BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber Bere Alston on Tuesday 10th April 2018.

Present

 Cllr. P. Dennis Chairman

 Cllr. R. Leithall Chairman of Council

Cllr. S. Hanson

 Cllr. M. Page-Bailey

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

 **1674**. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Boot-Handford and Cllr. Pengelly due to holiday, Cllr. Maycock

due to business.

**1675. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can**

 **be taken on these matters.**

1) Cllr. Lamb – has received the Planning Inspector’s appeal report on land at Station Road Bere

 Ferrers, the appeal was dismissed.

2) Cllr. Lamb – informed committee about the new dustcarts which will be on show in Bedford

 Square Tavistock on 15th April and the Mayor will officially launch.

3) Cllr. Page-Bailey – has spoken with the new youth football team, they are thinking they could

 possibly get a defibrillator for the recreation field from the league.

4) Cllr. Hanson – announced that she and Cllr. Lamb will be running more defibrillator training

 sessions run by Justin Sharples of the NHS Trust and he will come along and do

 two days training on recognising a stroke, how to do CPR and how to use the

 defibrillator, anyone interested please contact the Clerk.

5) Cllr. Wager – Cllr. Leithall proposed that committee go into part two invoke standing order 3P,

 seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

 Discussions took place.

Cllr. Dennis proposed invoke standing order 3P and come out of part two, seconded by Cllr. Hanson

This matter needs to be referred to F&GP.

**1676. Finance Sheets.**

Cemetery Finance Sheet for end of year.

The Clerk explained that the balance left over from 2017/18 be set aside for work required on road layout in the Cemetery.

 Cllr. Hanson proposed, seconded by Cllr. Page-Bailey.

Recreation Finance Sheet for end of year.

The Clerk explained the figures. Cllr. Dennis proposed that the £2,622 be set aside to put towards funding any work the feasibility study might propose on work at Sarah Park to alleviate the flooding problem, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

**1677. Grass Cutting Contract.**

As not enough information was available the Chairman asked for this item to be deferred to May meeting.

 **1678. Tree Inspection Bere Ferrers Allotments.**

The Clerk read the following report from the Workman:-

Two small apple trees have a small amount of bacterial canker disease which could be pruned back to stop any spread to other apple trees in the allotments. It’s number 3 or 4 but they are owned by the same person.

Risk is small as it needs contact by touch to other healthier branches or trees.

Only other one is a dead apple tree limb at the bottom of Mr. Endean’s plot. Risk is moderate to allotment holder only.

It was suggested that the workman prunes the apple tree with canker.

**1679. Report by Cllr. Lamb and Cllr. Wager on work needed at Bere Ferrers Recreation Field**

 **Car Park.**

Cllr. Lamb met with Andy Ball to look at the work required on the ditch, he gave an estimate of £300 as it would be a day’s work.

Discussions took place; Clerk was asked to approach RPM for a quote for this work.

Cllr. Lamb will get dead tree at the left of car park removed.

**1680. Update on Sub Committee Road Infrastructure at the Cemetery.**

We wish to organise a meeting within the next 2 weeks and invite the grave digger and the undertakers to give their input.

 **1680** **Feasibility study of Sarah Park drainage.**

Clerk read the following letter from RPM.

Following my inspection of the play park drainage issue at Sarah Park I can confirm that on arrival the area was waterlogged generally and having dug some trial holes to the full depth of the bark chip, it would appear that there is little or no drainage under the weed control membrane. In an ideal world you would remove the bark chip from the whole area and apply the appropriate drainage system.

This would obviously have a substantial cost attached to it (around £15,000.00 plus vat) so I propose that you could improve the situation by installing a herringbone drainage system to the worst affected areas discharging to an under ground soak away in the grassed area below. You would need to allow a figure of between £5500 and £7000 plus vat at this stage of the conversation.

Should you decide to take the enquiry further then I will prepare a more detailed break- down for you.

Discussions took place.

Defer to next month’s meeting.

**1681. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play parks.**

Cllr. Hanson gave the following report on:-

Sarah Park – entrance gate out of alignment – hard to close.

Bark chip well composted much surface water.

The Down – vehicle entrance gate, gate grounds if opened more than a few feet.

Cargo net, rope bridge, crawling rope missing. Being replaced by BARP, they have been taken to the company to make sure the size is correct

**1682. Monthly Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers**.

Cllr. Page-Bailey reported that Bere Ferrers Allotments are looking nice.

No report from Bere Alston.

 **1683. Proposal for next meeting.**

1) Grass cutting contract

2) Feasibility study Sarah Park drainage

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed this 24th day of April 2018.

Chairman…………………………….