



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1930 on 28 March 2019
in Princetown Community Centre

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward: Cllr. Alison Geen	Princetown Ward: Cllr. David Worth**	Cllr. Gregg Manning*
Postbridge Ward: Cllr. Julian Greatrex	Cllr. Mark Renders	Cllr. Justine Colton Cllr. Wendy Stones
<i>* Chair, **Vice-Chair</i>		

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Gregg Manning.

There were 5 members of the public present.

Abbreviations used: **DFPC:** Dartmoor Forest Parish Council, **DNPA:** Dartmoor National Park Authority, **WDBC:** West Devon Borough Council, **DCC:** Devon County Council.

- 1. Apologies Received** Cllr. Paul Turnbull (fire service duties), Cllr. Wendy Watson (farming), WDBC Councillor Annabel Roberts.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** No further declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 28 February 2019** the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.
- 4. Spooner's & West Dartmoor Hunt in Princetown on 16th March 2019** Issues had been raised by some members of the public about the hunt going through Princetown. The council also received a report from the Master of the Hunt providing the viewpoint of the Hunt. It was resolved that there were no grounds for concern and no further action was required.
- 5. Princetown Bus Shelter** council agreed plan for redecorating bus shelter and a volunteer working party will be raised to address this.
- 6. Additional Signage by Forest Inn, Hexworthy** Request for an additional finger on the finger post opposite the pub saying "Sherberton" pointing up hill and the words "No Through Road" to be put below the no through road sign at the pub. This is to stop cars attempting to stop vehicular traffic trying to get to Sherbaton via the bridle path. Parish council agreed this would be raised with Devon Highways by Cllr. Geen.
- 7. Princetown Play Area** It was agreed that the review of safety inspection report and agreement of remedial actions would be delegated to the play area sub group. No urgent issues to address.
- 8. Anti-social driving initiative** CCTV quotation has been received for approximately £7,500, and annual maintenance cost of £400, to gain an understanding of cost and whether it would act as a suitable deterrent to anti-social behaviour. John Ward, anti-social behaviour officer at WDBC, believes it would act

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Signature of Chair



as a strong deterrent. The council resolved to investigate what permissions would be required and sources of potential funding.

9. Princetown Skate Park Clerk and Cllr. Stones to meet with young people at the Youth Club to discuss plans and get their involvement. Clerk has submitted a pre-application enquiry to DNPA which requires a site plan drawing.

10. Princetown public toilets the following was noted by the council from WDBC: *The lease for the Princetown facility, which ends on 23 March 2026, states that WDBC must use the premises as public convenience only and that it must be kept open at all reasonable times. Subject to DNPA's and the Duchy's (the Superior Landlord) agreement, it is, therefore, recommended that the provision be reduced to possibly one unisex and disabled facility, open seasonally (March to October) in order to reduce cleaning and other costs, whilst officers work together with DNPA and the Duchy with a view to finding potential alternative uses for the building, which would look to include an ongoing provision of a public toilet facility.* Report to Full Council on 26th March 2019. Council also received a report from Cllr. Annabel Roberts (WDBC). The council agreed no action was required at this stage.

11. Planning Council considered the following application(s). The applicant spoke about application. Council resolved to SUPPORT application.

Ref.	Address	Description	Received	Reply Due	Meeting Targeted	DFPC View
0114/19	3 New London, Princetown	Erection of two storey side extension to dwelling	19/03/2019	30/03/2019	28/03/2019	SUPPORT

FIRST PUBLIC SESSION David Cole asked whether the existing bins in the play park should be reused as planters. The council agreed this would be good use of them. David Cole would lay concrete bases for the new bins.

12. Financial Management

a. Cheques authorised this month were:

Ref	Chq No	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1214	1478	28/03/19	Steve Cox (Clerk's Pay)	£ 406.35
1215	1479	28/03/19	Harry Hooper-Noulton (Litter-picking)	£ 63.96
1216	1480	28/03/19	David Cole (Lengthsman's Pay)	£ 559.60
1217	1481	28/03/19	David Cole (expenses)	£ 205.50
1218	1482	28/03/19	Broxap Limited (Replacement Bins)	£ 365.88
1219	1483	28/03/19	Steve Cox (expenses)	£ 171.86

1220	1484	28/03/19	WDBC (cemetery rates)	£ 171.16
1221	1485	28/03/19	RoSPA playground inspection	£ 124.20

b. Monthly Report of Accounts was considered and accepted.

13. Project Progress Report Cllr Manning provided an update on Speedwatch. This included an update on meeting with New Forest National Park who have a 40mph speed limit.

14. Committees, Sub-Groups & Special Interests:

a) **Postbridge Cemetery** No report.

b) **Emergency Planning** Cllr. Worth submitted the following report: The most recent three month forecast from the Met office was issued on the 21st of March. The forecast, which covers the months of April, May, and June is for this period to be a warm one. The probability of these months being in the warmest category is given as 45% and the probability of it being in the coldest category as a mere 5%. However, given that the Winter period forecast was so spectacularly inept I feel no great confidence in believing it! Given the prediction of high pressure dominating the UK weather pattern, it should be of no surprise that the rainfall forecast is for it to be slightly below average as well. The Environment Agency report of water levels states that the regions reservoirs are currently at 85% full following a February rainfall which was only 77% of the long-term average. This reservoir reserve figure bears watching however, as this level is below both last year and the level at which 1995 (a near drought year) began.

In the shorter term, the weather is expected to be much the same as the moment until the middle of April, when a period of warmer weather is expected.

c) **Princetown School** are currently interviewing for a new Head Teacher.

15. Reports from other meetings:

a) Cllr. Manning provided an update on Princetown Neighbourhood Watch and the plans to raise funds for the organisation.

b) Meeting with Geoffrey Cox MP QC: Cllrs. Manning & Greatrex to represented council and advised that Mr Cox would be writing to Devon & Cornwall Police about anti-social driving and illegal rave. Clerk to circulate response.

16. Urgent decision since last meeting None.

17. Exchange of Information Limited to the exchange of information & items for next meeting

a) **Signage for Phone Box Exhibit:** It has been recommended that visitor signs are installed. Sign by bus shelter to be considered. Clerk believes parish council may own it as Asset Register lists two bus shelters in Princetown. It was resolved to purchase sign for a cost of £95.00 + VAT.

b) **Fire service access to Sherberton, Hexworthy** Cllr. Geen in communication with Devon & Somerset Fire Service about access to certain areas of Hexworthy.

c) **Princetown Distillery** Clerk has contacted Duchy of Cornwall for an update on this development.

d) **Toilets at Bellever** Clerk has discussed with Tim Powles, Forestry Commission, and the issues with blocked drain are being addressed and new pipe work is being installed. Cleaning regime of facility is also being reviewed.

e) **Dog Waste Bins** Clerk has asked WDBC for information on how new dog waste bins could be sited in Postbridge.

f) **Princetown War Memorial** has been listed as Grade 2 by Historic England.

g) **Parish Council Elections** will be held on 2nd May. Nomination packs and expenses information have been issued. Only 3 nominations had been received at the time of meeting.

- h) **Grass cutting** Tags for new waste bags had not been delivered. Clerk has followed up and they are now no longer required.
- i) **Station Road** concern was at the pot holes caused by site traffic to distillery.
- j) **Hessary Terrace** it was reported that iron railings that were previously reported as dangerous due to lead paint were now to be repainted.

SECOND PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked why letters of thanks had not been issued to the Mark & David Cole for organising the Christmas Tree. Clerk apologised and advised they would be issued. Also, council resolved to send letters to Johnny Neal and Michael Cole for their work picking litter in Princetown.

- 18.** The next meeting of the Parish Council is **19.30 on 23rd April 2019 at Princetown Community Centre.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.48.