

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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Councillor Notes for the Parish Council Meeting at 1930 on 11 August 2014 in Princetown Community Centre.

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward: Cllr Alison Geen	Princetown Ward: Cllr Emma Derham* Cllr Jackie Gee* Cllr Gregg Manning Cllr Cliff Palmer	Cllr Wendy Stones Cllr Paul Turnbull* Cllr David Worth
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* Hard copy as well as email.

1. Apologies.

I have apologies from Alison Geen; and a standing apology for Mondays from Paul Turnbull.

2. Declarations of Interest

No amendments have been reported to date.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

No proposed amendments to date.

4. Police Matters.

I have not received a Police report yet, but have requested one from PCSO Mark Canvin.

Alison Geen reported that Huccaby Bridge had been closed without prior notification to DFPC, which had been customary in the past. DCC Bridge Maintenance has apologised and Alison is liaising with the contractors customer liaison office to ensure we get prior notification in future.

5. Repairs, Maintenance & Highways

The work to replace the metal gutter outside the Post Office in Princetown is provisionally booked in for the end of September, but DCC Highways states this might change due to budgetary issues, weather etc.

6. Dog Control Orders

DFPC have been previously consulted about the proposed new Dog Control Orders, which would introduce a blanket applicability across the whole of West Devon and the South Hams. At the time our only concern was whether we might be charged for WDBC enforcement officers patrolling our Parish. However, the recent public consultation has highlighted that the definition of the areas covered by the Fouling of Land By Dogs Order also includes the whole of the open moorland (the only exemption is Forestry Commission land). Consequently, anyone who fails to poop-a-scoop at, for example, Devils Tor is committing an offence punishable by an £80 fine. This had not been DFPC's interpretation at the original consultation.

Several letters of protest have been published in the Tavistock & Princetown Times Gazette and the WDBC/SHDC officer responsible has responded, effectively saying the order might not be enforced on the moor 'unless there is a problem'. It is poor policy to impose laws/regulations/orders that: are

ambiguous in their applicability; will not or cannot be enforced; or where enforcement policy can legitimately change without consultation.

DFPC may wish to consider writing to WDBC withdrawing support for this order unless there is a further exemption for open moorland in the Parish.

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7. Reports from Committees, Sub- Groups and Special Interests.

Councillors are requested to forward their briefings by email in advance of the meeting. This agenda item then becomes 'any questions' rather than 'reading the briefing' to help with meeting time management.

Community Centre	Wendy S
Pavilion Youth Club	Wendy S
Parking Committee	David
Princetown Primary School	Wendy W
Emergency Planning Sub-Group	David
Public Library Sub-Group	Wendy S
Parish Plan Sub-Group	Alison
Play Area Sub-Group	Cliff
Princetown Toilets Sub-Group	Clerk
Postbridge Village Hall	Val
Fire & Rescue service	Paul
Food bank	Wendy S
Emergency Committee	Clerk

8. Reports from other meetings

Nothing to date.

9. Progress reports on previous actions, not on the Agenda

Defibrillators. The telephone has been removed from Hexworthy telephone kiosk and the kiosk will be transferred to DFPC in the next week or so. I plan to have the existing cabinet installed here. After the bureaucracy is complete to upgrade the TAP fund cabinet, DFPC will face around £8 surcharge. I have taken no steps to arrange for the Postbridge defibrillator installation owing to the Smerdon's personal circumstances. This defibrillator will remain at Middle Merripit at least until the second cabinet arrives.

Dartmoor Classic Sportive Wash-up. The letter has been sent and acknowledged by DNPA and Mid Devon Cycling Club. Both organisations are attending a meeting of the Teignbridge Safety Advisory Group (TSAG) which is holding a periodic review of the event. I will let you know the outcome in due course.

Christmas tree lights. Two strings have been purchased as agreed at the last meeting. Following problems with the previous purchase from this company the Clerk has bought them on his credit card and will seek reimbursement.

Banking arrangements. The Co-Operative Bank will not permit DFPC to hold the accounts discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk is still in discussions with various banks to try to find the best option.

Traffic Regulation Order. This is progressing. It was advertised in the Tavistock and Princetown Times Gazette on 31 July. The consultation period lasts until 21 August.

Planning application for Football Club. DNPA have returned the planning application seeking greater details on the proposals. The Clerk is developing these with the Club.

Grass cutting contract. Contracts have not been exchanged as the Clerk is still waiting on a quote from Mike Druett for churchyard subsequent cuts.

Investigate grants for a skate park. No further action to date, based on a prioritisation of workload.

Outline plans for Play Area improvements Phase 3. As planned, no further action pending Emma Derham’s availability.

Approach local businesses for chargeable links and adverts. A notice was included in the August Parish Link and Around & About advertising this facility on the DFPC website. Direct approaches to local businesses will take place when the workload permits.

10. Planning applications

a. The current status is:

With the Parish Council	0400/14	Erection of agricultural building Dunnabridge Farm
<i>Neighbouring Parish, potentially impacting DFPC</i>	0351/14	<i>Blackdown Piper Farm DFPC has objected</i>
Recent DNPA decisions (all conditional approval)	0272/14	Demolition outbuildings & single storey extension, 29 Blackabrook
With DNPA	0320/14 0319/14	Installation of 2 transmission discs on mast, North Hessary Tor Retrospective for 4mx3m field shelter, Oakery Bridge
Awaiting enforcement action	0164/07	Beardown Farm un-authorized chalet. Clerk is awaiting update from Jo Burgess.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence has been uploaded to the website. The more significant papers are:

- Ward Boundaries
- DNPA Planning Update
- War Memorials Trust
- Citizens Advice Bureau update
- Community Council of Devon
- WDBC ‘Our Plan’ update
- West Devon Homes
- Exminster Neighbourhood Plan
- Broadband website
- Devon Senior Voice ‘Everyone’s Tomorrow’
- Healthwatch Devon ‘Voices’
- West Devon Polling Review
- South West Water drains
- National Rural Crime Network

12. Financial management

a. Cheques to be approved this month:

789	A Jaques Litter Picking	£ 53.65
790	Mike Druett - grasscutting	£ 169.45
791	Nigel Tigwell - Tree Lights & Admin Expenses	£ 204.94
792	Nigel Tigwell – WDBC Southern Link Expenses	£ 150.00

b. Bank Reconciliation.

Balance on July Statement	£ 21156.50
Outstanding Income	£ 0.00
Nil	
Outstanding Cheques	
1121 - DNPA - Planning App Football Club	£ 97.50
Reconciled Total	£ 21059.00

c. **Forecast of Outturn.** This is shown in the tables and graphs attached.

13. Urgent decisions since the last meeting

None.

14. Any Other Business

Limited to the exchange of information

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15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be at 1930 9 September 2014 at Princetown.