

1. **Apologies** None as yet
2. **Declarations of Interest** none as yet
3. **Acceptance of minutes** Hoping for minutes to be forwarded to me and onwards this weekend
4. **Princetown Public Toilets** – Council needs to decide on our policy with regards to future funding of the public toilets in Princetown
5. **Princetown roadside parking issues** – Cllr. King has raised this issue, see copy of his email:-

PARKING IN PRINCETOWN

Once again we are at peak season for holidays . Obviously increased traffic flow results The problem is that it does not "flow" . Parking on the double yellow lines outside

1. *The Old Police Station Cafe in Tavistock Rd (this includes "overhanging" the double yellows from coaches in their parking area in Station Rd thus narrowing the road which accesses the main DNPA car park and the Fire Station and Distillery) This area is surely inadequate as a coach park Add also parking outside The Prince of Wales PH*
2. *The length of Station Rd from its junction with Tavistock Rd to the entrance to the DNPA car park (add the above which is on the opposite side of this road)*
3. *The entrance of Belliver CIs from Tavistock Rd junction down to the School both sides of the road not forgetting vehicles including coaches that park opposite this junction (outside the cafe)*
4. *Outside opposite the school in Tavistock Rd .*
5. *11.*

One day last week I counted 18 vehicles parked on different double yellow line locations.

Parking at junctions is also hazardous to both pedestrians and road traffic . Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that vehicles must not park within 10 meters of a road junction and not left so as to cause an obstruction to pedestrians or traffic In short this is totally ignored throughout the village. A pretty much continuous line of vehicles stretch from the junction of Belliver Close along Tavistock Rd shop parade to the mini roundabout Two Bridges Rd and Plymouth Hill junctions . At the rear of the shops is an under used substantial public car park which is unsigned. Therefore I think steps need to be taken to sign it prominently as soon as possible .And finally a true story:-

Having pointed out to a motorist that she had parked across a dropped curb (the only gap available) at the entrance to the craft center forecourt she replied "can you tell me where the disabled car parking is" Ashamedly I had to admit there was none.

Proposal

- *To engage with WDBC to allocate a regular enforcement officer or Devon and Cornwall Constabulary for an Officer / PCSO to attend to parking issues (laws are being ignored)*

- To get signs made and fitted directing traffic to the FREE parking at the rear of the shops Tavistock Rd
 - To provide 2 / 3 marked bays in front of the shops on Tavistock Rd for disabled parking.
6. **Snow Tourism** – There has been no progress of any plans because of Steve's lack of time. Do we want to continue action about this subject? We were going to have a follow up meeting in May but this didn't happen. We did have a separate meeting with the Police and the Police and Crime Commissioners Office. They were keen for some action to be taken but their suggestion was for a diversion via Tavistock either from or to Princetown so that traffic was one way. Given the complaints about the road closures recently I am not sure this will go down well with the residents of any of the villages in the council area.
 7. **Speedwatch feedback re: B3212 - Two Bridges Road.** Nothing received as yet.
 8. **Climate Emergency** – Nigel provided a very comprehensive report and words for a possible Climate Emergency Declaration back in June. See below
THE DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE DECLARATION
 1. *Dartmoor Forest Parish Council is aware of the significant implications of climate change for all communities; it is already affecting our environment, infrastructure, economy and health & wellbeing. If not addressed, the impact on future generations will be profound and the ability to meet the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals will be severely compromised.*
 2. *We understand that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has advised that carbon emissions must reduce globally by at least 45% by 2030 from 2010 levels and reach net-zero by 2050 if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change by keeping warming below 1.5 degrees.*
 3. *We have reviewed our activities to identify where we might reduce carbon emissions, and our powers to bring about wider change within our community. We find there is little we can add to the work being undertaken by higher tier authorities.*
 4. *We commit to considering the impact on climate and ecology in our future decisions.*

We need to vote on whether to accept this declaration as is or make changes. The idea is that this is a general statement of fact. We can then proceed to decide on actions to take e.g. asking if Borough Council/DNPA is installing charging points, "Green" corners in school and other areas etc. I suggest we look at one subject per meeting to decide whether/how to take suggestions forward.

9. **Funding of Churchyard upkeep** – next steps
10. **Jubilee Celebrations 2022** – Committee formation
11. **Planning Application 0437/21: Longhouse at Babeny Farm, Poundsgate**
PUBLIC SESSION
12. **Financial management** I haven't received anything as yet and as our new clerk has been away this may not be presented at this meeting.
13. **Reports from meetings**
Warmer Healthier Homes Pilot Scheme nothing received as yet

14. **Committees, Sub Groups and Special Interests** – Princetown Play area update

15. **Urgent decisions since last meeting** None

16. **Exchange of information:**

- a. **Former Prison Officer's Club update** – email and photos received from Gregg, see em text below:-

As you can see the fencing has been fixed with in some places somewhat rusty sections but it is all complete. A bit disappointing that all the old sections that were removed have now been left in an unsightly pile on the site but perhaps this is going to be removed at a later date.

- b. **Station Cottages road update** – email from Andrew Watson received 30/7 see text below. I have written back to Mrs Camp with this info. but was also going to email the Distillery about lorries driving past the site and onto the private road. I haven't got to that yet.

I have a Give Way traffic sign on order to go at the exit/entrance of the car park. The white lining across the entrance is "give way" which is appropriate to the junction – I will arrange to get this installed promptly once it arrives.

Unfortunately we are unable to refresh the double yellow lines due to the poor condition of the road surface at the moment caused by the construction traffic to the distillery. The plan is that once the construction traffic subsides we will look at what works are necessary for full re-surfacing of the road, with laying of DYL as part of those works. There will no doubt need to be discussions I am sure with the Duchy around contributions towards the cost of this which could be substantial – I don't have a timescale on this.

I will arrange for the vegetation to be cleared around the signage at the start of the route hopefully this will be during next week - we are flat out at the moment. The Duchy and ourselves have reviewed current signage (the private road sign was obscured by contractor fencing – now resolved). We do not consider there is any more we can reasonably do – the start of the trail is obvious, but some people are probably in conversation as they leave the car park and do not look where they are going!

- c. **DPFC website use by local businesses** – I thought I had tried to add our Timber business again but nothing has come up. I wonder if not having a clerk for last 2 weeks had affected this. I will have to try again once Andrew is in post and ask him to contact the website company if it doesn't work.