



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1800 on 3rd May 2022 in Princetown Community Centre

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward: Cllr Alison Geen*	Princetown Ward: Cllr Phil Henson Cllr Wendy Stones	
Postbridge Ward: Cllr Julian Greatrex Cllr Wendy Watson	Cllr Gregg Manning Cllr Mark Williams	* Chair

Cllr Geen chaired the meeting.

There were no members of the public present.

1. **Apologies** Cllr Tigwell (Ill Health)

Cllr Geen announced that Cllr Stones on 29/4/22 resigned her position as Councillor stating that her last meeting will be the 24th May 2022. Clerk to take necessary action to advertise the vacancy.

2. **Declarations of Interest** - None declared

3. **Acceptance of Minutes meeting 22nd March** - Council resolved to approved the minutes, signed by Cllr. Geen.

4. **Memorial Benches** – Following on from the discussion at meeting on 24th April (Item 8). Council resolved that the Clerk should obtain additional quotes, and Cllr Henson agreed to survey existing benches (condition and locations) with a view to understanding the level of work required to bring them all up to a suitable standard, and identify spaces where additional benches could be sited.

Action: Clerk to endeavour to obtain at least one other quote before proceeding. Cllr Henson to survey all existing benches and report to May meeting.

5. **Planning** - 103/22 Forest Inn Hexworthy – Application can be viewed on [Search for an application | Dartmoor](#) Following the discussion at meeting on 24th April (Item 9). Council resolved to SUPPORT the application.

Action: Clerk to contact DNPA planning to that effect.

6. **Play Park**

Inspection Report – At the meeting on 24th April (Item 10) Council discussed the defects identified in the RoSPA Annual report. Council resolved that Cllrs Henson, Stones and



David Cole would look at the summary, alongside the full report and the playpark items in situ to identify which repairs could be undertaken by Council themselves. Council will then consider and prioritise actions to be taken to rectify issues raised in the Inspection report.

Action: Cllrs Henson and Stones to review the report and to instruct David Cole, where possible, to make the necessary repairs. They will report back to Council at next meeting any outstanding repairs. Clerk to clarify the climbing frame height requirements as there is a lack of clarity in the report.

- 7. Road Works and Diversions –** Cllr Geen raised concerns at the meeting on 24th April (Item 11) over a lack of clarity about road closures, involving lengthy diversion routes, that might not be necessary for residents with local knowledge. Council discussed various options for improving the notification and signage of road closures on major routes across the moor. Council understands that the official diversion route has to be on similarly designated roads, but that locals may be able to use alternative routes if they have more information regarding where exactly the actual road closure is.

Action: Clerk to write to Devon CC Highways to raise the concern and to request improved notification and signage of proposed road closures which affect the main arterial routes across the moor.

- 8. 1st Public Session –** No Public present

9. Financial Management -

- a) Council approved the following payments.

Ref	Chq No	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1510	1739	26/04/22	David Williams expenses - room hire VZSW meetings	£ 22.50
1511	1740	26/04/22	David Cole pay	£ 528.00
1512	1741	26/04/22	Litter Picker fee	£ 40.00
1513	1742	26/04/22	J Bennetts pay	£ 328.55
1514	1743	26/04/22	HMRC	£ 82.00
1515	1744	26/04/22	Clerk Expenses J Bennetts - signs and stationary	£ 32.26
1516	1745	26/04/22	David Cole expenses - slabs, mowing line, fuel, chain, lock, 2stroke oil	£ 120.99
1517	1746	26/04/22	DALC membership and AGAR training for Clerk	£ 288.08
1518	1747	26/04/22	Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£ 473.86
1519	1748	26/04/22	RoSPA Play Park Inspection Fee	£ 126.00
1520	DD	01/04/22	WDBC Cemetary Rates (Jan - June)	£ 184.26
1521	1749	26/04/22	Mr A.M. Faulkner - VZSW Reflective Collars - Cows and Ponies	£ 2,728.50
1522	1750	26/04/22	Around and About - donation	£ 75.00
1523	1751	26/04/22	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£ 132.00

- b) Bank reconciliation – Correct as of statement date 31/3/22

- c) Financial Report – accepted.

10. Parking issues (Princetown) – Following discussion of the matter raised by Cllr. Manning at the April 24th meeting (Item 18) Council resolved to contact the Duchy, as owners of the parking area near the Old Prison Officers Club, to request that the parking area is signposted and that visitors are able to park there as an alternative.

Clerk reported that Andrew Watson DNPA has confirmed by email earlier that day, that action has been taken to improve signage at Station Cottages (Meeting 24th April 2022 Item 13a) Fencing has been moved, Finger posts will be moved closer to the road. Also double yellow lines and no parking signs have been replaced on the road near the car park.

Action: Clerk to write to the Duchy to ask them to consider allowing visitors to park in the parking area near the Old Prison Officers Club and to provide signposting to that area of additional parking.

11. Fundraising for St Michael's Churchyard – Following the discussion on the 24th April (Item 19) regarding maintenance of the churchyard falling outside of Council's powers. Council resolved to contact the Walkhampton Parochial Church Council to make them aware of the issue and endeavour to find a resolution.

Action: Clerk to contact the Chair of Walkhampton PCC

12.2nd PUBLIC SESSION – No public present

13. Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting will be held at **1900** on 24th May 2022 at Princetown Community Centre, to be followed by the Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 1825.