



Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th August 2021 at Princetown Community Centre

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward:	Princetown Ward:	
	Cllr. David Worth**	Cllr. Nigel Tigwell
Postbridge Ward:	Cllr. Stephen King	Cllr. Wendy Stones
Cllr. Julian Greatrex	Cllr. Phil Henson	Cllr. Gregg Manning
Cllr. Wendy Watson		
		**Vice-Chair

Also Present: Cllr. Philip Sanders (DCC), Andrew Wyer (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

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

As Cllr. Geen was not present, the Vice-Chair, Cllr. David Worth chaired the meeting.

- 1. Apologies Received** Cllr. Alison Geen, Cllr. Emma Byrom and Cllr. Mark Renders (WDBC)
- 2. Declarations of Interest** None
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** The draft minutes were amended to correct minute 20.a before being approved and signed.
- 4. Princetown Public Toilets** The toilets were recognised as being vital and a well-used facility. Although WDBC hold the lease, it would be in the interests of the Parish to ensure they remain open. DNPA has withdrawn its contribution of £1000pa and DFPC declined to contribute last year. As the DFPC contribution would have to come directly from the Precept so it should be kept to a minimum. The value of any contribution would have to be agreed as part of the budget discussions, but the council agreed in principal this should not be more than the net level of previous years.
- 5. Princetown roadside parking issues.** It was agreed that we should invite civil enforcement officers to attend more regularly. It was queried if Police approved volunteers could provide “educational” materials? The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about the No Parking sign which had gone missing from the exit route from the Fire Brigade station. There is a bit of land near Bellever Close which could provide a suitable short stay parking area – landowner to be contacted.
- 6. Snow Tourism.** It was felt that we should push for a meeting with all the main parties at same time, rather than a series of individual meetings. While the issue is a low priority to most agencies, the Fire service had expressed concern about restricted access along roads blocked by parked/abandoned vehicles. It was agreed to push for Clearway status for the roads concerned



and for an electronic sign at Roborough roundabout which could advise of closed roads ahead at a point where people could turn around easily.

- 7. Speedwatch feedback re: B3212, Two Bridges Road.** A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Stones reported that she had been contacted requesting a speed hump or similar traffic calming measures. It was felt that the existing evidence was unlikely to justify these works. The Speedwatch team will assess the location to see if they could operate there, which could provide additional evidence and/or reduce speeding in the area.
- 8. Climate Emergency.** Councillors were very much in favour of promoting additional electric charging points and for greater Council use of zoom meetings. The new policy was adopted unanimously.
- 9. Funding of Churchyard upkeep** Councillors were keen to encourage schemes to raise money for this, such as a donation box. Cllr. Manning will approach Rev. Andrew Thomas for a contribution from the Church of England. The Clerk confirmed that funds raised for a specific purpose could be “ring fenced” in the accounts to ensure that is where the money was spent. The Clerk advised that there are legal issues with local Council’s funding Church costs.
- 10. Jubilee Celebrations 2022** – Council agreed to allocate funding in the next budget for this event to be marked, possibly in a similar way to previous events. Cllr. Stones and Cllr. Greatrex agreed to work together generating ideas/proposals.
- 11. Planning** It was resolved to support the below planning application:
0437/21: Longhouse at Babeny Farm, Poundsgate.
PUBLIC SESSION – Cllr. Worth reported receiving a request for the football pitch to be cut again (by Saturday). Cllr. Sanders (DCC) suggested that if speeding issues were regularly at a specific time, then a PCSO may be able to attend. The Clerk was also asked to chase up the damaged signs on the B3212 at the Leather Tor car park
- 12. Financial management.** The Clerk reported that as he had only received a handful of emails since taking over (the rest having gone to the old email address which the Clerk can not access) he had no payroll information or bank account updates. Councillors approved the payment of the two regular fixed amount payments, with anything else being deferred to the next meeting:
- | Ref | Chq. No. | Date | Payee & Details | Amount |
|------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1442 | 1684 | 24/08/2021 | Josh Cook – Litter Picker fee | £40.00 |
| 1443 | 1685 | 24/08/2021 | David Cole – Pay | £528.00 |
- 13. Reports from meetings** – Warmer Healthier Homes – No meeting had taken place yet.
- 14. Committees, Subgroups and Special Interests** –
Princetown Play area update – Dave has done the outstanding jobs and had donated a new padlock for the top gate.
Food Hub – Cllr. Stones had been in contact with them and would be distributing further information over the next few days.
Highways training The Clerk was asked to chase up or action the training discussed at the last meeting.
- 15. Urgent decisions since last meeting** None.
Although not a decision, Cllr. Stones reported that the collapsed roadside drain had been coned off.
The Clerk was asked to report a potentially dangerous building to WDBC
- 16. Exchange of information:** Updates had been distributed prior to the meeting on:
Former Prison Officer’s Club, Station Cottages road and DPFC website use by local businesses.

Cllr. Manning requested that the Skatepark project be on the next agenda and suggested that Tom Stratton could give a presentation to Council?

Cllr. Stones asked the Clerk to chase up the bank mandate updates.

It was reported that the CCTV has been affected by power outages. Clerk to follow up.

PUBLIC SESSION None

17. Date of next meeting 19:30 on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at Princetown Community Centre.

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20:55



Dartmoor National Park Byelaws Consultation: Comparison of existing and proposed byelaws

Current wording of Byelaws	Suggested new wording for Byelaws (Changes have been highlighted in bold)
<p>1 Interpretation</p> <p>In the construction of these byelaws “the Authority” means Devon County Council acting in its capacity as Dartmoor National Park Authority and “access land” shall be all that land:</p> <p>(i) defined as “the commons” in Section 2 of the Dartmoor Commons Act 1985 and</p> <p>(i) land within the Dartmoor National Park to which the public has access by virtue of the Authority having an interest in that land and which is more particularly identified in Schedule 1 to these byelaws.</p>	<p>1 Interpretation</p> <p>In the construction of these byelaws “the Authority” means Dartmoor National Park Authority and “Access Land” shall be land:</p> <p>(i) defined as “the commons” in Section 2 of the Dartmoor Commons Act 1985; and/or</p> <p>(ii) defined as “access land” in Section 1(1) and Section 16 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; and/or</p> <p>(iii) land within the Dartmoor National Park to which the public has access by virtue of the Authority having an interest in that land and which is more particularly identified in Schedule 1 to these byelaws.</p>

<p>2 Extent of Byelaws</p> <p>Nothing in these byelaws shall apply to:</p> <p>(i) any act done in pursuance of the exercise of any right of common; or</p> <p>(ii) the owner of any part of the access land as respects any act done on that part by him or by any person acting with his consent (and the consent of the Authority where necessary to accord with byelaws 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19).</p>	<p>2 Extent of Byelaws</p> <p>Nothing in these byelaws shall apply to:</p> <p>(i) any act done in pursuance of the exercise of any right of common</p> <p>(ii) the owner of any part of the Access Land as respects any act done on that part by him or by any person acting with his consent and the consent of the Authority where necessary to accord with Byelaw 12, 7(i) 16, 17, 18,19 (ii) 20</p>
<p>3 Vehicles</p> <p>No person shall without reasonable excuse ride or drive a cycle, motorcycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled</p>	<p>3 Revocation</p> <p>The Byelaws made by Devon County Council (acting as Park Authority for Dartmoor National Park) on 17 April 1989 and confirmed by the Home Secretary relating to the Access Land are hereby revoked.</p>
<p>3 Vehicles</p> <p>No person shall without reasonable excuse ride or drive a cycle, motorcycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled</p>	<p>4 Vehicles</p> <p>No person shall without reasonable excuse drive, ride or propel any mechanically propelled vehicle or any pedal</p>

vehicle on any part of the access land where there is no right of way for that class of vehicle.

The right to park a vehicle within 13.75 metres of a road contained in Section 34 Road Traffic Act 1988 shall not apply to those verges where the Authority has erected signs indicating that parking off the highway at those points is prohibited. **(Removed and covered in revised Byelaw 4 below)**

This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

If the Authority has set apart a space on the access land for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a direct route between it and the public road.

In this byelaw:

“cycle” means bicycle, a tricycle or a cycle having four or more wheels not being in any case a motorcycle or motor vehicle;

“Invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

“motorcycle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle not being an invalid carriage with fewer than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle not being an invalid carriage intended or adapted for use on roads.

propelled vehicle on any part of the Access Land other than on a highway where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

If the Authority has set apart a space on the Access Land for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a direct route between it and the highway.

This byelaw shall not extend to mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs (together known legally as ‘invalid carriages’). “Invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person.

<p>4 Parking</p> <p>No person shall without reasonable excuse park or knowingly cause to remain on the access land a caravan or trailer unattached to a towing vehicle, except on any area which is set apart and indicated by notice as a place where the parking of such caravans or trailers is permitted.</p>	<p>5 Parking</p> <p>(i) The parking of a vehicle is not permitted on those verges where the Authority has erected signs indicating that parking off the highway at those points is prohibited.</p> <p>(ii) No person shall without reasonable excuse park or cause to remain on the Access Land a caravan or trailer attached or unattached to a towing vehicle, except on any area which is set apart and indicated by notice as a place where the parking of such caravans or trailers is permitted</p> <p>(iii) Between the hours of 9pm and 9am no person shall occupy or sleep in any mechanically propelled vehicle, caravan or trailer parked on Access Land.</p> <p>(iv) No person shall park any mechanically propelled vehicle on Access Land in such a manner as to impede the flow of agricultural traffic or livestock, to block (in whole or part) gateways or cattlegrid side gate entrances that are not on the highway.</p>
<p>5 Repairs of Vehicles</p> <p>No person shall clean, paint or carry out repairs on any vehicle parked on the access land except in the event of an accident, breakdown or other emergency.</p>	<p>6 Repairs of Vehicles</p> <p>No person shall clean, paint or carry out repairs on any vehicle parked on the access land except in the event of an accident, breakdown or other emergency.</p>

<p>6 Camping</p> <p>No person shall knowingly use any vehicle, including a caravan or any structure other than a tent for the purpose of camping on the access land or land set out for the use or parking of vehicles except on any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where such camping is permitted.</p> <p>No person shall knowingly erect a tent on the access land for the purpose of camping:</p> <p>(a) in any area listed in Schedule 2 to these byelaws;</p> <p>(b) within 100 metres of any public road or in any enclosure.</p> <p>No person shall camp in a tent on the same site on the access land for more than two consecutive nights, except on any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where such camping is permitted.</p>	<p>7 Camping</p> <p>No person shall camp on the Access Land other than in accordance with the provisions of this section. For the avoidance of doubt:</p> <p>(i) Camping is only permitted in single person bivouacs or in tents that sleep no more than 3 people and can be carried in a backpack and in groups of no more than 6 people; This byelaw does not apply to agreed expeditions who have written permission from the owner of the land and the Authority;</p> <p>(ii) No person shall erect or use any tent, hammock, tarpaulin or other temporary structure that requires support by cords or bands placed on trees.</p> <p>(iii) Camping is only permitted in the areas as detailed in the Camping Map which shall be (1) published on the Authority's website and (2) available for inspection at the Dartmoor National Park visitor centres and at the headquarters of the Authority and</p> <p>(3) amended from time to time after approval by the National Park Authority at a public meeting; and</p> <p>(iv) No person shall camp in a tent for more than 2 consecutive nights at the same location.</p>
<p>7 Water</p>	<p>8 Water</p>

<p>No person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any watercourse, leat or drain on the access land to be obstructed or diverted or interfere with any sluice gate or similar apparatus on the access land.</p>	<p>No person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any watercourse, leat or drain on the access land to be obstructed or diverted or interfere with any sluice gate or similar apparatus on the access land.</p>
<p>8 Fires</p> <p>No person shall light a fire on the access land, or place or throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire. This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting or use in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker.</p>	<p>9 Fires</p> <p>(i) No person shall light or tend a fire on the Access Land, or place or throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.</p> <p>(iii) This byelaw shall not prevent the use of a camping stove manufactured as a camping stove or cooker, provided it is used in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire.</p> <p>(iii) The use of barbecues, including disposable barbecues whether manufactured as such or otherwise, is not permitted anywhere on the Access Land if it is used in such a manner as to cause fire, damage or harm to the land or vegetation or when the Fire Severity Index reaches High or at other such times when directed by signs.</p> <p>(iv) No person shall gather any material from the Access Land to use as fuel for any fire.</p> <p>(iv) No person shall launch either Chinese Lanterns, fireworks or flares from the Access Land.</p>

<p>9 Dogs</p> <p>Every person in charge of a dog on the access land shall as far as is reasonably practicable keep the dog under close control and restrain the dog from behaviour giving reasonable grounds for annoyance.</p> <p>Every person in charge of a dog on the access land shall, as far as is reasonably practicable, comply with a direction given by a Ranger or other officer of the Authority to keep the dog on a lead.</p> <p>A direction under paragraph 2 above may only be given if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any person on the access land or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.</p>	<p>10 Dogs</p> <p>(i) No person in charge of any dog shall permit any dog to disturb or worry any stock or wildlife or cause any nuisance or annoyance to any person on the Access Land.</p> <p>(ii) No person in charge of any dog shall cause or allow a dog to be exercised other than under close control and, if directed to do so by a Ranger, must keep any dog on a lead.</p> <p>(iii) Between 1 March and 31 July each year all dogs have to be kept on a short lead of no more than 2 metres in length</p> <p>(iv) No single person shall bring more than 6 dogs on to the Access Land at any one time.</p> <p>“Dog” shall exclude police dogs, search and rescue dogs, guide or assistance dogs and any dog that is working on the Access Land with the consent of the landowner.</p>
<p>10 Feeding of Animals</p> <p>No person on the access land shall feed or permit to be fed any animal lawfully grazed upon the land.</p> <p>Notice of the effect of this byelaw shall be given by signs placed in such positions as the Authority may consider adequate to inform persons on the access land.</p>	<p>11 Feeding of Animals</p> <p>No person other than the owner of any animal or the owner’s authorised agent shall feed or permit to be fed any animal lawfully grazing on the Access Land.</p>
<p>11 Racehorses</p>	<p>12 Racehorses</p>

<p>No person shall ride, train or exercise racehorses on an area of access land where the Authority has given a direction to the owner, trainer or rider of those racehorses that that area is not to be used for that purpose.</p>	<p>No person shall ride, train or exercise racehorses on the Access Land unless the owner of the land and the Authority has given written permission.</p>
<p>12 Protection of Wildlife</p> <p>No person shall without lawful excuse or authority on the access land, kill, molest or intentionally disturb any animal or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.</p>	<p>13 Protection of Wildlife</p> <p>No person shall without lawful excuse or authority:</p> <p>(i) intentionally or recklessly take, kill, injure or disturb any wild animal, bird or fish; intentionally or recklessly take, damage or destroy any eggs or nests.</p> <p>(ii) engage in any operations of or connected with hunting, shooting, fishing, trapping, snaring, taking or destroying of animals, birds or fish or have with them any engine, instrument or apparatus used for hunting, shooting, fishing, trapping, snaring, taking or destroying animals, birds or fish.</p>
<p>13 Firearms and Projectiles</p> <p>No person shall:</p> <p>discharge on the access land without lawful authority any firearm, air weapon or crossbow; or</p> <p>release any projectile or throw any missile on the access land to the danger of any other person or so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance; or</p>	<p>14 Firearms and projectiles</p> <p>No person shall:</p> <p>(i) discharge on the Access Land without lawful authority any firearm, air weapon, crossbow: or</p>

<p>drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball on any area of the access land listed in Schedule 2 to these byelaws down to and including Plasterdown or on any other area of access land so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance.</p>	<p>(ii) release any projectile or throw any missile on the Access Land to the danger of any other person or so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance; or</p> <p>(iii) hit a golf ball or similar on any of the Access Land.</p>
<p>14 Damage to Land</p> <p>No person on the access land shall without reasonable excuse:</p> <p>(a) climb any wall or fence on or enclosing the land;</p> <p>(b) remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the access land.</p> <p>No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace on the access land any soil, peat, dung or stones.</p>	<p>15 Damage to land</p> <p>No person on the Access Land shall without reasonable excuse or lawful authority:</p> <p>(i) break or damage any wall or fence on or enclosing the Access Land;</p> <p>(ii) remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the Access Land; or</p> <p>(iii) remove from, displace or damage on the Access Land any vegetation, wood, soil, peat, dung or stones.</p>
<p>15 Metal Detectors</p> <p>No person shall on the access land use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground unless he is authorised to do so by the Authority.</p>	<p>16 Metal detectors</p> <p>No person shall on the Access Land use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground unless they have written permission from the owner of the land and the Authority.</p>

<p>16 Commercial Activities</p> <p>No person shall on the access land offer for sale or let to hire any commodity or article, or offer any service for reward unless he is authorised to do so in pursuance of an agreement with the Authority and the owner of the land.</p>	<p>17 Commercial activities</p> <p>No person shall offer for sale or hire any goods or services on the Access Land in exchange for payment or reward unless he is authorised to do so in pursuance of an agreement with the owner of the land and the Authority.</p>
	<p>18 Recreational Activities</p> <p>No person shall on the Access Land participate or engage in any activity which comprises over 50 people on foot, or 30 horses or cyclists, unless he is authorised to do so in pursuance of an agreement with the owner of the land and the Authority.</p>
<p>17 Aircraft</p> <p>No person shall take off from or land upon the access land in an aircraft, helicopter, hang-glider or hot-air balloon (except in an emergency) unless he is authorised to do so by the Authority.</p>	<p>19 Aircraft</p> <p>No person shall take off from or land upon the Access Land in an aircraft, helicopter, hang-glider, paraglider, hot-air balloon or any other craft designed for manned flight (except in an emergency) unless he is authorised to do so by the owner of the land and the Authority.</p>
<p>18 Kites and Model Aircraft</p> <p>No person shall fly a kite or model glider from the access land in such a manner as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to</p>	<p>20 Kites, model aircraft and drones</p> <p>(i) No person shall fly a kite from or over the Access Land in such a manner as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to any other</p>

<p>any other person or in such a manner as is likely to startle or disturb stock on the land.</p> <p>No person shall release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft on or over the access land unless he is authorised to do so by the Authority.</p> <p>For the purpose of this byelaw “model aircraft” means an aircraft which either weighs not more than 5 kilograms without its fuel or is for the time being exempted (as a model aircraft) from provisions of the Air Navigation Order and “power driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible vapour or other combustible substances or by one or more electric motors.</p>	<p>person or in such a manner as is likely to startle or disturb stock or wildlife on the land.</p> <p>(ii) No person shall launch any model aircraft or drone from the Access Land unless authorised to do so by the owner of the land and the Authority.</p> <p>(iii) No person shall operate any model aircraft or drone over the Access Land at a height or location that may disturb stock or wildlife or cause a nuisance to another person.</p>
<p>19 Entertainments</p> <p>No person shall hold any show, concert, exhibition or other entertainment on the access land. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any show, concert, exhibition or other entertainment authorised by the Authority.</p>	<p>21 Entertainments</p> <p>No person shall hold any rave, show, concert, exhibition or other entertainment on the Access Land unless authorised in writing by the owner of the land and the Authority.</p>
<p>20 Music and Radios</p> <p>No person shall play or operate or knowingly cause or permit to be played or operated any musical instrument, radio, television set, record or cassette player, amplifier or similar appliance in such a manner as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to another person on the access land.</p>	<p>22 Music and radios</p> <p>No person shall play or operate or knowingly cause or permit to be played or operated any musical instrument, radio, television set, record, CD, DVD player, amplifier or smart speaker using an internet or mobile connection, or similar appliance in such a manner as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to another person on the Access Land.</p>

<p>21 Rangers</p> <p>No person shall on the access land:</p> <p>(a) intentionally obstruct any Ranger or other officer of the Authority in the proper execution of his duties;</p> <p>(b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Authority;</p> <p>(c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the access land, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons on the access land.</p> <p>An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the access land by a Ranger or other officer of the Authority, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Authority, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.</p>	<p>23 Rangers</p> <p>No person shall on the Access Land:</p> <p>(i) intentionally obstruct any Ranger or other officer of the Authority in the proper execution of their duties;</p> <p>(ii) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Authority;</p> <p>(iii) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the Access Land, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons on the access land; or</p> <p>(iv) fail to follow an instruction by a Ranger or officer of the Authority acting within their authority.</p>
<p>22 Penalty</p> <p>Every person who shall offend against the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the Standard Scale.</p>	<p>24 Penalty</p> <p>Any person who offends against any of these Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 on the Standard Scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.</p>

Dear All

I am making contact with an update in relation to the surface water issues that have been experienced in recent weeks in Princetown.

As some of you will be aware, surface water from a ditch system at the rear of Royal Court has been struggling to get through a culvert within the ground at the rear of that property, due to a partial collapse and there is a secondary and related collapse at the main outlet of the system just below Princetown Primary School.

The Duchy has undertaken extensive enquiries to determine responsibility for this system and neither the local authority nor South West Water have accepted any liability. Because of the significance of the issue and the need to address it as quickly as possible, the Duchy has taken it upon itself to provide a solution and we have now obtained two quotations for the work, one of which has been accepted, with a start date of 23rd September. The latter date has been confirmed to me this morning by our contractor, Cann Bros from Tavistock but in the interim and over the last 24 hours, a small collapse has been reported to me on the line of the permissive path connecting Bellever Close with the community centre. We have cordoned this off but I am writing to advise you that given the risk of a further collapse we will be closing the path off as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements. We have instructed a contractor today.

The work below the school will involve excavating out the existing culvert, which is some 5ft below the level of the existing path surface, with the culvert being reconstructed and then backfilled. It will be quite a deep excavation, so there will be a need to absolutely ensure no public access. If you could spread the word with any contacts that may use the path that would be much appreciated and if you have any queries, then do of course let me know.

Best wishes

Tom

Tom Stratton, Deputy Land Steward – Western District



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Dear Alison and Andrew,

Following the correspondence regarding the felling at Dunnabridge , Tom has asked me to send a summary on the intended works on the plantation behind the community centre in Princetown.

We have sent the attached letter and map out to the residents of 1-12 Bellever Close to consult on their opinions regarding the felling of the sitka. As the letter describes, the intention is to fell this plantation of sitka and replant with a broadleaf woodland. we have had several responses back in, which at the moment largely favour option 1.

We have been in contact with Greg Manning regarding the creation of a skate park and he is aware of the proposal outlined above.

All being well, we are planning to carry out this work this autumn.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks

Lisabeth

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Dear ,

DARTMOOR – Princetown Woodland – Proposed Felling

Following expressions of concern about the condition of the largely Sitka Spruce dominated woodland at the rear of numbers 1-12 Bellever, the Duchy has been considering management. Many of the trees have reached the end of their natural life and have started to breakdown and / or be affected by wind-blow. Sitka is a shallow rooted species which, when exposed to wind, makes them particularly vulnerable.

The Duchy is conscious of the valuable role the area provides for permissive access and for wildlife and in discussion with our Forester, we have put together a proposal to remove the Sitka and replace it with a mixture of native broadleaves which in time will provide an attractive space with greater diversity for wildlife than that which the Sitka affords. We are mindful that removing the trees will expose the residential properties to a different outlook until such time as the new trees establish and we therefore invite your thoughts on two options; the first to involve the removal of all Sitka and the re-planting as mentioned or the second, which would be for us to leave a strip of Sitka along the approximate stretch shown on the plan, with these trees being managed over time. In pursuing the latter it would need to be accepted that because of the age of the trees, they will need to be felled at some stage but in a phased way to avoid the remainder being blown down. We cannot thin the wider plantation and re-plant the gaps because of the risk of wind-blow.

If you wish to comment and provide input in terms of your preferred choice of options 1 or 2, please tick the relevant box below and return this letter to the Duchy office. When replying please put your name below.

- Option 1
 Option 2



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Many thanks for your time.

Yours sincerely

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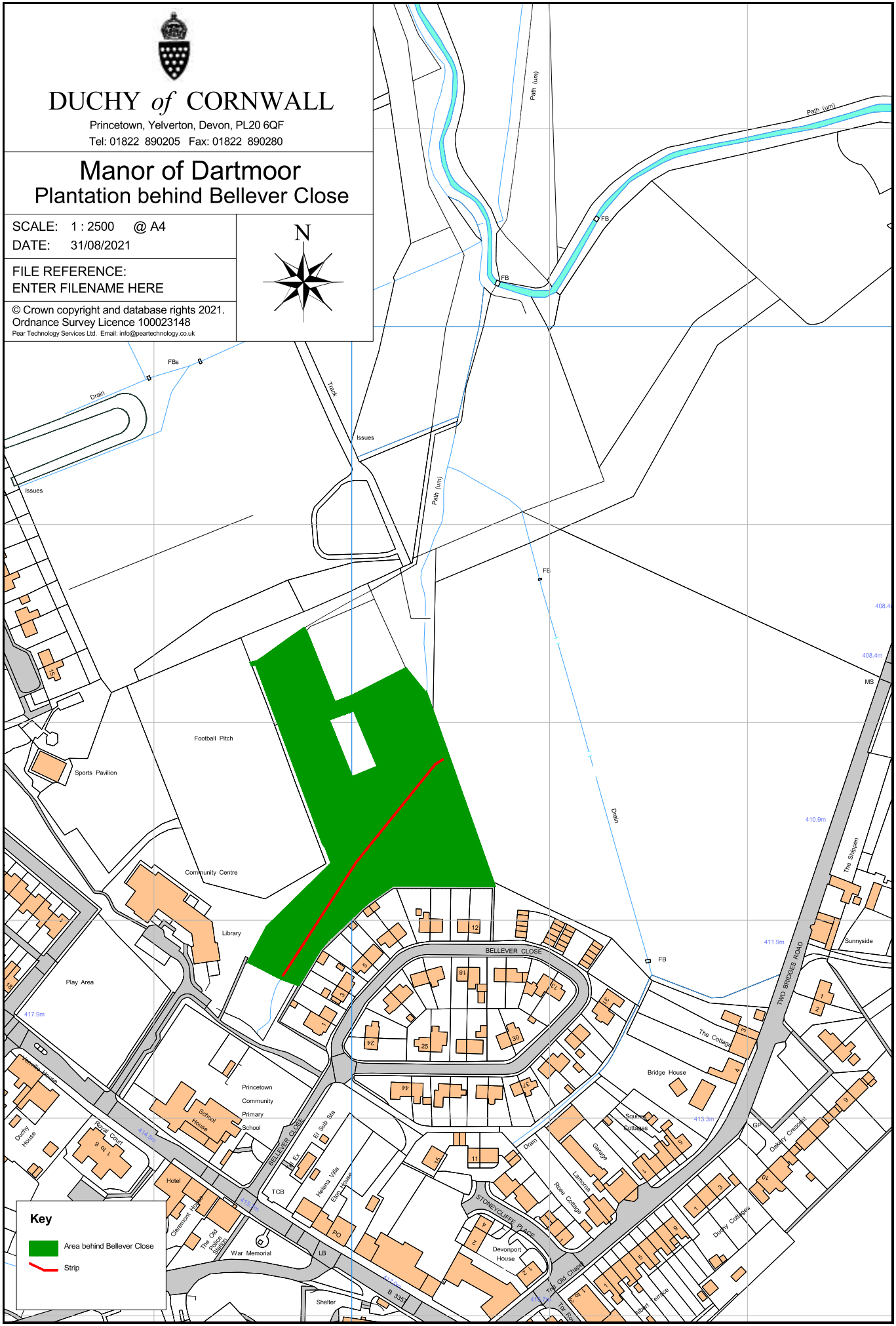
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 6 October 2021
Time: 10.00am
Location: Zoom



AGENDA

1. **Welcome address by the Chairman of the Board, Elizabeth Brookes-Hocking.**
 2. **To receive apologies**
 3. **Minutes of the previous meeting (Appendix A)**
 - 3.1 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2020 as an accurate record.
 4. **Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 (Appendix B)**
 - 4.1 To receive the Annual Report, including the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet, for year ending 31 March 2021.
 5. **Motions**
 - 5.1 **Board of Directors (Appendix C)**

In accordance with the articles of association, to receive the results of the advance vote and elect up to 3 members for the Board of Directors, for the period Oct 2021 – Oct 2024.
Please follow instructions in Appendix C to place your [advanced vote](#).
 - 5.2 **Appointment of Internal Examiner**

To agree the appointment *Merlin Accountancy Services* for year 2021/22.
 - 5.3 **Subscription Rates**

To approve a 4% increase to member subscriptions for 2022/23. The proposal will be presented by DALC's Treasurer.
 6. **Member motions**

No motions were raised.
 7. **A look to the future**

The Chairman and Treasurer will outline next steps in DALC's development including its business plan objectives and financial planning.
 8. **An update from our National Association**

NALC Chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter will talk about the work happening nationally; recent successes; current and future lobbying priorities; national projects and more.
 9. **Next meeting**
 - 9.1 To agree the next AGM being held on Wednesday 5 October 2022, subject to venue availability.
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DALC CONFERENCE 2021: TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER PROGRAMME



Zoom Room 1		Zoom Room 2	
TIME	SUBJECT/TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION
09:30	Welcome address	Welcome to all delegates, speakers and guests, by DALC's Chairman, Liz Brookes Hocking, and County Officer, Cara Stobart.	
09:45			
10:00	DALC Induction	Meet the DALC Team; find out how we operate and how you can engage with us; and discover the services your councils can access. An ideal session for new clerks and councillors.	
10:15			
10:30			
10:45			
11:00	Current and future priorities for Devon Council Council	Cllr John Hart and Cllr Roger Croad will highlight DCC's priorities for the coming term with a focus on their communities work and working with p/t councils.	
11:15			
11:30			With Scribe (description pending)
11:45			
12:00	Working with principal authority councillors	Positive working relationships between parish councils and ward members. A workshop with Breakthrough Communications to challenge and explore what we believe a good working relationship looks like between parishes and principal authorities members, and embracing news ways of working together in a post covid environment.	
12:15			
12:30			This training programme will give you the confidence to start using digital mapping software in your local council. The software will help you save time and money and increase the professionalism and good-running of the council.
12:45			
13:00			
13:15			
13:30	Supporting Devon's economy to recover post Covid	Devon County Council's Economies Team will share an update on the current state of Devon's economy; how DCC and are others are supporting the recovery; what does the future hold and how parish/town councils can help.	Does your council want to engage with a wider audience and build new conversations in the community? In this short workshop Breakthrough Communications will share some advice on how to engage with your community, including engaging with young people, using social media, and getting started on building two-way conversations.
13:45			
14:00			
14:15			
14:30			
14:45			
15:00	Panel: Young People	How and why should councils engage with younger people? We are delighted to welcome Cllr Keely Allin (Great Torrington Town Council) and Cllr Ollie Tucker (Aminster Town Council) who will be giving their insights as young councillors themselves; find out why they became councillors and their tips for encouraging others to stand. We will also hear from a council about their work engaging with young people in their community.	Based on his experience working on over 50 neighbourhood plans, Stuart Todd, chartered town planner and Director of Stuart Todd Associates, will discuss the future of neighbourhood planning in the context of the changing planning system, climate change, health and pandemic response.
15:15			
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16:00			END

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09:30	AGM	The Annual General Meeting of the Devon Association of Local Councils Ltd. The Board will present the Annual Report for 2020/21, members will elect new Board Members and discuss member motions. See website for agenda.	
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10:15	An update on the work of our National Association	Sue Baxter, Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils, will join us to talk about the working happening nationally, what the current priorities are for lobbying, national projects and more.	
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10:45			How your council can get involved in the Queens Jubilee Celebrations In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first monarch to celebrate seventy years service. A range of activities are suggested for the Jubilee weekend (lighting the beacons, The Big Jubilee Lunch) as well as projects throughout the year such as the Queen's Green Canopy. The Devon's Lord Lieutenants Office will share details of the activities and how councils can get involved, and cover the ancillary matters such as street closures, emergency services and other co-ordination activities.
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11:30	Community self-help Initiatives (featuring Road Warden and Snow Warden Schemes)	Community support schemes give town and parish councils the opportunity to take control of small local maintenance tasks on highways and local rights of way. From filling in pot holes, to keeping parish paths clear, to clearing snow - find out about the range of self-help initiatives your council can get involved in with speakers from Devon County Council's Highway Services Team.	
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12:15			Improving services & paperless administration Chris Edge, EDGE IT systems, will be exploring the benefits of using the cloud in all its various formats and how it can improve services that local councils can provide.
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13:00	Community Emergency Planning after COVID-19	Martin Rich, Devon Communities Together will provide an introduction to emergency planning; including reflections on Covid-19 and how existing plans helped communities respond effectively to the crisis; and advice on how to get started in creating your councils plan.	
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13:45			Managing difficult people and conversations Managing professional relationships effectively is important. When difficult situations present themselves its vital to have the skills to manages the challenges. This mini workshop, with Breakthrough communications, will share top tips and ideas to manage difficult relationships in a council environment.
14:00	Quality councils	NALC's Anders Hanson will introduce the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) and the benefits for councils in aiming to achieve these prestigious awards. A Devon council will also share their experiences of achieving an award.	
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15:00	Panel: Health and Wellbeing	How are councils supporting the health and wellbeing of their communities? Councils large and small support the health and wellbeing of their communities in a variety of ways. We welcome Great Torrington Town Council, Dawlish Town Council and Fremington Parish Council to share the projects they have been involved in for the benefit of their residents. Sponsored by Parish Online.	Blachere Illumination An informative session featuring Blachere Illuminations environmental advances to provide lighting whilst addressing their climate responsibilities. Find out about their ECO friendly range and new summer products. Presented by Katherine Owen.
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16:00			END

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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. 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.

2. Reducing carbon emissions is complex and many apparently obvious solutions can transfer rather than cut emissions. There are four methods available at Local Authority level to reduce carbon emissions:

Avoid emissions where possible by stopping activities.

Reduce emissions where activities cannot be stopped.

Source low carbon products.

Offset unavoidable emissions.

Additionally, environmental factors are linked with climate emergency measures, reflecting concerns over bio-diversity, habitat loss and pollution etc, which is important to our large rural parish.

3. Dartmoor Forest Parish Council does not own any buildings, land or vehicles, and it has limited powers. Despite this, the Council has reviewed its activities to identify where it might reduce carbon emissions, and bring about wider change within our community in response to climate change. We commit to the following measures:

To consider the impact on climate, environment and ecology in our future decisions.

To use Zoom for all co-ordination, project and other meetings where there is no statutory requirement to meet in a public room.

To review grass cutting to leave wild habitat areas rather than blanket short grass.

To consider electric groundsman equipment when machines are due for replacement.

To lobby for the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Princetown and Postbridge.

To lobby for improved public recycling facilities in Princetown and Postbridge.

To support the hill farming community in sustainable farming practices and improved peatland carbon capture.

To support landowners in creating wildflower meadows.

To support local farmers in selling fresh produce direct to the public.

Ref	Chq. No.	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1444	1686	28/09/2021	Tindle Newspapers Devon Ltd (Job advert)	£201.60
1445	1687	28/09/2021	Dartmoor Garden Machinery (Mower repairs)	£655.87
1446	1688	28/09/2021	PKF Littlejohn (External Audit)	£240.00
1447	1689	28/09/2021	WesternWeb Ltd (PC repair)	£54.00
1448	1690	28/09/2021	Duchy of Cornwall (Village green rent)	£42.00
1449	1691	28/09/2021	Steve Cox (August Salary)	£190.95
1450	1692	28/09/2021	David Cole (September)	£528.00
1451	1693	28/09/2021	Josh Cook (Litter Picking)	£40.00
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