

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a Zoom meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

Present:

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chairman
Cllr. B. Lamb	Chairman of the Council
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. P Crozier
Cllr. P. Graeme-Drury	Cllr. D.King
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In Attendance: Cllr. Carr and Cllr. G. Reed.

861. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these Matters.

- 1). Cllr. Carr – some abandoned cars have been removed, yet one still remains in Pilgrim Drive. Can we look into getting that removed?
- 2.) Cllr. Lamb – I have received an email from a member of the local Fire Service asking if the Council are willing to support the fire station in their request to keep the fire appliance in Bere Alston, as there has been a suggestion from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service that the Bere Alston's appliance may be replaced with an intervention vehicle. I suggest this be added to the next F & G.P agenda.

862. Matters Arising from the minutes of the 9th February

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814 (775 (745)) The tree stumps from the cemetery have been removed.

814 (782) The Junior Football Club agreement has been signed.

821 The muddy areas around the football pitch - There is not much that can be done until the summer and the mud dries up.

863. Detailed Receipts and Payment Report

The Acting Clerk had emailed the report prior to the meeting.

Discussions took place regarding the Workman's mileage.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that himself and the Acting Clerk review the Workman's mileage and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr. Lamb proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

864. Vandalism issues.

Cllr Lamb – a door at the Workman's hut in the cemetery has been kicked in. The Workman has boarded up the door, but the door will either need to be replaced or boarded up completely. The Acting Clerk to report this incident to the police.

Cllr. Lamb proposed installing a camera to obtain photographic evidence. Cllr. Carr stated that although it is advisable to erect a sign informing of CCTV, it is not a legally requirement to do so.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury has spoken to the Youth Leader, who has ideas on how to promote a positive interaction between the youth and the community and due to the current situation; the Youth Club is hoping to re-open again in mid-April.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury has also spoken to both shops in Bere Alston regarding the sale of alcohol to those underage.

Cllr Lamb reported that the Toilet Cleaner had found bottles of vodka in the ladies loos on the evening of 11th March and 12th March.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Carr will speak to the retailers again about the legal implications for supplying underage with alcohol.

865. Green Burials.

Cllr. King – following an email exchange with the Exeter Diocesan Registry, they confirmed that the ground at the High Cross cemetery was all consecrated, apart from the 28 plots in the northern corner that is currently set aside for cremated remains.

Cllr Reed reported that he was part of Sub Committee a few years ago who looked into installing a green burial site within the area, but they had been unable to secure the land required.

Cllr. Reed to follow up with regards to land that may now be available to purchase and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

866. Interment Fees.

The updated Interment fees had been discussed and agreed on at a previous meeting, but the price for installing a cremation plaque and a fee for additional inscription fees on a headstone, had not been discussed and agreed on.

After discussions, it was proposed that the charge for cremation plaques be £74 and the price for additional inscriptions on headstones be £27. All agreed.

867. Cemetery Regulations.

Discussions took place regarding cemetery regulations.

The Acting Clerk to produce a document detailing the regulations and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

868. Cemetery road progress report.

Discussions took place regarding the length of time the contractor is taking to complete the project.

Cllr. Lamb proposed this issue to be discussed at the next F & G.P meeting and an update be given at the next Full Council meeting. Agreed. Cllr King would like it noted that this Committee wish to write a letter to the Contractor reminding him that the project was to be completed within three weeks and it has not been.

869. Discuss recreation field signs.

Cllr. Crozier confirmed that the wording had been agreed on and the signs will be produced by West Devon Borough Council. Two weeks from today (16th March) dogs not allowed on the football pitch, will come into law.

870. Report on the Pavilion Plans

Cllr Pengelly – the roofer is fully booked till June/July, but will try and complete the roof repairs as soon as possible.

Cllr. Pengelly confirmed BARP will give the Council a donation of £500 to go towards the repairs.

871. Discuss any development on unattended plot at Bere Ferrers.

Cllr. Lamb proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

Cllr. Crozier proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

The Acting Clerk to send a letter to Zurich Insurance and await their response.

872. Update on Bere Alston Junior Football Club agreement.

Cllr. Lamb confirmed the agreement had now been signed.

873. Machinery disposals

Cllr. Lamb proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed coming out of Part 2, Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

Cllr. Lamb proposed that the Chairman's of F & G.P, Open Spaces, together with the Acting Clerk to take the steps necessary to finalise the sale of the machinery. Seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

874. Report on environmental issues, re hedges, trimming etc.

Cllr. Pengelly – Cllr. Crozier and myself have received some complaints and need to revisit how often does the Council cut the grass, the hedges and replacing the trees in the cemetery. Cllr. Pengelly and Crozier to arranged a meeting between them to discuss this further. Cllr. Graeme-Drury wishes to join the meeting as well.

Cllr. Crozier – three new trees were planted in the cemetery today.

875. Rubbish on Pilgrim Drive.

Cllr. Shaw – there has been a lot of fly tipping at the recycling bins on Pilgrim Drive. This was reported to West Devon Borough Council and it has been removed.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Crozier – if anyone has any evidence of who is doing this, to let him know and he will report it.

Cllrs Carr and Shaw will keep an eye on the situation.

876. Terms of Reference for Open Spaces.

Cllr. Lamb proposed some changes to the Terms of Reference for Open Spaces. All agreed.

877. Routine Safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and play areas.

Cllr. Leithall and Cllr. King have inspected the parks and send their reports to the Chairman and the Acting Clerk. No issues to report.

Cllr. Lamb confirmed that the Bere Alston defibrillator will be put under the F & G.P Committee.

The defibrillator at Bere Ferrers to be looked after by residents there.

878. Inspection of Allotment Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers.

Cllr. Crozier carried out an inspection at Bere Alston and forward a list of allotments where very little work seems to have been done. The Acting Clerk to write to the tenants of those allotments.

879. Correspondence

The Acting Clerk read out an email from Avril Judith Brown:

'I was delighted to see the new bus shelter erected yesterday at Lockeridge Road! I was wondering if it would ever come to pass, but now it will be so good to have it when we can at last start making non-essential journeys. Many thanks to the Parish Council for the planning and provision of this bus shelter.'

Cllr. Pengelly thanked all those Committee Members who completed this task.

The Acting Clerk read out an email from Nicholas Charlton:

'Our parents, Clive and Ruth Charlton, residents of Bere Ferrers for almost 50 years, will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at the beginning of June. To mark this occasion we would really like to have a dedication to them within the parish.

Do you know if it would be possible for us to pay for a fixture for one of the parish's footpaths, such as a stile or a kissing gate and have a small plaque attached to it to mark the occasion? Perhaps there is a stile or kissing gate close to Bere Ferrers that is in need of replacement? Our parents are very keen walkers and I expect they have covered every one of the parish's footpaths many times over. I know our dad has also in the past conducted footpath surveys on behalf of the parish council. If you have any advice or know how we could arrange for this to be done I would be very pleased to hear from you.'

Discussions took place. It was agreed that as this falls under the Footpaths & Environment Committee, but they are not meeting next till June, The Acting Clerk to forward this request onto the Chairman and the Committee can compile a list of potential stiles/kissing gates currently requiring repair and forward onto Mr. Carlton for his consideration.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

Signed