a few days after the pitch was sprayed.

 Discussions took place, it was agreed to write to B.A.U.F.C. asking them not to spray without Council’s permission, and to also inform Council of what sprays they wish to use.

Cllr. Wager. - has been looking around the field, there is a tree down at the top end which needs

removing, Cycle Track needs strimming; hut at the bottom end has ivy growing over it.

The Clerk stated that Cllr. Boot-Handford reported that the Pavilion hand rails need replacing.

**1805. Proposals for next meeting.**

1. Sarah Park drainage.
2. Cemetery grass cutting around graves.

3. Notice Board.

4. Eaon Wager Allotment Trophy.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.46pm

Signed this 26th day of June 2018.

Chairman…………………………….