**Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers at Bere Alston on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

Present

Cllr. D.M.A. Chapman Chairman

Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. S. Hanson Cllr. G. R. Reed

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

**1208.** **Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March and taken as read, to deal with matters**

**arising.**

Minute 1012(1003) – Peter Guy will deliver the post to a representative of the Bowling Club for the

kissing gate on Footpath 20.

Minute 1018 – MAT Electrics came down to the Pavilion to check the electrics and fit the

smoother, they still think it was human error.

**1209**. **Financial Statements.**

The Clerk had emailed the financial statements to members of committee.

The Clerk explained the end of year financial sheet for 2016/17 also the 2017/18 financial

sheets.

Cllr. Hanson proposed acceptance of the financial sheets, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

The Clerk explained the £1104 grant from Community Enhancement Funding as she understood it the Road Warden Group had applied for a grant for tools and more safety equipment. The Clerk received the information on a BACS being paid into Council’s bank account. When the Clerk sent a cheque for the £1104 to County in payment for the extra tools and safety equipment for the Road Wardens she received an email from Devon County asking what is the cheque for. Cllr. Maycock to sort this out.

**1210**. **Footpath Problems.**

1. Neil Harmsworth reported a tree down just above Tuckermarsh Quay blocking Footpath

42.

2) Cllr. Hanson – Footpath 52 (Collins Farm end) almost impassable due to overgrowth

(brambles and nettles) – stout trousers now essential.

Footpath 60 (Whitsam Farm) impassable due to deep mud/water across

farmyard – even walking boots would overflow. This has been the case for several months – can you write a letter to the owner asking him to dig a drainage channel at the low side to let the water away?

3) Cllr. Boot-Handford – The old stile leading from the bowling club towards Collytown direction

is starting to fall apart. I can see no need for it. I request that we ask for it to be taken away before there is a nasty accident.

Ros Davies P3 – No problems with regards the stile to gate (Footpath 20) I shall see if Peter is able to arrange something from his end. Regarding the delivery of gates etc. if I provide a grant would you be able to pay the contractors bill for taking out.

**1211. Review of any necessary work allocated to Jim Jeffery.**

The Clerk explained that Mr. Jeffery works for Council as a lengthsman paid for by TAP Funding, Discussions took place reference this work and our Road Warden Scheme. It was agreed at the moment to use Mr. Jeffery for any power tool work as none of our Road Wardens have the necessary qualifications.

Due to the heavy rain on Monday a couple of areas were flooded quite badly again, ask Mr. Jeffery to clear the drains etc. in those areas.

**1212. Any information on Footpath Guide.**

The Clerk has received some adverts back for the guide.

Cllr. Chapman noted that FP 71 is incorrectly marked, it should be a bridleway. There are various alterations that will need doing on the guide; the Clerk has a list, also the alterations on the definitive map review.

Cllr. Leithall asked how many guides we still have for sale, the Clerk stated none.

After further discussions Clerk to contact the printer and find a cost for a minimal run of copies.

This year’s footpath allocations to be ready for Full Council.

**1213**. **Snow Warden Issues.**

Discussions took place regards salt stocks which are fine no need to order any more.

**1214**. **Report on Road Warden Scheme and discussions on County Highways Agreement**

**between Bere Ferrers Parish Council and County.**

The minutes of the Road Warden subcommittee form part of these minutes.

Minutes of Parish Roads Group Meeting

Monday 6th April 2017 at Greystone, Bere Ferrers

Present: Ralph Maycock (RM) (chair), Brian Lamb (BL), Mark Page-Bailey (MP), Richard Leithall (RL) (part time), Sarah Hanson (SH) (minutes)

Numbering of following sections per RM agenda

1. **Apologies**

None.

1. **Declaration of Interests**

None.

1. **Items of Interest**

None.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting 19th December 2016**

Approved.

1. **Equipment List**

The Community Enhancement Fund grant (approx. £1100) has been approved, subject to an agreement that the tools will be shared with neighbouring parishes. RM has completed the Purchase Order Form for the additional tools/safety gear, and is awaiting final confirmation that the expenditure can proceed. RM will forward the relevant emails to BL, who will contact Devon Highways to get this confirmation.

**Action RM/BL**

RM will submit the Invoice once the purchases are complete. This process proposed by RM, seconded by MP.

1. **Volunteers**

Once the above purchases have been made, RM will contact volunteers to arrange demonstration/training. Availability of Health & Safety training DVD (Victor Gough understood to have it) to be confirmed.

**Action BL**

The blocked gulley at the station end of New Road might be a useful example for initial training.

1. **Container**

New coat hooks required for hi-viz jackets. Options to be identified (e.g. hang timber beam from ceiling). **Action RM**

1. **Initial Work Schedule**

Embryo schedule is already done. It was agreed that clearance of fly tipping was out of scope of the Group, so South West Water to be contacted about tipping outside BA Sewage Treatment Plant.

**Action SH**

1. **Works at Quarry Corner/Denham Bridge Road**

The sight line along the B3257 towards Bere Alston from the Bere Ferrers road was still poor.

RM reported that the view of the Highways Officer is that anything that causes traffic to slow down was to be welcomed (e.g. lorries at Quarry corner, all traffic in Denham Bridge Road).

Agreed that we would again discuss removal of roadside shrubs with the Woodlands Trust.

**Action BL**

1. **HGV Parking in Fore Street**

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan process, Granville Starkey (GS) had proposed an HGV-only length of parking outside Co-op for morning deliveries. It was suggested that a meeting Doswell/RM/GS be arranged to discuss this further. **Action RM**

1. **Road Wardens Contract**

The new form of contract would not be signed until concerns about the new Indemnity Clauses had been resolved. Need to draft a letter to Philip Saunders describing the concern and asking for his help to resolve.

**Action RL**

1. **Proposals for Next Meeting**

Main item is to gather known problems, do a few jobs, and arrange publicity (e.g. put on council website).

Also progress purchase of tools, and contact volunteers about demonstration/training session.

**Action RM**

1. **Any Other Business**

None.

Cllr. Maycock – small jobs to be sourced such as cleaning signs & sign posts to get the group started.

**1215** **Correspondence.**

1. John Doswell Devon County Highways.

The Clerk had a parishioner contact her with regards cutting grass verge at 1 Pentillie- John Doswell replied as follows;

The only grass that is cut in urban areas now is on visibility splays. There is a back log in cutting Marythorne, should be done soon as to the area of grass at Pentillie Road as it is not on the splay it won’t be cut.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Dated this 27th day of June 2017.

Signed by the Chairman…………………………………….