Minutes of the Dartmoor Forest Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on 27th October 2026 at Princetown Community Centre

Cllr L Edis
Cllr A Geen
Cllr J Ledbrook
Cllr M Rickman
Cllr E Smerdon
Cllr W Watson

Mrs A Horn Clerk, Mr Cole Lengthsman, Cllr Renders WDBC, 2 members of the public

Cllr Geen chaired the meeting

92 **Chairs Welcome**

Cllr Geen welcomed everyone

93 **Apologies for Absence**

On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Edis it was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies of Cllr M Williams (personal) Cllr H Williams (personal) and Cllr C Murray (personal). Cllr Fife Cooks apologies were noted

94 **Public Forum**

Items raised:
Dartmoor National Park- The car park sign is not back
Highways: Blocked drains at Burrator Avenue, Tavistock Road and Plymouth Hill
Streetlights: The street lights are not working going into the Community Centre Carpark or in the carpark
Prison Museum: The sign is too high and people can not see it.
In The Cloud: The meeting was advertised at 7:30pm in the Cloud causing confusion.

95 **Declarations of Interest**

None

96 **WDBC, DNP and DCC Reports**

WDBC – Not a lot happening due to stopping of LGR. Elections back on in May 2027.
DNPA- lots of celebrations 75th birthday all over Dartmoor. New Dartmoor Plan consultation now open nearest drop in session Mary Tavy

97 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

On the proposition of Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Smerdon it was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd September 2026

98 **Princetown ward vacancy**

This item was deferred until the applicant arrived

99 **Finance**

99.1 Finance Report

Cllr Rickman arrived 7:22pm
On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Edis it was **RESOLVED** to agree financial report and agree the bank reconciliation dated 30th September

99.2 Lloyds 95-day notice account
On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Smerdon it was **RESOLVED** to close the 95 day Lloyds account and move the money to the Unity instant access account.

99.3 Internal movement of money
On the proposition of Cllr Geen and seconded by Cllr Smerdon it was **RESOLVED** to move £20,000 from the Current account to the Instant Access account to maximise interest earned on council funds.
99.4 Payments
On the proposition of Cllr Edis and seconded by Cllr Watson it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as set out on the payments list

95 **Princetown ward vacancy**
The Councillor asked the applicant their reasons for joining the Parish Council which the applicant answered.
On the proposition of Cllr Rickman and seconded by Cllr Geen it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Julian Ledbrook to the Princetown Ward.

Cllr Ledbrook signed the declaration of office.

96 **Bin**
The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard from West Devon if it was possible to add it to the current collection round. It was suggested that the best location for a bin was opposite Duchy Yard.
On the proposition of Cllr Edis and seconded by Cllr Rickman it was **RESOLVED** in principle to purchase as Metal Fido Dog Bin in Dark Green but conformation from West Devon would be needed before the bin was purchased.

97 **The Duchy of Cornwall's renovation of its retail units**

Cllr Rickman asked for this agenda item request to be withdrawn.

98 **Christmas Event**
The Clerk had been in contact with the Duchy who had confirmed that they would be purchasing a tree and lights and putting it outside Moor and Gather. This relieved the Parish Council of any action.

99 **Phone box door**
On the proposition of Cllr Edis and seconded by Cllr Geen it was **RESOLVED** to allow the volunteer to mend the door, Mr Cole would inspect it and the clerk would risk assess it.

100 **Consultations**
It was agreed that councillors would submit individual responses.

101 **Community information board**

It was agreed that putting a noticeboard next to the parish council noticeboard by the playground was a good idea but asked the clerk to contact DNPA to see if planning permission was needed or if there were any restrictions on the type of the noticeboard.

102 **CCTV system review**
It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting

103 **Wheels 2 Work South West**
On the proposition of Cllr Edis and seconded by Cllr Rickman it was **RESOLVED** to write to Wheels 2 Work South West in support of the project.

Cllr Renders WDBC left at 8:11pm

104 **Projects**
104.1 Sensory Garden
The Clerk reported that the builder had updated the quote now that the specifics which was significantly more that the original. Other quotes were being sort for comparison.

104.2 The Plot
Cllr Edis reported that the membrane had been put down and the staging had arrived.

104.3 LOVE Project
It was agreed to requested spending for compost and bulbs. Cllr Rickman asked if the planters which were on the pavements were covered by our insurance and had been risk assessed. The Clerk would check with the insurers and would complete a risk assessment.

105 **Reports**
105.1 Tidy Princetown Sessions
Cllr Edis reported that there were 3 at the last session. The next session was 7th November at 10am outside the Post Office

105.2 Defib Checks
The pads at the Visitors Centre had been replaced as they were out of date and the other defibs were fine.

105.3 Playpark and Litter Picking
The Lengthsman reported that the playpark looked good and was running well.

105.4 Gardening in the Grounds
It was reported that the group was doing well and that the Community Payback Team had regularly helped out a great deal. There was a quiz to raise funds for the group which had been very successful and raised £400.

106 **Lengths man Report**
Mr Cole reported that the grass had stopped growing and he would be back on ditch and culvert cleaning during the winter.

107 **Burial Book**

It was agreed to ask the Heritage Centre to take the burial records books and to make a copy and map for Postbridge Church.

108 **Meeting dates 2027**

It as agreed to the meeting dates in the report providing the venues were available

109 **Items Brought Forward**

Could the fire service be invited to a meeting to give an overview on the Emergency Plan

Police Speed Checks were not taking place in the right places.

110 **Date of Next Meeting** 24th November 2026

Meeting closed 8:43pm