

BERE FERRERS PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 19th April 2024.

Present:

Cllr. D Pengelly	Chair of the Committee
Cllr. P. Crozier	Chair of the Council
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. V. Grose
Cllr. Leithall	

In Attendance: Cllrs. B. Lamb and M. Patterson

672. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Shaw and Wager. The Council accepted their apologies.

673. Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

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

Cllr. Pengelly informed the Committee that the Bere Alston Football Club had emailed the Council with a request to help finance a new grass cutting machine. This request will be discussed further at the next F & G.P meeting.

675. Matters Arising from the minutes from the meeting held on 12th March 2024

The minutes were adopted and approved at a Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024

There were no matters arising.

676. Review the 2023-24 Open Spaces Receipts and Payments Report

The Pavilion electricity costs were discussed. The Clerk to send Cllr. Leithall the updated figures. It was also discussed arranging a face-to-face meeting with members of the Football Club to discuss further.

After review all agreed to accept the report.

677. Review of Open Spaces earmarked reserves

After discussions, it was agreed to put the leftover budget, allocated to the recreation field and general maintenance, into an earmarked reserve. To be used for repairs required at the Bere Ferrers recreational field carpark.

After review, Cllr. Pengelly agreed to accept the report, seconded by Cllr. Grose.

678. Approve bulk purchase of wooden rails and posts for on-going general playpark repairs

After discussion it was agreed to put the left-over budget allocated to play equipment maintenance into an earmarked reserve for purchasing wooden rails and posts for ongoing playpark maintenance.

679. Request from Hope Cottage for the Parish Council or West Devon Borough Council to empty their litter bin.

The cost for West Devon Borough Council to empty a litter bin is £3.06 per bin, per week. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council's Workman will empty the bin.

680. Report from the Sports Development Committee

Cllr. Lamb reported there were 165 responses to the consultation residents' response form. The responses have been divided into participation and development. For participation, each member of the Sports Development Committee has taken on the

responsibilities to look at a particular sport (women's' football, hockey, rounders, cricket, rugby) and look at the facilities, the equipment and coaches/leaders required. The aim of the Parish Council is to be an enabler to get the sport going.

For development, and not considered at first as an addition to the facilities on the form, was the request for a public toilet at the recreational field.

The development of a running track also received great support and Cllr. Leithall is leading on where it might go and the costs.

The next Sport Development Committee meeting will be 3rd June 2024 at 7 pm.

681. Conversion of Pavilion outside toilet to public toilet

The Sports Committee feel this is a necessary addition to the recreational field and decided to develop the outside toilet at the Pavilion. Therefore, the Committee would like the Open Spaces to authorize the group to look at converting that toilet into a disabled toilet and the associated costs and report back to the Council. The Group will also discuss with the Bere Alston Football Club. One member of the public has offered to fund raise for the toilet.

Cllr. Pengelly proposed authorizing the Sports Development Committee to look into converting the toilet, seconded by Cllr. King.

682. Update on Bere Alston playparks improvements

Following responses received, Cllr. Pengelly said two gym equipment pieces will be purchased and installed at the Bere Alston recreational field and a traversing wall for Sarah Park. To be added to the F & G.P agenda for approval. Meetings with two suppliers have been organized.

683. Review of Rospa Safety Reports

After reviewing the Rospa safety reports conducted on the playparks, actions to rectify any issues highlighted were agreed on.

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

Discussed under the previous item.

685. Inspection of Allotments Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers

There is one available plot at Bere Ferrers and a couple at Bere Alston. The Clerk to advertise on social media and the Council's website.

686. Agenda items for the next meeting

The next Open spaces meeting will be on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

1. Update on Bere Alston playpark improvements.
2. Update from the Sport Development Committee.

687. Correspondence

An email from the Chair of the Carnival Committee, requesting permission to use the Bere Alston recreation field for the village carnival on Saturday 25th May and Village Fete on Saturday 1st June 2024.

The Council were happy to give permission for both events and the use of the toilet at the Pavilion.

688. Questions from the public present, at the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair

There were no other members of the public present at the meeting. There being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.53 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee:

Dated this date 7th May 2024