

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a Virtual Zoom meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held Tuesday 26th May 2020.

Present:

Cllr. D. Pengelly	Vice Chairman of Committee
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of the Council
Cllr. P Crozier	
Cllr. M. Flicker	
Cllr. R. Leithall	

510. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wager and Cllr. Peace due to technology.

511. To discuss the removal of the Dog Notices placed in the Recreation Field, The Down.

The Clerk reported that various emails had been received questioning the legality of banning dogs on the football pitch.

Discussions took place on the following items;

- The legality of banning dogs from the pitch
- The legality of banning dogs from the field
- Keeping all dogs on a lead whilst in the Recreation Field.

Cllr. Crozier visited the field with the Health and Safety Officer because of complaints about dog fouling. The Officer was appalled that dogs should be allowed on the pitch.

Cllr. Lamb has spoken with various other Councils about allowing dogs on pitches; they do not allow this practice.

Council should be looking into a Public Safety Order.

A letter was circulated to all Committee members from Respect who basically feels we should be applying for a Public Safety Order.

Cllr. Crozier stated that the Protection Orders have been upgraded recently.

Cllr. Pengelly asked how would we stand admitting there is a problem because we ban dogs from the pitch and allow dogs on the rest of the field. Where do we go with the Public safety Order?

Cllr. Crozier feels we need to start moving towards this.

Cllr. Leithall – there is a long history of allowing dogs on the pitch, dog ownership has increased in the last few years.

Cllr. Lamb felt the way forward is a consultation with the public, putting together a document and circulating it widely, also inform the two clubs what we intend to do.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that a Task and Finish Group be set up to deal with this consisting of Cllr. Pengelly, Cllr. Crozier and Cllr. Flicker, seconded by Cllr. Leithall. All present agreed.

512. Report from BARP.

The ROSPA report has items which need work undertaking on them by the Workman before the parks are open again. It was agreed that Cllr. Pengelly to oversee the work.

The only item which will need costings for is the timber railway sleepers in the Parish Hall Area. This to wait until next year.

513. Update on road infrastructure Cemetery

Cllr. Lamb asked Cllr. Leithall if he has had time to deal with this. He will look into this.

514. Report on the Allotments at Bere Alston.

Cllr. Crozier, Cllr. Wager and the Workman have cut 12 new allotments at the Bere Alston Allotments.

The Clerk stated that we still need to identify old allotments which are not being worked.

Cllr. Crozier proposed that the new allotments be given a 50% reduction for this year, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Cllr. Lamb presented an amended allotment agreement and proposed that this agreement be accepted and circulated to all allotment holders, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

Cllr. Lamb proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Crozier, Cllr. Wager and the Workman for sorting out the 12 new allotments.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending the Zoom meeting which closed at 20.08pm

Adopted on the 30th June 2020.

Chairman.....