

Princetown Council Briefing notes (produced 12th Dec)

Meeting 14th December 2021

1. **Apologies** received from Emma Byrom and Gregg Manning (Illness)
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none received as yet
3. **Acceptance of minutes**
4. **Co-option of new Councillor** – as of 12th December one statement received from Mr Mark Williams
5. **Recruitment of new Parish Clerk** – the position of Parish Clerk has been offered to Miss Jackie Bennetts who will be attending this meeting as an observer with the intention of starting in the role from 1st January 2022
6. **The Old Library** – having thought about and discussed this with David we feel Council should approach the residents involved in the first instance. I am unwilling to do this in the run up to Christmas so want to mark this forward until February 2022 meeting.
7. **Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service CRMP response** – to follow is a draft of the response suggested at the last meeting. If this is agreed I will send it.
8. **Parking Issues**
 - i. Visits by Civil Enforcement Officers – I have reported the problems and asked for more visits to be scheduled. I rely on Princetown residents to let me know if this happens or not. I have highlighted the restricted parking area outside the Post Office and shops and also the double yellow lines outside school.
 - ii. No Parking sign – I have asked for an update but as of today I have not received this.
9. **Fundraising for St. Michael's Churchyard** – I understand a paying in book has been placed at the PO. Tell me where you would like signs and what we need to put signs up i.e., just some string, posts etc?
10. **Jubilee celebration, organisation, fundraising and souvenir** – unfortunately Julian has had to withdraw from this committee due to family commitments leaving Wendy on her own. Please can we have another volunteer. Wendy has worked out a rough idea of cost of mugs which is just below £1000.
11. **Climate Change declaration** – I have chased for a response from DNPA and Duchy and received an email from Andrew Watson, copied below.

We completed the civils works at Postbridge in readiness for the installation of a twin EV charger when the Visitor centre was extended. We are going to be doing some monitoring of energy consumption / load on the building over the next couple of months to determine whether we can accommodate an EV charger – if we can we would hope to have this in place for the next visitor season.

A few years ago we looked at the feasibility of installing EV chargers at Princetown VC car park – that is still our intention subject to funding being available and probably done on the back of the completion of the Duchy's distillery development.

Andrew Watson
Head of Recreation, Access & Estates, DNPA

We need to decide what action we may like to take next in this regard.
12. **VZSW Partnership grant distribution** – see Appendix 1
13. **Play Park Zip wire repair** – Wendy has discovered that the seat was missing from the Zip Wire. Dave Cole has made it so the zip wire can't be used and hopefully I can sort out which bit is missing. We should be able to order a new part. Insurance claim?
14. **CCTV system repair and UPS update** – there is a problem with the camera on Plymouth Hill again. The warranty won't cover replacement this time as apparently this must have been

caused by a surge in the power grid. There is also some confusion over the UPS which we decided to install to cover power cuts and make sure the system kept working. I believe David and Gregg are trying to sort out details with Bob Castle.

- 15. Play Park lighting** – I have no knowledge about why this is on the agenda.
- 16. Purchase of memorial bench** – again I haven't been sent any details. This was mentioned at the end of the last meeting and relates I think to a previous resident of Princetown
- 17. Adoption of Speedwatch by DFPC** – as Gregg is unable to attend this meeting because of Covid isolation rules I think we will have to mark this forward to Jan or Feb.
- 18. Planning** – there are no applications in this month but after the agenda had been published, I received notice of a site meeting for the DNPA Management committee to review the installation of a mast at Lakeland Hill, Bellever. I have asked the Postbridge Councillors if they wish to attend and we should decide who will represent our views (only one councillor is allowed to speak although 2 councillors can attend). Wendy W has offered to attend and just waiting for Julian to respond.
- 19. Postbridge cemetery records** – see Nigel's report appendix 2
- 20. Parishscapes grant application** – see within Financial report appendix 3

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- 21. Financial management. Payments to be approved; Bank reconciliation; FOO** – see appendix 3
- 22. Budget and Precept** - see within Financial report appendix 3
- 23. Reports from Committees, Sub Groups and Special Interests:**
 - i. West Devon Super Links meeting – see appendix 4
- 24. Urgent decisions since last meeting** – None
- 25. Exchange of information:**
 - i. Lengthsman training – I have heard from one company about training and need information from Dave to progress.
 - ii. Warmer Healthier homes – Nothing heard unless Mark has any information
 - iii. SLCC and NACO are pressing Govt. to give Council's option to hold remote meetings should the situation worsen.

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Date of next meeting 25th January 2022, 7.30pm at Princetown Community Centre (unless rules change due to Covid situation, any change will be on agenda and on Facebook page)