

DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting held in the High Moorland Visitor Centre, Princetown on Monday 5th April 2004

1. The meeting opened at 7.30pm. The Chairman welcomed all present.

Present.

Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Stones, Mrs. Mudge, Mr. Waite, Mr. Loveless, Mrs Williams.

Apologies.

Mr. Langton (Sail training course), Mr. Easton (required to work late), Mr. Adaway (calving)
Mr. Elliott (sick).

In Attendance.

Mr. R Williamson – WDBC, Ms Serina Rowse – DNPA, PC S Bradfield.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and then signed by the Chairman. The only matter arising (paragraph 11) was whether an insurance claim could be made for the missing silver-plated cup. The clerk said that he had contacted Cornhill who had advised that in the absence of any information about its disappearance a claim could not be made.

Chairman's Report.

3. The Chairman thanked all the parish councillors for their support and hard work during the year.

He said that the job of a parish councillor was not getting any easier with all of the governmental instructions and bureaucracy surrounding the National Park. During the past year the normal problems had arisen caused mainly by vandalism and he hoped that with our local Community Policeman, Steve Bradfield's help this could be at least contained if not stopped.

4. One of the major problems during the year had been the decision by West Devon Borough Council to close the public toilets in Princetown during the coming winter months. After talks between WDBC, the National Park and ourselves it was hoped that this had now been resolved and the toilets will remain open throughout the year.
5. The Duchy of Cornwall plan for Princetown has continued to move forward and the new Duchy Land Steward, Chris Gregory has kept everybody updated with the progress being made and he thanked him for this.
6. Finally he wished to thank the clerk for his conscientious work throughout the year without which councillors' jobs would be much harder and less well informed.

To receive the statement of accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the year ended 31st March, 2004.

7. The statement of accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2004 was received and accepted. A copy is attached to these minutes. The Chairman signed the Receipts and Expenditure Summary and the Supporting Statement for the FY 2003/2004. It was pointed out that the playground climbing frame which had been removed to Pen Lee Farm after vandalism has now been disposed of and should be removed from the Asset Register. Similarly the missing silver-plated cup should also be deleted next year.

Postbridge Village Hall Report and Statement of Accounts.

8. **FY 2003.** An annual Treasurer's Report and the annual statement of accounts for the year ended 31 Mar 04 for Postbridge Village Hall were available and copies were distributed to councillors. Copies of both are attached to these minutes.

School Report.

9. Mrs. Beattie, the parish council nominated additional co-opted school governor kindly provided a copy of the School Governors' Report dated March 04 for circulation to councillors.

Playground Report.

10. In his unavoidable absence Mr. Easton had asked the clerk to deliver his report. He wished to thank the Firefighters for the continuation of their cleaning of the playground and donating the honorarium to K.I.P.P.E.R.. Also Mrs. Williams for her valuable enhancement work with K.I.P.P.E.R.. Two replacement swing chains had been purchased. A wet pour repair kit had been bought for the safety surface repair which he had done with sibling assistance. The equipment inspection had been taken out with a new company Dallas, at a reduced rate and total expenditure over the year was approximately £1,675 – slightly up on the preceding year. The Chairman conveyed his thanks to Mr. Easton for his report.

11. Mrs. Williams, invited to speak, said that the results of the consultation with the children would lead to the provision of some new kit and it was also hoped to be able to replace some of the old kit using money from the grant she had obtained; estimates were currently awaited. The Resettlement Unit were likely to do the work on providing a new fence and a disabled access. She had obtained special paint for the refurbishment of the metal equipment.

Burial Ground Report.

12. The Chairman reported that there had been two burials and two interments of ashes this year. A DNPA wall grant of £105 has been received as a contribution to the repair of the wall along Lovers Lane. Total income was £509.

13. Progress has been made on the acquisition of additional land from the Duchy of Cornwall, planning permission eventually having been obtained from DNPA who had been unable to accept that the northern wall was a wall and not a bank until recently. Planning fees were £110 and the sum of £763.75 has been paid to Woolcombe Beer & Watts for Duchy fees and purchase of land: the deed has been signed and forwarded and completion is awaited. Total expenditure in the year was £1,770.81. The cost of the construction of the turf bank and stock fence will be £1,292.50 making the overall cost of the extension so far just under £2,200 which is approximately the amount planned.

14. It was agreed that the planting of the live hawthorn hedge on top of the turf bank should take place in early autumn.

Any Other Business.

15. The clerk said he would like to thank councillors for the prompt way in which they dealt with correspondence passed to them for action. There being no other business the Chairman thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m..

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date:.....

Attached:

1. Dartmoor Forest Parish Council Accounts from 1st April, 2003 to 31st March, 2004 and Fixed Asset Register at 31 Mar 04.
2. Postbridge Village Hall Accounts – Year ended 31st March, 2004 and Treasurer's Report 2003-2004.