



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

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Cllr M Williams (Chair)
Cllr H Williams
Cllr A Geen
Cllr L Edis
Cllr C Murray
Cllr W Watson
Cllr M Rickman
Mrs A Horn, Mr Cole 2 members of the public

51 Chairs Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone

52 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Smerdon was absent

53 Public Forum

The Youth Club were moving back to their premises in September and were very grateful that the repairs had been done. They had 20 to 30 attendants to their sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday.

54 Declarations of Interest

None

54 WDBC, DNP and DCC Reports

DNPA- had a quiet month in August, the next FIPLE meeting was on Wednesday. 4th September was the next Parks meeting.

56 Minutes of the previous meeting

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr H Williams it was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th July 2026.

57 Princetown ward vacancy

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Watson it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mark Rickman to the council.

58 Finance

58.1 Finance Report

On the proposition of Cllr M Williams and seconded by Cllr Geen it was **RESOLVED** to agree the bank reconciliation dated 31st July 2026 and the budget monitoring report.

58.2 Payments

On the proposition of Cllr M Williams and seconded by Cllr Murray it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments

59 Planning

59.1 0244/26

On the proposition of Cllr H Williams and seconded by Cllr Murray it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

60 **Local Government**
 Reorganisation

60.1 Councillor warding plans

The warding plans for the elections in 2027 were noted.

61 **Projects**

61.1 Sensory Garden

a) Cllr Eddis abstained from this item

Feedback included:

- The shelter was not over the picnic table and given Princetown's weather this either needed and extra shelter or a longer shelter.
- Adding padlocks to a fence so people felt connected to the project.

It was agreed to hold a drop-in session on 16th September in the Princetown Community Centre to encourage people to share feedback about the design and volunteer to help with the project's maintenance.

b) On the proposition of Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Geen (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to make the chair the on the ground manager as they were on site and the clerk would manage the admin side of the project.

61.2 The Plot

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Murray it was **RESOLVED** to agree spending of the grant received of £1000 on refurbishing the poly tunnel which was now up. The group were waiting for a complete shopping list which included staging, irrigation and weed suppressant.

61.3 LOVE Project

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr M Williams it was **RESOLVED** to purchase the self-watering planters for the welcome signs in moss green. It was noted that the plants would need to stock friendly due to their location and it would need to be confirmed with the commoners that they were happy for a planter to go on the Dousland Road.

62. **Policies**

62.1 To agree and adopt the listed
 policies

On the proposition of Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Edis (1 against 3 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the CCTV policy and CCTV Data Legitimacy assessment.

63 **Reports**

63.1 Tidy Princetown Sessions

The group needs more volunteers. They meet outside the shop on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10am

63.2 Defib Checks

All the defibs were reported to be ready for use.

63.3 Playpark and Litter Picking

This was under control and the playground was being look after well.

63.4 Gardening in the Grounds

The balsam had been delt with for this year. The pay back team had been three times and it was all looking neat and tidy.

64. **Meeting start time**

On the proposition of Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Geen it was **RESOLVED** to start council meetings at 7pm

65 Lengths man Report

Mr Cole reported that the phone box on Woodville had been painted and just needed gold paint for the crests.

A volunteer had offered to mend the phone box door over the winter at their own cost and the council was grateful for the offer.

66 Items Brought Forward

Animals on the highway's signs being replaced and the council would be invoiced

There was a vulnerable person sleeping in a van in Princetown could the clerk report to West Devon Claremont House – work was being done to it

Believer Close Trees- The Duchy were hosting a drop-in session.

Due to a vacancy on the staffing committee which would be meeting in September to review the Clerks probation, Cllr Geen joined the committee.

67 Date of Next Meeting

22nd September at 7pm at Princetown Community Centre.

68 On the proposition of Cllr Geen seconded Cllr Murray it was **RESOLVED** that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items which are **CONFIDENTIAL** by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

69 Payroll Contract

It was agreed to defer this item and the clerk would explore options.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm