



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1930 on 23 April 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. Wendy Watson	Cllr. Mark Renders	Cllr. Justine Colton Cllr. Wendy Stones
* Chair, **Vice-Chair		

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Gregg Manning.

There were 6 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).
- 2. Declarations of Interest** No further declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 28 March 2019** the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.
- 4. New Councillor Induction** Clerk is preparing material for inducting new councillors. It was agreed that this should include the following:
 - a) Good Councillor Guide
 - b) Planning – what are material considerations?
 - c) Code of Conduct
 - d) Responsibilities of different tiers of local government.Also, agreed that the new councillors should have an individual mentor or 'buddy', from the existing councillors, to support them.
- 5. Outgoing Councillors** it was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Clerk should be sent to outgoing councillors.
- 6. Plans for New Council** it was agreed that a 'meet and greet' session should be organised for the new council.
- 7. Princetown Play Area** Agreed a sign is required for play area to enable the public to report any issues with the park. Lengthsman to measure sign for gate. Clerk will order.
- 8. Anti-social driving initiative** Awaiting details of other CCTV firms to ask to quote from OPCC. Council will need to consider how this could be funded. To be discussed by new council.
- 9. Princetown Skate Park** Clerk & Cllr. Stones met with Youth Club to review plans. Mike Gilbert of Hexworthy is kindly assisting with a site plan.

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10. Planning Council considered the following application(s) and determined that the amended plans were not material and therefore took a NEUTRAL view.

0606/16	Land to the south west of the Villa, Princetown	Amended Plans	15/04/2019	30/04/2019	23/04/2019	NEUTRAL
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FIRST PUBLIC SESSION A member of the public asked how they could find out about the candidates for parish council. It was advised that it was the responsibility of individual candidates to publicise their credentials. Cllr. Roberts advised she would investigate what training for new councillors would be organised by WDBC.

11. Financial Management

a. Cheques authorised this month were:

Ref	Chq No	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1227	1488	23/04/19	Steve Cox (Clerk's Pay)	£ 406.35
1228	1489	23/04/19	David Cole (Lengthsman's Pay)	£ 559.80
1229	1490	23/04/19	Harry Hooper-Noulton (Litter picker fee)	£ 66.73
1230	1491	23/04/19	WDBC contribution to Princetown toilet costs	£ 4,737.88
1231	1492	23/04/19	WDBC Dog Bin Emptying charge	£ 71.76
1232	1493	23/04/19	DALC annual subscription	£ 242.97
1233	1494	23/04/19	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£ 102.00
1234	1495	23/04/19	Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£ 469.04

b. Monthly Report of Accounts was considered and accepted.

13. Project Progress Report Cllr Manning provided the following report: A new health and safety review has taken place within Speedwatch and they have now identified a number of risks where before there were none. A lot more paperwork has been introduced and this will incur a lot more work for little gain. Whether this is a new broom who feels the need to make changes just so his job can be justified I am not sure but it can only have a detrimental effect on the work we are trying to do. If I am still on the council next month, I will be able to give you a fuller report but at the moment I am still trying to assess the impact. What I can tell you is that I still have 14 very keen volunteers who have been supporting me for the last three years.

14. Committees, Sub-Groups & Special Interests:

a) **Postbridge Cemetery** Cllr. Greatrex commended the Lengthsman David Cole for his work repairing the damaged bench.

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- b) **Emergency Planning** Cllr. Worth advised that the Met Office were no longer issuing 3-month forecasts.
- c) **Princetown School** have appointed Miss Byrom as new Head of School, formerly a teacher in Plymouth. School bingo very well attended.
- d) **Princetown Youth Club** Currently well attended. However, current youth helper has resigned and advertising for replacement will be organised.

15. Reports from other meetings: None

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:** Example of sign saved under 'Councillor Briefing Notes'. Size 450mm by 750mm. Council resolved to purchase sign.
- b) **Dog Waste Bins Postbridge** WDBC have asked for confirmation of location. Dog bins are priced at £270.00 and installation cost can vary between £50.00 and £250.00 depending on the site. Collection costs are currently under review and likely to rise to £2.30 per lift in 2019/20 and to £3.48 in 20/21. Postbridge councillors to consider suitable location.
- c) **Wall outside HMP Dartmoor** Clerk has asked Tom Lee what legal powers Devon Highways have to enforce the wall to be fixed. As has previously been raised by the council, if a member of the public's wall caused an obstruction to the highway, it would be expected that they rectify it.
- d) **Cllr. Turnbull** Clerk advised that Cllr. Turnbull, who was unable to attend this evening, was moving to Postbridge and did not wish to stand for council there as two existing councillors.
- e) **Community Centre** roof is to be fixed.
- f) **Princetown Church** is currently not being used as needs repair and possibly may be closed permanently.
- g) **Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site** thank you event for donors and supporters to be organised.
- h) **West Devon Borough Councillor** Thanks was conveyed to Cllr. Annabel Roberts for her service to the parish during her role as Borough Councillor.

SECOND PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public reported overhanging branches on the Tavistock Road to Rundlestone. Clerk to investigate.

18. The next meeting of the Parish Council is 19.30 on TUESDAY 14th May 2019 at Princetown Community Centre. This will be both the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.24.