



Council Members Present:

Cllr Mark Williams (Chair)
Cllr Brenda Cotterill
Cllr Lian Edis
Cllr Alison Geen
Cllr Martin Grover
Cllr Elaine Smerdon
Cllr Wendy Watson
Cllr Hazel Williams

In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk) Mr Cole (Lengths man) Cllr Renders WDBC,
1 Member of the public

1 Chairs Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2 Apologies for
Absence**

Apologies were noted from Cllr M Fife Cook DCC

3. Public Forum

A member of the public reported that a wall at Sunnyside has collapsed blocking drainage ditch increase the risk of flooding.

The school uses the park every day and now there are 50 pupils there are not enough seating could more be provided? **As part of the Sensory Garden funding there would be 2 new benches for the park.**

Would it be possible to add bike dirt jumps at Bellever

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Geen declared an interest in minute 10.1 and 10.2

Cllr M Williams declared an interest in minute 10.1 and 10.2

5. WDBC, DNP and DCC Reports

No report

**6 Minutes of the
previous meeting**

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Smerdon it was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd March 2026 with the addition of Cllr E Smerdon to the members present.

**7 Princetown ward
vacancy**

7.1 Vacancy

The resignation of Gary Easton was noted

7.2 Co option

On the proposition of Cllr H Williams and seconded by Cllr Smerdon it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Carol Murray.

8 **Finance**

8.1 Payment Protocol

The report from the Clerk was considered and agreed.

8.2 Budget

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Cotteril it was **RESOLVED** to agree the new budget for the 2026-27 financial year with the addition of new budget lines for projects.

8.3 Virements

On the proposition of Cllr H Williams and seconded by Cllr Cotteril it was **RESOLVED** to vire £5,285.56 from general reserves to the 2026-27 budget and be added to:

- Tree inspections
- IT and website
- The Love Project
- The Plot
- The Sensory Garden

8.4 Scheme of Delegation

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Grover it was **RESOLVED** to adopt a scheme of delegation

Cllr Renders left

8.5 Finance Report

On the proposition of Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr M Williams it was **RESOLVED** to agree the bank reconciliation dated 31st March and the budget monitoring report noting that the first half of the precept for 2026-27 had been received

8.6 Payments

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Grover it was **RESOLVED** to resolve to approve the payments as set out on the payments list

8.7 Banking

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr M Williams it was **RESOLVED** to move the parish council banking to Unity Trust Bank and add Cllrs Geen Grover and M Williams as signatories.

8.8 Donation

It was agreed to ask the Masons to contact the Youth Club directly to discuss a donation.

9 **Policy Review**

9.1 Cemetery Policies

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Watson it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policies and forms in relation to the cemetery at Postbridge

10 Planning

10.1 0085/26 UPALONG, Hexworthy, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6SD

It was agreed not to submit a comment

10.2 0123/26 The Coachmans Cottage, Huccaby House, Hexworthy, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6SB

It was agreed not to submit a comment

11 Bins

It was noted that repairs have been completed to the bins along the main road in Princetown but the dog bins also need repair.

12 WDBC Assets

On the proposition of Cllr M Williams and seconded by Cllr Grover it was **RESOLVED** not to apply for any West Devon Borough Council assets at this time.

13 Projects

13.1 Sensory Garden

- a) On the proposition of Cllr Cotterill and seconded by Cllr H Williams it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from South West Water to connect the garden to the mains at a cost of £2341 plus VAT
- b) On the proposition of Cllr Smerdon and seconded by Cllr Grover it was **RESOLVED** to publish the tender for the building of the Sensory Garden in line with Financial Regulations which the Clerk would circulate before publication.

A Member of the Public left at 8:54pm

13.2 The Plot

- a) On the proposition of Cllr H Williams and seconded by Cllr M Williams it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a sign for the Plot
- b) On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr M Williams it was **RESOLVED** to approve spending by the Plot up to a limit of £200 for plants and equipment
- c) On the proposition of Cllr Edis and seconded by Cllr H Williams it was **RESOLVED** to open an account at Mole Valley Farmers

14 Reports

14.1 Speed watch

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council adopted speed watch 3 or 4 years ago and on the proposition of Cllr M Williams and seconded by Cllr Geen it was **RESOLVED** to unadapt speed watch.

14.2 Calanders

The Clerk reported that the calendars with the figures she had available had made a profit of £451.

14.3 LOVE Project

No report

14.4 Tidy Princetown Sessions

Cllr Edis reported that the next session was Saturday 2nd May at 10am

14.5 Defib Checks

Cllr Grover reported that the sign in the Dartmoor Hotel said the nearest defib was the Prince of Wales Pub which is now not the case.

14.6 Playpark and Litter Picking

There were no issues in the play park with equipment of litter.

14.7 Gardening in the Grounds

The bashing was taking place on 6th May. The Payback Team were also coming to do some jobs

14.8 CCTV System Check

Cllr M Williams had checked on the CCTV equipment and it was secure. When new tenants are in the building it will need to be checked again.

14.9 Princetown Community Centre

No report

14.10 School

No report

14.11 Youth Club

No report

15 Lengthsman Report

Mr Cole reported that the funeral went well. The Carparking machines were not working in the middle of Princetown and the sign needed replacing.

The garage door where the equipment was stored was not safe at the moment and concern was expressed about Mr Cole's safety and lone working. The Clerk would contact the Duchy about repairs.

He would undertake repairs to the phone box replacing the panes and giving it a paint.

16. Items Brought Forward

The VAS had been taken off the moor as it was not working but it is now back.

The trees in Moor Crescent had had some work done by the National Grid but are still overhanging the pavement and the road.

Parish link magazine needs new details for the Clerk.

17. Date of Next Meeting 26th May 2026 at **6:30pm**

The meeting closed at 9:23pm