

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council Parish



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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1930 on 26 May 2020 via Zoom meeting

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward:	Princetown Ward:	
Cllr. Alison Geen*	Cllr. David Worth**	Cllr. Nigel Tigwell
Postbridge Ward:	Cllr Mark Renders	Cllr. Wendy Stones
	Cllr John Druett	Cllr Gregg Manning
	* Chair, **Vice-Chair	

No members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs Watson, Greatrex, the Clerk. In the Clerk's absence, Cllr Worth took the minutes.

2. **Declarations of Interest.** None received.

3. **Acceptance of actions from last meeting.** Due to an error with the Zoom video conferencing system, the Council were unable to admit members of the public to the meeting.

Action: The Council voted to accept the decisions as per the Councils decisions at the last meeting.

4. **Theft of a petrol can from the Council's vehicle:** The Parish Lengthsman has reported the theft of a petrol can whilst carrying out grass cutting duties. Cllr Greatrex has offered to donate a spare petrol can in replacement. The Council discussed procedures to ensure that such a theft could be prevented in future.

Action: The Council resolved to replace the stolen petrol can with the donated can from Cllr Greatrex and purchase replacement petrol from Council funds.

5. **Acceptance of the minutes from the February and May meetings of DFPC.**

Action: The Council resolved to accept the minutes of these meetings

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6. **Financial management. Payments to be approved; Bank reconciliation; FOO**

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Signature of Chair



Financial Briefing Notes to Councillors – May 2020

Cheques to be signed this month:

Ref Chq No. Payee & Details Amount

1335	1586	David Cole - pay and expenses	£ 586.00
1336	1587	Steve Cox - pay (sick pay at half rate)	£ 208.43

The Bank Reconciliation has not been done as the Bank Statement has not been received from the Clerk.

Other Movements In-Month:

Nil.

Other Liabilities:

This remains as briefed last month:

- a. The strimmer will need servicing and a new head fitted – cost to be determined.
- b. Play Area repairs and maintenance.
- c. New website – no change from last month – from reserves.
- d. Princetown notice board – quote £212 plus £18ph for any additional work needed.
- e. Bellever notice board – labour cost estimate £26.

Parishscapes Grant Fund and Other Similar Funds:

The Council still has to agree on which minor projects to develop in order to be ready to apply for short notice grant opportunities. Ideas were circulated in February.

Budget - Councillors are reminded that our spending power this year is reduced significantly through loss of the Council Tax Support Grant and unavoidable inflationary pressures. This will largely materialise in less grass cutting. Princetown Councillors will need to ensure our parishioners have moderated expectations.

7. Urgent decisions since last meeting. None

8. Exchange of information

Cllr Geen previously circulated a letter received by a Parishioner concerned with parking issues at Two Bridges and trespass in the Crockern Farm area. This letter has been forwarded to the relevant authorities at DNP. The Council agreed that this matter was of concern and that it would use the powers that it had available to help resolve these matters.

Cllr Tigwell reported that the volunteer grass cutters at Postbridge had the situation there under control and that there was no need for the Lengthsman to attend Postbridge for the time being.

It was agreed that cutting of the Playpark grass could recommence, however it needed to be stressed that the Playpark remained closed to the public until further notice.

It was noted that there had been no progress made on the replacement website. Cllr Geen to contact the Clerk for an update.

Cllr Worth reported that the edge of the road is deteriorating in Tor Royal Lane. Cllr Worth to progress with DCC.

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 19.30 via Zoom Meeting (subject to no alternative system being selected)

Meeting Closed at 20:20
