



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1930 on 28 February 2019
in Postbridge Village Hall

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward: Cllr. Alison Geen	Princetown Ward: Cllr. David Worth** Cllr. Mark Renders	Cllr. Gregg Manning*
Postbridge Ward: Cllr. Julian Greatrex Cllr. Wendy Watson		

* Chair, **Vice-Chair

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Gregg Manning.

There were 13 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 Stones (illness), Cllr. Justine Colton (family care)
- 2. Declarations of Interest** No further declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 24 January 2019** the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.
- 4. Illegal Rave on Bellever 26/27 December** Ally Kohler and Simon Lee from DNPA, Sergeant Dave Clarke & PCSO Kevin Williams from Devon & Cornwall Police and Tim Powles from the Forestry Commission were present to discuss this incident. Simon Lee reported that there were 200-300 people present at the rave. The DNPA Rangers were present to support the Police. However, there were not enough resources to close down the event and therefore the Police could only contain the event and advise drivers that if they were not safe to drive, they should remain on the site. The Police have no powers to stop people parking and then walking to the site. Ally Kohler of DNPA reported that there was an initial meeting of the Dartmoor Rural Crime initiative to look into preventative measures to deter such activity. This could include recording vehicle registration numbers and issue follow up letters. In addition, impact statements would be completed to demonstrate impact on community. Tim Powles of Forestry Commission reported that new gates and barriers would be installed at Bellever. A number of comments were raised from members of the public on how this activity impacted the community. In addition, the parish council requested that they be invited to the next meeting of the Dartmoor Rural Crime initiative. Ally Kohler of DNPA confirmed that the parish council would be invited.



5. **Anti-social driving initiative** CCTV quotation remains outstanding. This has been escalated to Alison Hernandez, the Police & Crime Commissioner.
6. **Princetown Skate Park** – the council agreed a provisional fundraising target and budget of £60,000 to £70,000. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Stones would meet with young people at the Youth Club to discuss plans and get their involvement. Tom Stratton, Duchy of Cornwall, had also written to the council to request further details of the project when it became available.
7. **Wall opposite HMP Dartmoor** the council have been advised that the prison authorities have applied for funding for the long-term repairs of the wall. They expect to be notified of the decision in April.
8. **Dartmoor Conservation Garden** the council supported the Moor than Meets the Eye project to improve the garden. This uses the remaining Parishscapes funds of £1,781.
9. **Parish Council Meeting Night** Following a review of councillor's availability for the parish council meeting it was resolved that from April the council would meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
10. **Planning** Council considered the following applications. Residents spoke about application 0037/19 and raised concerns about the telecom's equipment. Please note: due to the timing of receiving 0019/19 was provisionally supported last month, however it was formally supported at tonight's meeting.

11.

Ref.	Address	Description	Received	Reply Due	Meeting Targeted	DFPC View
0019/19	Peat Cot Farm, Princetown	Conversion of an existing outbuilding to music room	19/01/2019	07/02/2019	28/02/2019	SUPPORT
0037/19	4 Forestry Houses, Postbridge	Installation of telecoms equipment on roof of dwelling	26/01/2019	14/02/2019	28/02/2019	NEUTRAL
0044/19	Bachelors Hall, Princetown	Erection of extension to existing field centre to form boiler room and drying room together with linking walkway	26/01/2019	14/02/2019	28/02/2019	SUPPORT

FIRST PUBLIC SESSION No issues raised.

10. Financial Management

- a. Cheques authorised this month were:

Ref	Chq No	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1209	1473	28/02/19	Society of Local Council Clerks subscription	£ 106.00

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1210	1474	28/02/19	Steve Cox (Clerk's Pay)	£ 406.35
1211	1475	28/02/19	Harry Hooper-Noulton (Litter-picking)	£ 63.96
1212	1476	28/02/19	Steve Cox expenses - (condolence books)	£ 43.15
1213	1477	28/02/19	Duchy of Cornwall (play area rent)	£ 42.00

b. Monthly Report of Accounts was considered and accepted.

11. Project Progress Report Cllr Manning provided an update on Speedwatch.

12. Committees, Sub-Groups & Special Interests:

- a) **Postbridge Cemetery** tree survey completed. Awaiting report. Branch has fallen and damaged bench. This will need repairing.
- b) **Emergency Planning** No report.

13. Reports from other meetings: Cllrs. Manning & Greatrex represented the council at the site visit for the Postbridge Visitor Centre planning application.

14. Urgent decision since last meeting None.

15. 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 to identify who owns it.
- b) **Meeting with Geoffrey Cox MP QC** Cllrs. Manning & Greatrex to represent council and raise concerns about anti-social driving and illegal rave at meeting with Mr Cox on 2nd March.
- c) **Fire service access to Sherberton, Hexworthy** Cllr. Geen in communication with Devon & Somerset Fire Service about access to certain areas of Hexworthy.
- d) **Princetown Distillery** Clerk to contact Duchy of Cornwall for an update on this development.

SECOND PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- a. Toilets at Bellever – concern at the state of the toilets which were often dirty and blocked. Clerk to raise with Tim Powles, Forestry Commission.
- b. Dog waste bins – could the council investigate whether bins could be placed in sites in Postbridge.
- c. Grit – sacks of grit would be delivered from parish council stock to Dartfordleigh.

16. The next meeting of the Parish Council is **19.30 on 28th March 2019 at Princetown Community Centre.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.45.