

## **Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **Present:**

Cllr. C. Shaw                      Chair of the Committee

Cllr. P. Archer                      Cllr. R. Leithall

Cllr. M. Patterson                      Cllr. R. Perry

Cllr. G. Sutton                      Cllr. E. Wager

In Attendance: Cllr. P. Crozier and Cllr. B. Lamb

### **451. Apologies**

None.

### **452. Declarations of interest**

None.

### **453. Notification of items for information at the discretion of the chair. No action can be taken on these items.**

Cllr. Leithall – the Council are committed to distributing salt bags around the villages. As Chair of the Council, has received a letter from Sir Geoffrey Cox MP regarding issues of poor broadband and mobile connectivity in the region. A Connectivity Forum will be held at Holsworthy Memorial Hall at 10:00 am on 30th January 2026. Cllr. Crozier said he will attend on behalf of the Council.

### **454. Matters arising from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The minutes have been approved and adopted at the Full Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **Minute 353 (296)**

Cllr. Shaw proposed going into Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Archer.

Cllr. Archer proposed coming out of Part 2, seconded by Cllr. Patterson.

Security measures at the Cemetery Hut were discussed and agreed on.

##### **Minute 353 (299)**

Cllr. Patterson requested a copy of the asset register.

##### **Minute 354**

Have the Council heard from the Manufacturer of the Bere Ferrers zip wire? The Clerk to follow up.

The Bere Ferrers fence is poor in two areas.

The bolt on the cargo net at the Down Playpark has been fixed.

### **455. Routine safety inspection reports for the Parish recreation, play areas and fitness equipment**

#### **Sarah Park**

Cllr. Patterson reported that all looks alright, but the broken litter bin is still there. Some of wood around the play park has come adrift one end.

#### **The Down**

Cllr. Shaw report:

- The roundabout needs painting
- The Ship still needs repairing
- One of the wooden animals needs repairing. To consider removing.
- Post next to rolling log is loose and has been for a long time.

It was discussed that the water fountain had not been working for decades.

#### Bere Ferrers

- The drainage at road entrance is a lot better, seems to have worked very well.
- The pedestrian gate that was moved, is now very muddy.
- The mushroom needs to be repaired or removed.
- One of the Seesaw seats needs repair. One of the bolts needs a bigger washer underneath.
- Some post on the fence around the playpark needs replacing. Not a hazard at present.

#### **456. Routine inspection of allotments, Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers**

##### Bere Alston

Cllr. Wager due to the time of the year cannot comment.

##### Bere Ferrers

Cllr. Grose sent a report via email stating there had been no cultivation on certain plots had taken place. It was noted by those present that strimming a plot is not cultivation. Had a warning letter if nothing changes a for no visible cultivation, a "Notice to Quit2 letter should be sent. The Clerk to action.

#### **457. Review Allotment fees and agreement**

Agreed to defer to the next meeting. Noted that the Council has to give tenants 12 months' notice of any rent increases.

#### **458. Bere Fere Orchard – clarification of access arrangements**

A note will be placed on the Orchard gate to state no access, until the work has been finished.

#### **459. Agenda items for next meeting**

The usual items, plus business case for the new Pavilion needed for grant applications.

#### **460. Correspondence**

1. Member of the public has requested salt bags to be delivered for Alexandria Drive and they will grit the pavements.
2. Member of the public has requested salt bags to grit Maynard Park and Underways.

Bags to be distributed to those areas.

#### **461. Questions from members of the public present at the meeting at the discretion of the chair**

There were no members of the public present.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 9 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee:

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026