

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1930 on 17 December 2019 in Princetown Community Centre

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward:	Princetown Ward:	
Cllr. Alison Geen*	Cllr. David Worth**	Cllr. Nigel Tigwell
Postbridge Ward:	Cllr. Ian Bishop	Cllr. Wendy Stones
Cllr. Julian Greatrex		
* Chair, **Vice-Chair		

4 members of the public were present.

- Apologies.** The Clerk, Cllrs Watson, Renders, Manning, Druett. In the Clerk's absence, Cllr Worth took the minutes.
- Declarations of Interest.** None received.
- Minutes of the Last Meeting.** Accepted as being a true record and signed by the Chair.
- Precept Planning 2020/2021.** The council received detailed proposals for the coming financial year from Councillor Tigwell. It appears almost certain that DFPC would be losing the Council Tax Support Grant element of its income, an amount that represents approximately 4.5% of the Council's income. Inflationary pressures amount to approximately 4.5%. There was a significant over-spend on grass cutting in the current financial year which would need to be met from reserves. The Council agreed to the figures set out for one-off items such as training and outstanding repairs. The Council agreed to reduce the amount of spending on grass cutting for the next year.

Action. The Council agreed to set a precept of £17, 619. Subject to a formal vote at the January meeting of the Council.

- Bellever Public Toilets.** Simon Lee from DNPA has agreed to attend a meeting to discuss the problems and potential mitigations of the same in this area.

Action: The Council resolved to invite Mr. Lee to it's March meeting, to be held at Postbridge.

- Skate Park Consultation.** Cllrs Stones and Manning held a public consultation meeting with concerned Parish residents. A cheque for £500 has been received from Princetown Charity Shop as a donation towards the building of the Skate Park. A meeting has been arranged between members of DFPC and the Duchy of Cornwall for the 21st of

17th December 2019

Signature of Chair



January to discuss the plans. 11 members of the public attended the public consultation, the date of which was subject to some confusion. A further consultation with parishioners will be held after further discussion and planning with the DOC.

Action: Cllr Worth agreed to attend the meeting with the DOC in addition to Cllrs Stones and Manning.

7. **West Devon Town Centres Meeting.** Tom Jones from West Devon Borough Council has indicated his willingness to attend a meeting concerning this initiative. It was agreed to invite him to a future DFPC meeting.

Action: Mr. Jones to be invited to DFPC's February meeting. The Council to draw up it's own strategy in advance of this meeting.

8. **Ride on Mower replacement.** Cllr Tigwell presented to the Council a number of choices for the replacement ride on mower from seven different local suppliers. It was confirmed that all the potential choices would fit on the Council's current trailer.

Action: The Council voted to purchase the Honda HF2417HME from supplier 2 at a cost of £2,666.67. The Council's older machine to be sold via an informal sealed bid process. Cllr. Tigwell to action.

9. **Postbridge dog waste bin.** DNPA policy is that waste bins of any kind are not to be provided and that the Council would not be able to place the bin near the Information Centre. Local opinion also having moved against the provision of a dog waste bin, the Council agreed not to pursue this matter further.

Action. Item eliminated from further discussion.

10. **Traffic lights near HMP Dartmoor.** It is now reported that a repair is not going to take place to the wall surrounding the Prison reservoir until 2021.

Action. Cllr Geen to write to Devon Highways to query the status of the repair and the schedule.

11. **Planning Applications.** The Council determined the following Planning Application:

Ref.	Address	Ward	DFPC decision
0551/ 19	Pay and Display Machine, footpath. Lakehead Cottage	Postbridge	Support

Action: Cllr Worth will inform DNPA of the Council's decisions in the Clerk's absence.

FIRST PUBLIC SESSION.

A member of the public queried the condition of the Council's notice board in Princetown. Cllr. Worth replied that the Council was awaiting a local joiner to effect a repair to this item and he was taking active steps to speed up the process. It was agreed that more effort would be made to display the Council's notices and minutes in other locations.

12. **Financial Planning.** Cllr Tigwell supplied the following report:

From Financial Briefing Notes to Councillors – December 2019

Cheques to be signed this month:

Ref	Chq No	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1281	1533	17/12/19	Bere Ferrers PC (Cemetery Management Course)	£66.00
1282	1534	17/12/19	Steve Cox (Clerk's Pay)	£414.65
1283	1535	17/12/19	David Cole (Lengthsman's Pay)	£1,273.88
1284	1536	17/12/19	Harry Hooper-Noulton (Litter picker fee)	£66.73
1285	1537	17/12/19	Nigel Tigwell – expenses and allowances	£65.25
1286	1538	17/12/19	David Worth- expenses and allowances	£56.99
1287	1539	17/12/19	Alison Geen – expenses and allowances	£12.26

Other Movements In-Month:

a. Receipt from CCTV fund raising – £835.20 - opened new CCTV reserve.

Other Liabilities: This remains as briefed last month:

The strimmer will need servicing and a new head fitted – cost to be determined – to be carried out this financial year in preparation for the next cutting season.

Election costs – no change from last month – from reserves.

Replacement ride-on mower – see separate agenda item.

New website – no change from last month – from reserves.

Possible replacement printer - no change from last month – from reserves.

13. **Project Progress Reports.** Cllr Manning had previously circulated a report that a class of children from Princetown Primary School would be attending a Speedwatch session.

14. **Committees. Sub-Groups & Special Interests.** Cllr Stones reported that the Youth Club were holding sessions in the Community Centre due to a rodent infestation in the Pavilion.

15. **Reports from other meetings.** Cllr Bishop reported that an offer of free seats had been received for the lower village bus stop.

16. **Other matters requiring decisions.**

a. The Council agreed to take up the offer of a free power wash of the village War Memorial at the same time as the Information Centre is cleaned.

Action: Ali Bright at DNPA to be emailed with the Council's decision.

b. The Council has been notified of an opportunity for the Clerk to attend a Cemetery management course in February at a cost of £66. This cost would be shared with Lamerton Parish Council.

Action: The council agreed to meet this cost, and that the Clerk would attend.

17. Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting. Due to the failure of one of the sets of the village Xmas tree lights whilst in storage, Cllr Worth had purchased a replacement set at a cost of £22.99. The Council retrospectively approved this purchase.

18. Exchange of Information.

Cllr Worth reported that there were no more spares held by the Council to allow the current main Xmas tree lights to be continued to use in the event of another failure. The Council will need to purchase several new sets to replace them for future years.

The Council voted to send letters of thanks to: Mr. Jenner, the proprietor of the Old Police Station Cafe for cleaning the Princetown War Memorial in preparation for the remembrance day service. To Mark and David Cole, and South West Lakes Trust for the provision and erection of the village Xmas tree.

The wreaths from Princetown War Memorial are currently being in stored by Cllr Worth until after the Xmas period due to tentative plans to decorate elements of the memorial by Princetown Primary School. They will be returned in January.

It was agreed that discussion of the replacement Princetown 4X4 fire appliance would be deferred until January.

No confirmation of the booking of Postbridge village Hall for the March meeting of DFPC has been received. There was no plan to change the day of the week of DFPC meetings.

SECOND PUBLIC SESSION.

The Clerk (attending as a member of the public) thanked the Council for their support during his illness, and his attendance at the meeting was widely welcomed by the Council.

The Parish Lengthsman informed the Council that ditching work was due to start in January at Postbridge, Bellever, and Hexworthy and would incur a cost of £633.60. This work would need to be paid for out of reserves. Cllr Geen agreed to approach external bodies to see if any funding could be secured towards this expenditure.

A discussion followed on the lack of facilities for carrying out funeral services during the ongoing closure of Princetown Combined Church.

The meeting Closed at 9.15pm

19. Date of the next Meeting. The next meeting of Dartmoor Forest Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on the 28th of January 2020 at Princetown Community Centre.

