

## **Bere Ferrers Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### **Present:**

Cllr. C. Shaw                      Chair of the Committee

Cllr. P. Archer                    Cllr. R. Leithall

Cllr. M. Patterson                Cllr. G. Sutton

Cllr. E. Wager

In Attendance: Cllr. P. Crozier, Cllr. B. Lamb, Cllr. V. Grose

### **28. Apologies**

Cllr. Perry sent his apology. Accepted by the Council

### **29. Declarations of interest**

None.

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

Cllr. Lamb enquired when the container in the dog field would be moved next to the Cemetery Hut. The Clerk confirmed that the planned move was scheduled for the w/c 1st June. Cllr. Lamb reminded members that, as previously agreed, the container should be placed on blocks.

Cllr. Grose said there were several more caravans located in a field off Collytown. It was suggested it be reported to West Devon Enforcement.

Cllr. Sutton reported that a member of the public had asked how plants/vegetation growing out of storm drains could be removed. It was suggested to contact Devon Highways.

### **31. Matters arising from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

The minutes have been approved and adopted at the Full Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **Min 662**

Cllr. Patterson wished to know the outcome of the matter raised at the last F & G.P Committee meeting regarding putting up a 'No Alcohol' sign in the Mosaic Garden. The members at that meeting had decided not to pursue the request; however, after discussion it was agreed that the matter should be discussed again at the next F & G.P meeting under Matters Arising.

##### **Min 663 (587)**

Cllr. Crozier reported that, at the recent Beregen meeting, rats had been reported in the bin store. The Clerk confirmed that this had occurred in the past and would ask the Workman to put rat bait down

### **32. Review of Open Spaces Committee Terms of Reference**

After review all agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference.

### **33. Review of annual Rospa safety reports**

After reviewing all reports, it was agreed that a site visit be conducted between members of the Committee and the workman to review the Adventure Trail in the Down Playpark and the Bere Ferrers Playpark. Cllr. Shaw agreed to look into how funding could be secured to purchase additional play equipment.

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

Reported under item 36.

### **35. To appoint councillors to carry out inspections of the play parks and allotments**

It was agreed to ask Cllr. Grose if she would continue as the inspector for the Bere Ferrers site. Cllr. Wager agreed to continue as the inspector for the Bere Alston site.

Cllr. Leithall agreed to continue inspecting the Bere Ferrers Playpark. Cllr. Archer and Cllr. Patterson agreed to continue as inspectors for the Bere Alston playparks.

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

#### **Bere Alston**

Another full inspection will be conducted before the next meeting.

#### **Bere Ferrers**

The workman to be asked to trim the path. There are currently one vacant plot at the site and again suggested to offer the available plot to those currently on the Bere Alston waiting list.

### **37. Annual Cemetery Report**

Cllr. Wager reported that all was looking good in the cemetery. The Clerk was asked to pass on the potential trip hazard issue relating to the guttering as you enter the cemetery, and also to chase up the contractor regarding the best way to widen the track in a certain section.

It was also agreed that the light switch in the Cemetery Hut should be moved to beside the front door. This will be carried out after the container is moved.

### **38. Annual Tree Report**

The workman carries out manual checks throughout the year; however, the Clerk will prepare a formal document so that these checks can be properly recorded going forward.

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

1. Report on the movement of the container

### **40. Correspondence**

1. Emails have been received from WDBC's Locality Team updating the Parish Council on the removal of graffiti from a reported litter bins and the dog fouling at the Bere Alston recreational field. The graffiti has now been removed. Several patrols have been conducted by their officer. They will continue to monitor the area closely over the coming weeks to ensure the situation remains under control. The Clerk has emailed the team to thank them for their assistance.

### **41. 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 8.15 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee:

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026