

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers at Bere Alston on Tuesday 9th January 2020.

Present

Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Dennis	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. M. Flicker	Cllr. G.R Reed
Cllr. H. Peace	Cllr. A.Spry

In attendance. Cllr. P. Crozier

353. To elect a new Chairman

Cllr. Lamb chaired the meeting for this item, he called for nominations.

Cllr. Reed proposed Cllr. Dennis, seconded by Cllr. Flicker. Cllr Spry proposed Cllr. Flicker, seconded by Cllr. Peace. Cllr. Lamb called for a secret vote. The Clerk counted the votes and informed Cllr. Lamb that Cllr. Dennis has been voted in as Chairman of Footpaths & Environment. Cllr. Lamb proposed, seconded by Cllr. Flicker that Cllr. Dennis takes the Chair. Cllr. Dennis asked Cllr. Flicker if he wishes to stay as Vice Chairman, but he declined.

Cllr. Dennis called for nominations. Cllr. Reed proposed Cllr. Peace as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Rogers, Cllr. Peace accepted.

354. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No actions can be taken on these matters.

Cllr. Lamb informed Committee that Cllr. Maycock will be returning to Council this month.

355. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July and taken as read, to deal with matters arising. Matters Arising

Minute 126. Cllr. Flicker has a letter from Sarah Hanson, who wrote to the Footpath Warden Peter Guy with reference to putting the numbers on the Footpaths posts. Cllr. Flicker passed the letter to the Clerk who had not seen it.

Mr Guy – it is not our policy to mark the rights of way with their requisite path numbers. This would have to be a Parish Council initiative. With the number of footpaths in Bere Ferrers, this would be a very time consuming task and I have to ask to what end? I am not sure what benefit would be gained from marking all the paths with their numbers. There are a number of signs that are not on wooden posts so you will also have to consider where you would place your stencil. Please also consider that many are not footpaths, but bridleway, byways, restricted byways etc., so you would have to ensure you mark with the correct initials.

Discussions took place. Cllr. Lamb asked Cllr. Peace and Cllr. Flicker to form a task group. Cllr. Flicker declined. Cllr. Spry offered to join, come back to next meeting with more detail.

Minute 121 – Bridle path at Weir Quay. Cllr. Spry confirmed that this is still a well-used path. This week someone was stopped from using it.

Minute 127 – Cllr. Peace stated that Cllr. Flicker was already dealing with Gods Acre.

356. Financial Statements.

The Clerk circulated the financial statements. Cllr. Reed proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

357. Footpath Problems.

Cllr. Peace – The entrance to the cycle path at Gawton Bridge is overgrown. Discussions took place as to whether this was open. Cllr. Crozier stated there is unsurmountable problem where the land is not available to the public. Cllr. Lamb stated that Devon County have new maps out.

358. Reports on Footpaths inspection forms for P3.

The Clerk has received Cllr. Musgrave’s inspection form, also Mrs. Chapman’s. As Sarah Hanson has not undertaken her surveys, she had suggested Cllr. Flicker might like to do them, Cllr. Flicker declined. Cllr. Peace stated she would do them this weekend.

359. Environmental Issues.

a) Cllr. Reed informed Committee of a meeting on the 13th February, 10-1 pm, and location to be confirmed by the Environment Agency River Basin Management. Workshop to explore some of the challenges and choices we must make. We are interested in what you have to say in relation to water resources, water quality, alongside both of flood and drought resistance.

b) Cllr. Reed – Climate Change – communication challenge. Saturday 1st February 10.30, Alexander Centre, Tavistock.

c) Cllr. Reed – We should be looking at put in an electric car charging point. Cllr. Reed did say WD will be looking to do this, but they are expensive. It was suggested more information be sought and brought back to the next meeting.

d) Cllr. Peace – as the bottom of Cornwall Street is on the edge of the villages, people are walking their dogs, pick up, but leave it on the hedge to pick upon their return, but forget about it. Could we have a poo bin at the bottom of Cornwall Street? The Clerk explained that dog poo bins have to be emptied at a cost. A normal litter bin would do the same job, but it still cost’s to empty.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Dated this 28th January 2020.

Signed by the Chairman.....