

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a Zoom meeting of the Footpaths and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021.

Present

Cllr. P.Dennis	Chairman
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of Council
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. H. Peace
Cllr. G.R Reed	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In attendance: Cllr. P. Crozier and Cllr. P. Drury-Graeme.

853. Matters Arising from the minutes from the 12th January.

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Minute 771 Discussions took place regarding the electric car charging points. Cllr. Reed to invite one of the Suppliers to discuss the various options at the next Footpaths & Environment Committee.

854. Detailed Footpaths & Environment Receipts & Payments Report

The Acting Clerk had emailed the report to all Committee members, prior to the meeting.
Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

855. Footpath Reporting and Allocations: Report and feedback on footpaths – quarterly feedbacks from District and walkers feedback on registered faults and how many times should they be walked per year, to take in seasons and give regular feedback and should footpath allocations be restricted to footpath Committee.

Cllr. Peace proposed that only members of the Footpaths & Environment Committee report on the footpaths.

Discussions took place. Agreed.

Cllr Peace to divide up all footpaths between herself, Cllrs. King, Shaw, Reed and Dennis to walk and report on.

It was agreed the paths should be reported on at least twice a year and any issues to be reported back to the Acting Clerk.

856. Footpaths number discs.

The paths are currently not numbered. It had been discussed before, but nothing agreed on.

Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Peace had emailed to all members, a list of costs for numbered discs to be added onto the footpaths. Cllr Peace recommended disc size of 38 mm and estimated approx. 127 discs were required and the total cost would be approx. £114.00, plus costs to install discs.

Discussions took place. Cllr. Reed offered to check Cllr Peace list and check on the number of discs that were required.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that this be taken to F & G.P and the money to pay for these discs to be taken out of the Footpaths EMR fund. Seconded by Cllr. Dennis.

857. Cleaning of Signs

Cllr. Peace – some signs on footpaths require a good clean. Cllr. Lamb suggested combining the cleaning of the signs when adding the numbered discs on the paths.

Cllr. Lamb – The Acting Clerk will produce some posters to display around the villages to help promote the sales of the Bere Ferrers Footpath Guide.

858. Installing peg signs on side of road for hedgehogs.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury spoke to Highways regarding installing temporary hedgehogs peg signs on the side of the roads at the entrance to the villages. Their response was that although they cannot approve the signs, they would also not stop us putting them out. The signs need to be at least 450mm back from the edge of the road and will be the full

responsibility of the Parish, so if anything happened regarding them, Devon County Council would not have any liability. If Highways start to receive complains, Highways would have to remove them. We would also need to make sure who ever puts them out, does it safely.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury stated he is happy to sponsor any costs that are incurred and will organise and monitor this project.

Discussions took place regarding health and safety and risk assessment.

The Acting Clerk to check with The Council's insurers regarding public liability and report back to Cllr. Lamb.

859. Correspondence

The Acting Clerk read out an email from Juliette Bower concerning a bench in a particular area on the River Tavy Walk, near Hallowell that had now been fenced off and gated.

Discussions took place. As this bench is situated on private land and not the public right of way, the owner of the bench had the right to fence it off. The Acting Clerk to send a letter to Juliette Bower.

860. Proposals for next meeting.

1. It was agreed that Footpaths & Environment meetings will take place every 3 months. The next meeting will therefore take place in June.
2. To start the revisions of the Footpath Guide. Appoint Task & Finish Group.
3. Update of Footpaths reporting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.51 pm.