

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Present:**

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chairman
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. R. Leithall
Cllr. J. Maciejowska	Cllr. C. Shaw

**407. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. King and Graeme-Drury. The Committee accepted their apologies.

**408. Declaration of Interest.**

No interests were declared.

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

Cllr. Crozier informed the Committee that there had been an act of vandalism at the Bere Ferrers Barn and the doors have been kicked in. Nothing had been stolen. The Council's Workman will be able to fix the doors and The Bere Ferrers Villagers Group have reported the incident to the Police.

**410. Matters Arising from the Open Spaces Task & Finish group meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Matters Arising

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The vacant Councillor position will be advertised in the April edition of Bere Link, notices will also be placed on the Noticeboards and the Council's social media page. The deadline to submit an application form will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and interviews will be held at the Council meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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Replacing the water pipe at Bere Alston recreational field - the Clerk confirmed the cost of hiring a 1.5-ton digger will be £185 plus VAT, per week and £10 delivery fee each way. The hire of a cat and genny will be £15 per day and for the sand required, the cost will be approx. £25 per ton. The water bill of £971 has been paid and the Council has received confirmation that they will receive a refund from the Water Leak Allowance, of £873.90, Cllr. Crozier proposed that the refunded money be used to pay for the replacement water pipe. Costs to be approved at the next F & G.P meeting.

**411. Commemorative Tree for Maynard Trust regarding the late Stan Sherrell.**

The Maynard Trust wishes to plant a commemorative tree in the school for the late Stan Sherrell and Cllr. Shaw asked whether the Trust could have one of the trees ordered by the Council. Cllr. Crozier confirmed that the tree order had been cancelled, as they were not able to produce a management plan in time. The Council can though apply for trees later in the year. Cllr. Shaw to update the Trust.

**412. Date between Dog Field and Cemetery , pedestrian access**

Cllr. Shaw, on behalf of a parishioner, wanted to know why the gate going from the dog field to the cemetery was locked. It was confirmed it was locked to stop dog walkers using the gate as a cut through.

**413. Update on dog field gates**

Cllr. Crozier confirmed he has reserved two metal gates for the dog field, at a cost of £94 per door. After discussions it was suggested that both the pedestrian and field gate be metal. Cllrs. Lamb and Leithall, along with the Workman, are to meet and mark out the realignment of the entrance.

#### **414. Discussion on replacing the sleepers at the Basketball court**

Cllr. Crozier suggested removing and replacing the rotten sleepers only. Discussions took place on how to remove the sleepers. Cllrs. Crozier, Pengeley and the Workman to conduct an inspection and make plans accordingly.

#### **415. Nominate two Councillors to conduct an inventory of the Workman's Hut**

Cllr. Maciejowska and the Clerk will conduct the inventory of the Hut. The clerk to liaise with the Workman to organize a date and time.

#### **416. Nominate two Councillors to conduct an inventory of the Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers recreational field, playparks and benches.**

Cllr. Shaw nominated himself to do the inventory. The Clerk to ask Cllr. King if she could also conduct the inventory. If Cllr. King unable to, Cllr. Pengelly will.

#### **417. Routine safety inspection reports for the parish Recreational and Play areas**

Cllr. King, reported via email to the Clerk, that all the play areas have been checked and there is are no issues to report.

Cllr. Shaw reported that there were no issues with the BA playparks, but the rope is coming off the wires on the bridges. The Clerk to ask the Workman to cover up the wire with all-weather tape. The Clerk to also chase up when the Rospa safety Inspections will be undertaken.

#### **418. Inspection of allotments at Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers**

Cllr. King, reported via email to the Clerk, that the Bere Ferrers allotments have been checked and there is are no issues to report.

Cllr. Crozier and the Clerk had got through those on the waiting list and allocated the plots that will be becoming available from April. One plot will be split into two, to allow all those currently on the waiting list a plot. The Clerk to notify those on the waiting list of their plot.

#### **419. Correspondence.**

1. The Carnival Committee have asked if they can pay for and install a bench in the recreation field in memory of their late Chair Beryl Mills.

The Committee would be happy for the Carnival Committee to install a bench and the Clerk to let the Carnival Committee know.

2. An email from Jasmine Russell:

Hope you are well; I am looking to starting up a few clubs. One being a children's fitness camp and the other an Adults Fitness camp. Putting feelers out there at the moment, I live in Bere Alston and have my son in the school to so would love to have it here! Then running an adult's fitness too weekly.

What I am trying to find out is if I can use the field (Top Park) to do this. I have also contacted the school. Please do let me know, if this is possible, I really want to get things in motion with advertising thank you.

The Committee discussed and have no objections to this request. The Clerk to inform Ms. Russell.

3. Email from the Chair of Bere Alston in Bloom:

We have just had a BAIB meeting, and many people were concerned that the Union Jack raised bed to be positioned on the Tap Hill Green could be vandalised, and having looked at the triangle of grass at Quarry corner, in front of the stone milestone, it would be seen by many more people. Also, people driving to Bere Ferrers would see it. There is already a raised bed there, so it shouldn't be a problem to traffic. We also thought that it would be better to put the floral crown on that site, again not blocking the vehicular sighting. Is this change of sighting O.K. with the council members ?

The Council have no objections to this request, yet the Clerk to forward request onto Devon Highways, to check they also have no objections to this request.

No members of the public were present at the meeting and there being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Signed by the Chair

Dated this date 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022