

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 12th October 2021.

Present:

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

In Attendance: Cllr. B. Lamb, Cllr. J. Maciejowska, Cllr. Peace and Cllr. G. Reed.

223. Apologies

No apologies were received.

224. Declaration of Interest.

No declarations of interest were made.

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

1). Cllr. Peace brought up the laminated hands prints which have been made by the local school and are being displayed around the area. As the hand prints are laminated and being tied to posts, trees with cable ties, it was felt that they should be removed as they are not environmental friendly, are causing litter issues and could be dangerous for wildlife.

Discussions took place. The Clerk will email the school asking for more information on the project, and whether they would consider removing them and using more environmental friendly materials.

2). The Clerk informed the Committee that the Bere Alston in Bloom group had been awarded a Silver Gilt medal from the British in Bloom judges, for the second year in a row.

226. Matters Arising from the minutes from 14th September

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- 136 The CCTV policy was approved and adopted during the last F & G.P Committee meeting.
- 137 A meeting to be arranged with the Electrician, to discuss where the defibrillator will be placed on the Pavilion.
- 140 The replacement Pavilion doors have been ordered and will be delivered and installed in approx. 10 weeks.
- 142 Cllr. Pengelly, the Clerk and the Workman met and discussed and prioritized his current job list.
- 143 The Apple Festival, due to be held on Saturday 2nd October, was cancelled.
- 145 The bin located outside the Youth Club, has now been moved to in front of the Tin Shed.
- 147 The fence at Bere Ferrers had now been removed and the replacement wood for the new fence has been ordered.

227. To consider the three quotes received to replace the aerial runway at Bere Ferrers

Three quotes have been received to replace the aerial runway at Bere Ferrers. The Bere Ferrers Villagers Group had stated they wish to install a runway, similar to the previous one in place. Discussions took place.

Cllr. King proposed accepting the quote from Rhino Play to install a timber zip wire system for £9,636.00, seconded by Cllr. Pengelly. All in favour.

228. Discuss donating funds from EMR340 TAP Grants General to the aerial runway fund. If approved, to be referred to the Finance & General Purpose Committee

Cllr. Lamb explained that the TAP Grants General earmarked reserve of £2,043.87 is money left over from a grant obtained for the refurbishment of Sarah Park a few years ago. The suggestion is therefore this sum of money be transferred to the fund to purchase the new aerial runway at Bere Ferrers. The Bere Ferrers Villager Group has so far raised £2,600 and Cllr. Crozier will be donating £1000. The aim is to raise a total of £12,500 to cover all the costs.

Discussions took place.

Cllr. Leithall proposed transferring £2,043.87 from the TAP Grants General earmarked reserve to the Bere Ferrers Aerial runway fund. Seconded by Cllr. King. A vote was taken. Five for, one against. Motion carried. To be referred to the next F.G.P meeting for final approval.

229. Update on the replacement fence and hump at the Bere Ferrers recreation field

Cllr. Lamb confirmed to the Committee that the water hump at Bere Ferrers will be looked into by the Highways Officer.

The Clerk confirmed that the old fence had now been removed and the wood to make the replacement fence was on ordered.

230. Update on the hedge between Sarah Park and the Doctor's Surgery

Discussions took place regarding the ownership of the hedge and Cllr. Crozier to speak to the Manager of the Doctor's Surgery.

231. Update on placing the picnic table in the Parish Hall garden

As the picnic tables were damaged on the first day they were placed in the garden, they will now be set in concrete. The Workman to order the concrete and complete the work.

232. Discussion on felling certain trees in the Bere Alston allotment and cemetery.

Cllr. Graeme-Drury discussed arranging a site visit at the Bere Alston allotment for Committee members, to inspect and discuss how best to proceed with regards to two oaks trees situated in the allotments. Cllr. Crozier agreed the visit should take place before the next Open Spaces meeting and then the trees can be discussed further.

The Clerk confirmed that two trees in the cemetery will need to be felled, due to ash dieback. The Workman will carry out this task.

233. Replacement of guttering at the Workman's Hut

The guttering at the Workman's Hut needs replacing. Once replaced, Cllr. Pengelly and the Workman to meet and discuss how best to avoid the replaced guttering being damaged again, going forward.

234. Replacement/repair of wooden benches bases at the basketball court

Cllr. Pengelly stated two of the wooden benches bases are rotten and need replacing, due to it being a safety hazard. The suggestion was to cover with decking. Cllr. Pengelly to research the price and report back to the Committee.

235. Repairs required at the Down playground

The rubber at the Down playgrounds all needs replacing. Discussions took place.

Due to the high cost of replacing all the rubber, this will be marked as a project to complete the next financial year.

236. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish Recreation and Play areas

Cllr. Shaw stated the bench at Sarah Park was still not fixed. The Clerk to follow up with the Workman.

Discussions took place regarding fixing the Rhino roundabout at the Down. Cllrs. Shaw and Graeme-Drury, with the assistance of Cllr. Pengelly will remove the rubber from underneath the roundabout, enabling it to rotate again.

237. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

The Bere Alston allotment holders have been informed by the Clerk and the Chair of the Allotment Association, not to place any more rubbish/compost on the bonfire site.

238. Correspondence

1). Email from Elliott Saloman-Carter, Graduate 'Trees for Devon' Project Support Officer, Environment Group, Devon County Council.

I'm contacting you on behalf of Devon County Council to identify whether you would be interested in any tree planting this year. We have received a generous grant from the Woodland Trust, which can be allocated to community led tree planting projects. We are offering to support a select few town/parish councils in their tree planting initiatives, to create a series of demonstration sites which can be presented as case studies to show to others what can be done to support Devon's Climate Emergency.

If you are interested, please let me know, and I can share details of the full offer, including any requirements.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cllr. Crozier to respond as feels this would be a good initiative for next year's Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated 26th October 2021