

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a Zoom meeting of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

**Present:**

Cllr. R. Leithall	Chairman
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. Pengelly
Cllr. R. Maycock	

The Clerk informed committee that due to the 6 month rule, which still stands, any Councillor not giving an explanation or apology for their absence will lose their place as a Councillor. Unfortunately Cllr. Wager's six months was up on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, meaning Cllr. Wager is no longer a Councillor. Discussions took place.

**613. Matters Arising from the minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

1) Cllr. Lamb – circulated a lift update to all Councillors by email. Cllr. Lamb, Crozier and Dennis will be meeting a representative of a Lift Company from Okehampton. There is a better prospect to change to this company. The existing lift is out of production. Discussions took place, if we are on strong grounds to terminate the existing contract we should. Cllr. Leithall to go through the contract. Talks were had about replacing the lift. Cllr. Lamb this to be taken to Full Council next week for sanctioning and a decision.

**614. To accept the accounts for payment.**

The Clerk circulated the accounts for payment by email. Cllr. Leithall proposed acceptance of payment, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**615. To accept the Financial Statements.**

As these were not complete, they will be referred to Full Council.

**616. To accept the reconciled bank statements.**

As the statement did not reconcile it will be referred to Full Council.

**617. Report on progress of CCTV**

No progress as yet.

**618. Update on Staff Pay**

Cllr. Crozier proposed committee going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

The Clerk left the meeting.

Cllr. Dennis proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. The Clerk regained the meeting.

Cllr. Dennis proposed that we stay at our 2% pay rise as given in April 2020. Next April we will review the pay rise and look into the 2.75% from this year, of which we received the 2%, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

**619. G.D.P.R. and archives.**

Cllr. Lamb – There is a huge amount of records in the office, with the GDPR rules, Cllr. Crozier and Lamb are carefully examining paper work and will not throw away anything important.

They have 18 bags of confidential waste, which will be removed at a minimum cost by West Devon. Cllr. Dennis asked how long we need to keep the minutes on the website. Cllr. Lamb will investigate the policy.

**620. Report on Parish Hall hedge.**

Cllr. Lamb – the Parish Hall hedge opposite the basketball court needs tidying up, discussions took place as it was not certain which hedge was being referred to. The Clerk stated the hedge in front of the hall windows, this has been left to grow to protect the windows from being broken. It may need layering in the future.

Over the weekend there has been a lot of problems with underage drinking in the basketball court and Y2Y shelter, also at Sarah Park, the dugouts at the Bere Alston Recreation Field and on the container in the dog exercise field.

Cllr. Lamb has written to inspector Sloman.

Cllr. Pengelly asked about closing the parks by dusk.

**621. Report by Cllr. Lamb on Bank Live.**

Cllr. Lamb has acquired the paperwork he will visit Nat West to clarify the situation and bring it back to Council when he is satisfied.

**622. Progress on Cemetery Road project.**

Cllr. Leithall has sent out to all Councillors a draft tender and drawings, if there is any feedback, then we should move on this to get it sent out. There are four proposed tenderers for the Works; Cann, O'Hara, Andy Ball and Max Allen.

**623. Outcome of Defibrillator.**

The defibrillator is back in its place, but tracker has not been finally fitted.

**624. Networking Computer System.**

Cllr. Leithall – given the current situation it is highly desirable to have the computers networked. Cllr. Dennis to look into Cloud and whether we have a Microsoft account. Cllr. Dennis to take this forward.

**625. To note any Correspondence.**

1) Tom Lee – Devon County Highways

Near miss vehicle on pathway by Bere Ferrers playing field

“I am not sure there is much I can do along here, from what I can see it is only very occasionally, so I don't think there is a requirement for any signage. Looking at the conditions of the road due to it being tidal, I cannot imagine that vehicles are going to be going very fast, and if there are bikes that are, I doubt any signage is going to make any difference.

2). West Devon Borough Council News Release

Public urged to be vigilant for Bogus Green Waste Collectors

'The Environment Agency and its partners are concerned about a seasonal trend of green waste fly-tipped near Plymouth and urge people not be tricked by doorstep conmen into taking away green waste.

Households in Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon are being asked to quiz people knocking on their doors and offering to take their rubbish away.

Waste carriers, like other licensed trades, are required to register and operate in line with a set of rules that protect the environment and their customers. These rules include disposing of waste in the right place, storing it safely and keeping accurate records of transfer and disposal.

If these traders don't have a waste carriers' license, there is no guarantee rubbish will go to an authorised site.

Instead, it could end up dumped on the side of the road or burned in a field, causing environmental damage. And the person who hired the unregistered trader could face a criminal fine.

**626. Agenda items for the next meeting.**

1. Cllr. Lamb – Bank Live

2. Lift Progress

The Chairman thanked members for attending the zoom F & .G.P meeting and declared the meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> September of 2020.

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