



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

16th January 2024

Councillor Briefing Notes for Meeting on 23rd January 2024 7.30pm in Princetown Community Centre

1. **Apologies –**
2. **Declarations of interest -**
3. **Acceptance of minutes -** As previously circulated for meeting on 19th December 2023.
4. **Urgent decisions since last meeting –** none
5. **Snow Warden Procedure –** As raised by Cllr Easton at the Nov meeting, Council to review document and procedures currently in place, and to agree action to implement procedures or amend as necessary. Please familiarise yourselves with the [Snow Warden Procedure](#) and [Snow Warden Risk Assessment](#) prior to the meeting.
6. **Tidy Princetown –** Council to discuss and agree action to promote the sessions with a view to starting again in March.
7. **Princetown Pots and Plants –** Cllr Hazel Williams would like Council to consider asking local businesses to sponsor a pot, which would then be planted and labelled to acknowledge their support.
8. **Removal of BT landlines 2025 –** Raised by Cllr Geen at the November meeting, Council to consider and agree on action to be taken, as this may have a negative impact on residents with poor/no broadband connectivity. For more information please read <https://www.bt.com/about/all-ip>
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-transition-from-analogue-to-digital-landlines>
9. **Residents' issues or concerns –**
 - a) Hexworthy to Saddle Bridge – drainage issue/ice on road. Hexworthy resident has raised the issue with Cllr Geen. Council to consider the issue and decide action to be taken.
10. **Parking issues (Princetown)-** Cllr M Williams and Cllr Clarke-Major will present their report regarding the parking/road markings within Princetown. Please [Road Safety in Princetown Councillor Report](#).
11. **1st PUBLIC SESSION -** Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on agenda items, or raise issues for future consideration.
12. **Planning –** no applications to be considered at time of issuing agenda.
 - a) Received 19/1/24 – Clerk to request extension to allow Council to consider the application and discuss at the February (27th) meeting. [0028/24](#) Consultation Request Letter - Application at Land At Lakehead Hill, PL20 6TW
13. **Welcome to Princetown Signs –** Council to discuss and agree on whether to replace them, and how this could be funded. The cost of replacing the signs has been quoted by DCC Highways as £241 ex vat. It was suggested at the November meeting that Council could purchase the signs, but also approach local businesses asking them to make a donation to cover some of the cost (as happened in Hexworthy to replace the noticeboard).

14. **Play Park** – Council to discuss, agree actions and expenditure to make repairs to the Play Park as identified in the Annual Inspection 2023. Inspection for 2024 has been scheduled by RoSPA, and is likely to take place in early March. Cllr Williams has identified the following items are required to make the necessary repairs to the play park. Clerk obtaining quotes for consideration at the meeting.

- 60m of 4inch x1inch wooden boarding (which Cllr Geen is kindly donating)
- 4x tons of topsoil
 - <https://www.travisperkins.co.uk/topsoil-compost-and-bark-chippings/supagrow-standard-topsoil-bulk-bag-600l/p/669469> £103.45 ex vat per 600kg dumpy bag
 - <https://www.jewson.co.uk/p/hallstone-blended-loam-topsoil-bulk-bag-500l-LSROP500> £118 inc vat 500l dumpy bag
 - <https://www.braggssupplies.com/product/soil-mix/> £54 per dumpy bag
- 1x ton of aggregate, 10ml to dust, for the zipwire area
 - <https://www.travisperkins.co.uk/bagged-agggregates/travis-perkins-grano-dust-bulk-bag-6mm/p/938266> £148 ex vat per dumpy bag. 6mm – dust approx 800KG
 - <https://www.jewson.co.uk/p/ballast-10mm-bulk-bag-AGSTB040> £82.82 ex vat per dumpy bag approx. 800kg
 - Tinhay website undergoing maintenance – unable to obtain prices
- 30x 1.5mx1m sections of rubber playpark safety matting compliant with BS EN 1177, with the requisite no. of fixings,
 - <https://theshopfittingshop.co.uk/product/safety-flooring-playground-grass-mats-complete-with-4-x-ground-support-spikes> 30x22.00 = £660
 - <https://www.polymax.co.uk/rubber-matting-rubber-flooring/grass-mat/easi-grass-mat> 30x £20.58 = £617.4
 - <https://www.onlineplaygrounds.co.uk/safagrass-mats-1m-x-1-5m-sg1.html> 30x£28.38 = £851.40
- 10x tubes of bitumen silicon (for the swing area)
 - <https://www.onlineplaygrounds.co.uk/tile-wetpour-gap-filler-w19.html> 12 tubes @ £9.00 vat per tube conforms to Conforms to ISO11600-F&G-25LM.
 - [Dowsil C60 Low Modulus Silicone – CTN 20 x 380ml \(completeconstructionproducts.co.uk\)](https://completeconstructionproducts.co.uk) 20x380ml tubes for £100 ex vat
 - [Dow Corning Dowsil C60 LM Low Modulus Neutral Silicone Sealant 380ml | Sealants and Tools Direct](https://www.dow.com/uk/en/products/sealants-and-adhesives/dow-corning-dowsil-c60-lm-low-modulus-neutral-silicone-sealant-380ml) £4.13 per tube ex vat (on offer reduced from £11.34)

15. **DCC Highways – Urban Grass Cutting Contract** – Council to consider and agree whether to provide service/ mowing roadside verges in 2024. Please see e-mail from Clerk 9/1/24 for details for the proposed contract from DCC. The value of the contract is £130 for 2024. (£126 in 2023)

16. **Financial management** - see Financial Report for details

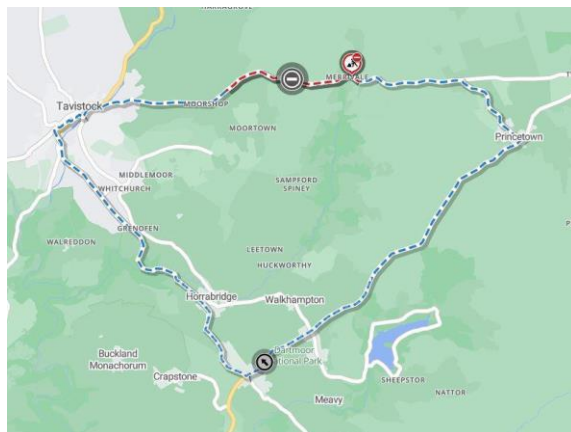
17. **Updates on correspondence/ actions from previous meetings** – Clerk to update verbally.

18. **Reports from Committees, Sub Groups and Special Interests:**

- a) Play Park Inspections – Cllr Williams to report on January inspections. Cllr Wood on rota for February inspections.

19. **2nd PUBLIC SESSION** - Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on agenda items, or raise issues for future consideration

20. **Exchange of information** – Around the table discussion for any matters to be shared for information or to request they are put on agenda for next meeting
- a) **Mower service** – three quotes to be obtained for consideration at February meeting.
 - b) **Policy Reviews** – Clerk to issue schedule to review policies and procedures over the next 6 months.
 - c) **WDBC Town and Parish Conversations** – Cllr Hazel Williams attended session on 18/01/24
 - d) **Road Closure** – B3357 Merrivale 31st January – 2nd February for resurfacing work.



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21. **Date of next meeting** - 1930 on Tuesday 27th February 2024
Princetown Community Centre

<https://www.bt.com/about/all-ip>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-transition-from-analogue-to-digital-landlines>

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