

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Hazel Room, at the Bere Ferrers Church Hall on Tuesday 14th September 2021.

Present:

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chairman
Cllr. P. Graeme-Drury	Cllr. D. King
Cllr. C. Shaw	

In Attendance: Cllr. B. Lamb and Cllr. G. Reed.

132. Apologies

Cllr. Crozier due to holiday and Cllr. Leithall due to a prior engagement. Cllr. King accepted their apologies, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

133. Declaration of Interest.

No declaration of interest was made.

134. Matters Arising from the minutes of 13th July 21

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- 48 With regards to the gaps in the hedge between Sarah Park and the Doctor's Surgery, the surgery feels this issue is the responsibility of the Council. The Clerk to check the Parish Council deeds to establish the ownership of the hedge and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.
- 49(961) The abandoned car on Pilgrim Drive is still there. The Clerk to follow up with Cllr. Crozier.
- 49 (864) Cllr. Lamb reported that two weeks ago, thirteen cars were damaged at garages location at the Bere Ferrers Railway Station. It had been reported to the police and a crime number raised, but the police have yet to attend the scene. Cars have also been damaged at Fore Street and Pentillie Street. Cllr. King confirmed that the local Police Community Support Officer will be attending the Full Council meeting on 28th September and issues, such as this, can be discussed then.
- 54 Cllr. Pengelly confirmed the suggestion of planting wildflowers at Quarry Cross, had been withdrawn.
- 58 The list of benches that need repairing/replacing has been sent to the Clerk, who has applied for a grant, to secure some money towards the costs.
- 61 All urgent repairs highlighted on the Rospa reports for the playparks, have been dealt with. There are just a few minor repairs still to be done.

Cllr. King approved the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury.

135. Detailed Receipts and Payment Report

Discussions took place regarding the high cost of electricity for the Cemetery Hut. The Clerk stated the charges were based on estimates. The Clerk to ask the Workman to provide a photo of the meter, going forward, so a more actual meter reading can be submitted.

The Workman's travel expenses have also gone over the allocated budget for the year. The Clerk to investigate, as she believes some of this mileage can be reallocated to the Footpaths & Environment Committee.

Cllr. King approved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Dury.

136. Update on the installation of CCTV cameras around Parish Hall

Cllr. Lamb confirmed the majority of the 11 CCTV cameras had now been installed around the Parish Hall. Three grants to fund the cost of the CCTV system had been received from various groups/individuals and the remaining costs will be met by the Council.

The Clerk and Cllr. Lamb are in the progress of writing up the CCTV policy, which will be reviewed and approved at the next F & G.P Committee meeting.

137. Installation of defibrillator at the Pavilions.

The Youth Football Club are installing a defibrillator on the outside of the Pavilion. The Club, not the Council, will be responsible for the repair and the monthly reporting of the unit. A plaque will be placed there, indicating the unit has been donated by the Youth Club.

Cllr. Reed confirmed that a defibrillator was now also installed at the Weir Quay Boatyard.

Cllr. King asked that as the Parish now has four defibrillators, it might be an idea for the Council to organize defibrillator training for individuals in the village. The Clerk to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

138. Replacement of cemetery gates

Discussions took place on whether the new cemetery gates should be a new design, or a similar to the current gates.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed the same design be kept, but with some minor changes to stop future rust issues, seconded by Cllr. King. All in favour. To be sent to Full Council, for final approval.

139. Replacement of dog field gate and realignment of dog field door

Cllr. Lamb – the replacement of the dog field gate and realignment of field door was originally part of the cemetery road project. The gate is in a bad state and the field door needs moving 3 /4 feet, in order that when the road into the cemetery is realigned, the dates have already been done. The Workman can do this job with the use of a digger. The cost will be met by the funds in the cemetery road earmarked reserve.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury proposed going head with the project, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

140. Update on the Pavilion Repairs

Cllr. Graeme-Drury proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

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Cllr. Shaw proposed recommending the Council accept the Tavy Window Solutions quote of £1320.09, including VAT, to replace the pavilion doors. The Clerk to confirm first with the supplier, the quote includes locks and has lower level for easy access. To be added to F & G.P agenda for final approval.

141. Update on sale of Council's lawn mower

At the F & G.P Committee meeting, held on 20th July, the Committee had delegated the sale of the lawn mower to the Clerk. The Clerk confirmed that following submission of sealed bids, the mower had been sold for £850. The money had now been received and the mower passed to the new owner.

142. Update on Hedge and Grass programme

Discussions took place regarding the Workman's current list of jobs to complete. The Clerk to meet with the Workman to discuss and prioritize the work required over the next couple of months.

143. Planting of apple trees at Bere Ferrers

Cllr. Lamb – The Apple Festival will be held on Saturday 5th October at 1.30pm in Bere Ferrers Village Hall and twenty apple trees will be planted in the area of the old cycle track, to celebrate 20 year of the apple festival.

144. Update on picnic table at Parish Hall

The Clerk confirmed the picnic table had been repaired and the Workman now needs to measure the position of the legs, to sort out concrete bases, in order to secure the table in place.

145. Emptying and location of certain litter bins

A request had been received from the Church volunteers in Bere Ferrers, asking if the Council could take on emptying the bin at Hope Cottage. Discussions took place. The Clerk to request from West Devon Borough Council, their weekly cost for empty this bin, plus the bin at Pilgrim Drive Council and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Discussions took place regarding moving the bin from outside the Youth Club to next to the Tin Shed.

Cllr. King proposed the bin be moved to this location, seconded by Cllr. Graeme-Drury. The Clerk to contact the Youth Worker, to check they would be OK with this.

146. Update on aerial runway at Bere Ferrers

Diana Mitchell, the Treasurer of the Bere Ferrers Villagers Group, confirmed the Group and the villagers wished to replace the aerial runway with a similar design and three quotes had been obtained. A Just Giving page will be launched to help raise funds, plus donations will be given from members of the village and BARP.

The Group will review the quotes and offer their recommendation of their choice to the Council, but as the equipment will be owned by the Council, the three quotes will be discussed and purchase order raised for one company, at the October Full Council meeting.

147. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and play areas

The fence on the left-hand side of the Bere Ferrer's recreation field needs replacing. Cllr. King proposed removing the fence, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. In the meantime, the Workman will make it safe and remove the exposed nails.

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Cllr. Pengelly proposed the Council accept the quote from Mole Valley of £214, plus VAT to buy the materials required to replace the dog field gate, seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

To be sent to Full Council for approval and when approved, the Workman to order the materials from Mole Valley.

Discussions took place regarding the disinfecting of the playparks. Cllr. King proposed that the Workman stop disinfecting the playparks, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly.

148. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

Cllr. King – there is one plot which appears not to have been worked on. Cllr. Lamb has spoken to the tenant, who said they had agreed with the Clerk that work on the plot would not commence until this winter. The Clerk to check the correspondence between herself and the tenant.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury highlighted the issue of 2 oak trees located on a plot on the left-hand side, stating they were taking a lot of light and water from other plots and asked it be addressed at the next meeting.

149. Questions from the public, at the discretion on the Chairman

A member of the public asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the well in Bere Ferrers as the stone is loose and the mortar is crumbling. It might be the Council, but the Clerk will check and ask the Workman to repair.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 28th September 2021