

# Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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## Briefing Notes Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Created 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022)

1. **Apologies** Cllr Tigwell (Ill Health)
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Acceptance of minutes** - As previously circulated for the meeting 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022
4. **Urgent decisions since last meeting** none
5. **Co-option of Councillor to fill vacancy** – No applicants have come forward. Council to consider and agree what action to take to fill the vacancy.
6. **Princetown Post – Proposed Newsletter** -Sandra Dodd Lay Worker Tavistock Methodist Circuit to attend meeting to provide additional information regarding the proposed newsletter. She has previously requested that Council make a donation to towards the costs, for which she will need a Cllr to propose the donation, and a seconder, at the August meeting.
7. **Recruiting a new Litter Picker** - Council to consider applications for Josh Cook replacement. Only one interested person to date - Jake Cook (younger brother to Josh, who has been doing the litter picking on behalf of Josh for past month)  
*My name is Jake cook*  
*I am looking after the park as my brother has given up doing it*  
*I would like to take it on as it will help towards my CV in later years*  
*I am enjoying doing the litter picking at the moment and would just love to take it on.*
8. **DCC Highways – Diversions and signage** - Cllr Geen to report on concern raised by resident regarding diversion signs, lack of prior notice of road closures on the B3357 Pork Hill to Tavistock in early July. Council to consider raising this with DCC Highways.
9. **Postbridge Cemetery Benches** - Cllr Greatrex to update - concerns raised at last meeting regarding the state of the benches and contact with relevant families. Council to approve action to rectify/refurbish.
10. **1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC SESSION** -
11. **Residents' Concerns**
  - a. Princetown Bottle Bank - e-mail from DNPA in response to concerns raised at previous meetings. Council to discuss and vote on whether it should be re-sited or removed see email 13/7/22.
  - b. Huccaby/Hexworthy – Cllr Geen to report on overgrown hedges from Bridge to Forest Inn. Council to discuss and agree action to be taken, previously (in 2015) Council wrote to landowners requesting they cut back the hedges which resolved the issue.
  - c. Mobility Scooter and excessive speed on pavements – Cllr Manning to report on concern raised by Princetown resident of a mobility scooter being driven on the pavements in excess of the permitted speed of 4mph, (8 mph permitted on roads). Council to discuss and agree on action to respond to this concern.
12. **Planning**
  - a. **073/22** Snider Park Plantation – Amendment submitted to move the mast 20m to the north – Council to discuss and vote to support or object to amendment – by 27/7/22
  - b. **0159/22** Railway Inn – Granted conditionally 30/6/22 (without kiosk)
  - c. **0165/22** Furzimead Farm Bungalow – Granted Conditionally 7/7/22
  - d. East Dart Hotel Kiosk – Planning enforcement is aware of this **0079/22**  
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- 13. Financial management –**
- a. Payments to be approved;
    - i. Councillor expenses / allowances – none
    - ii. David Cole Pay & expenses,
    - iii. Litter picker fee
    - iv. Clerk salary & expenses
    - v. HMRC Payment
  - b. Invoices to be approved: Princetown Football Club – pitch cutting for July (to date)
  - c. Bank reconciliation – Correct
  - d. Online Banking – progress – Clerk has received notification from bank that they have received applications from Cllrs Tigwell, Manning and Henson to access the account online. Cllr Byrom to complete form and return to Lloyds.
  - e. Financial Report - including outstanding cheques and invoices
- 14. Parking issues – Princetown** Standing item to cover issues arising since the last meeting
- 15. Princetown – Appearance of the Village** Cllr Manning - concern regarding the untidy state of some of the pavement edges and around street furniture in the village. Council is asked to consider and agree how this issue may be addressed.
- 16. Updates on correspondence/ actions from previous meetings** - See 'Briefing Notes' for any updates regarding the matters listed below.
- a. Climate Change Declaration – Tree planting
  - b. Memorial Benches – Princetown Email from Andy Steel – *'After discussions with the governor I can confirm that HMP Dartmoor is happy to undertake the Refurbishment of the three benches located by the war memorial. I'm a supply of two new benches that will be built by prison labour. If you could arrange a delivery of the benches for refurbishment to HMP Dartmoor myself and my colleague Michael Walker will oversee this delivery for the community'*  
Clerk to liaise with Andy, to ascertain timescales for refurbishment and to arrange for delivery of benches to prison.
  - c. St Michael's Churchyard – Walkhampton PCC – email from Reverend Andrew Thomas, meeting to be arranged with Cllr Manning and Clerk to discuss the matter
  - d. Play Park – Inspection repairs and actions taken – Cllr Henson reported plastic sleeve missing from cable attached to power pole in park. Clerk to report this to Western Power.
- 17. Reports from Committees, Sub Groups and Special Interests:**
- a. PTFA meeting – Cllr Byrom
  - b. Young People's Engagement – Cllr Byrom
  - c. Youth Club – Cllr Byrom
  - d. Speedwatch – Cllr Manning – see Appendix 1
- 18. Exchange of information:**
- a. Princetown Football Pitch – Lengthsman to cut twice a month, Princetown FC to be invoiced at end of each month. Pitch cuts to be charged at cost for 4hrs of Lengthsmans time plus fuel. Each cut to be in the region of £60.31, which has been agreed by PFC Chairman Allen Lewis. First cut completed 15/7/22, next planned for 28/29<sup>th</sup> July.
  - b. Hexworthy AED – new pads to be ordered to replace expired ones which expire July 2022, at a cost of £95 ex vat
  - c. Postbridge AED– new cabinet potentially required due to damage. Clerk has investigated cost of replacing the damaged plastic cabinet with a new plastic or metal one. Costs vary from £415 (plastic) - £495 (metal) for external use, alarmed, no lock cabinet.
- 19. 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC SESSION**
- 20. Date of next meeting** **1930 on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 Princetown Community Centre**

## Appendix 1 – Speedwatch Report July 2009.

**Here is my report on Speedwatch, this report does cover the whole of Devon and Cornwall. You can clearly see the scale of the problem. I am sorry to say that the bit I have highlighted was recorded by myself and my team last week. This was a local driver with no regards for any other road user or animal.**

**The numbers shown below are LIVE stats from the database as at Thursday 21st July 2022 11:48:33 from results collected by Speedwatch groups in the Devon & Cornwall Police Force area.**

### **During the last 30 days**

- 2063 speeding offence records were handled automatically and passed on to the local Police for further action. 1964 Warning Letters were sent as a result, and another 58 cases are waiting to be processed.
- The maximum speed recorded in a 20mph zone was 39 mph, but 20 records of excessive speeding (more than 50% above the allowed limit) were flagged up for special attention.
- The maximum speed recorded in a 30mph zone was 66 mph, but 175 records of excessive speeding (more than 50% above the allowed limit) were flagged up for special attention.
- **The maximum speed recorded in a 40mph zone was 73 mph**, but 9 records of excessive speeding (more than 50% above the allowed limit) were flagged up for special attention.
- 40 vehicles were recorded as multiple offenders; details of these vehicles are passed on to the Road Traffic Policing Departments where they will be kept for 12 months. Dependent on the number or severity of the details special attention could include a visit from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team... etc.
- During this time, groups have recorded 45(2.2%) vehicles with no tax and 32(1.6%) vehicles with no MOT, those driving without an MOT are committing a criminal offence and those without TAX could face a court appearance and a fine.
- Within this time, groups have also recorded 6(0.3%) vehicles being driven after being declared on Statutory Off-Road Notice's (SORN) showing that there are a percentage of the population who do not care for the safety and security of other road users.

### **During the last year**

- 23218 speeding offence records were handled automatically and passed on to the local Police for further action. 22435 Warning Letters were sent as a result.
- Within this year, groups have recorded 49(0.2%) vehicles being driven after being declared on Statutory Off-Road Notice's (SORN) showing that there are a percentage of the population who do not care for the safety and security of other road users.
- During this year, groups have recorded 402(1.7%) vehicles with no tax and 367(1.6%) vehicles with no MOT, those driving without an MOT are committing a criminal offence and those without TAX could face a court appearance and a fine. The vehicles without TAX have been reported to DVLA for their action.

Community Speedwatch aim to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and the nuisance it causes in the community where they offend but that does not exclude the possibility of direct Police intervention if the message is not fully understood.

**These statistics are only for the groups in the Devon & Cornwall Police Force Area.**

Gregg Manning  
Speedwatch Co-ordinator