

DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting held on Monday 3 April 2006
in the High Moorland Visitor Centre, Princetown**

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.. The Chairman welcomed all present.

Present

Princetown

Mr Cliff Palmer
Mr Paul Turnbull
Mr Malcolm Waite
Mrs Helen Ward

Postbridge

Mr Dave Fisher (Chair)
Mrs Wendy Watson

Hexworthy/Huccaby

Mrs Rosemary Mudge

Apologies

Mr Gary Easton
Mrs Wendy Stones

Absent without Apology

Mr Simon Loveless

In Attendance

Councillor Alan Hosking, DCC

Four members of the public

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 11 April 2005 were approved and then signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising

4. Chair's Report

Dave said that the Council had welcomed Wendy Watson, who was also Chair of Governors at Princetown primary school and Cliff Palmer, who brought with him a vast store of local knowledge.

The Council continues to lobby the Highways department with regard to speeding vehicles through Postbridge and Princetown.

Dave thanked Chris Gregory for his regular updates on the progress of the Duchy Square project. The Princetown brewery project had now completed and Philip Davies had attended a Council meeting to resolve problems being experienced by local residents.

As in previous years, vandalism continues to be a problem in Princetown, and the Council's public noticeboard had been damaged beyond repair. The Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Steve Bradfield, was moving on and the Council wished him well in his new area, whilst hoping that his replacement will soon arrive and will not be regularly assigned to fill resource gaps in other areas.

Finally, Dave thanked all Councillors for their diligence and patience during the past year.

5. To Receive Statement of Accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the Year Ended 31 March 2006

The statement of accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2006 was received and accepted. The Chairman signed the Receipts and Expenditure Summary and the Supporting Statement for the financial year 2005/2006.

6. Postbridge Village Hall Report and Statement of Accounts

The annual statement of accounts was distributed and the Chairman read extracts from the minutes of the Postbridge Village Hall AGM held on 21 March 2006.

7. School Report

Wendy Watson, Chair of Governors, Princetown Primary School, read out the annual school report:

She said that there were now Music and Drama sessions being held on Wednesdays at 1.45. The budget was being well managed. There were three classes and the roll number was increasing

8. Playground Report

The Clerk read out the report on Gary's behalf:

There was the ongoing concern of dogs running loose and fouling the play area. As on many previous occasions, the "No dogs allowed" sign had been uprooted and left lying on the grass. Gary suggested that he might act as a contact point for concerned residents to report specific incidents of fouling so that they could be followed up.

The equipment installed in 2005 is viewed as boring by some of the youngsters who use it, albeit that local opinion was sought prior to purchase.

Access for disabled people is under discussion

The swing shackles have been replaced and the seats will need replacing in due course.

Litter picking has now been officially taken on by Mark Williams of Princetown, who is doing an excellent job. Gary questioned whether the "Put your litter in the bin" signs should be replaced as a reminder to residents.

The Play Quest repair demand had been settled, at minimum cost to the Council.

Comments resulting from the annual inspection will be dealt with in the Parish Council meeting.

9. Burial Ground Report

The Chairman read out the annual report:

There had been one burial in the financial year, which was that of Emmy Webb who was a longstanding resident in Postbirdge.

There had been several headstones erected and the charges therefrom had assisted the cemetery finances to end the year with a surplus of £26.

It is hoped that a working party from the village can be drawn together to clear away a number of the wild rhododendron shrubs to enable a path to be made through to the new section of the cemetery.

Permission has been given to the Beattie family to place a seat in her memory. The existing seat has been removed temporarily for renovation and will be returned in spring/summer.

10. Any Other Business

The Clerk read out a report on Wendy's Stones' behalf:

Duchy Square Project

Planning consent for the Arts & Crafts Centre has been granted. The former corner shop has been demolished and Morwenna House will be demolished at the end of August/September, when it is hoped that the new build will start. The second phase will be a small residential development of houses and flats

Princetown Partners

This is a fairly new group, working with residents and service provider organisations. Meetings have been held on the topics of Health, Youth and Transport. In the area of transport this had led to the setting up of the Fare Car Scheme running in evenings and week-ends to provide timed connections to regular services elsewhere: for example, leaving Princetown at 7.20 am to connect with the bus to the College of Further Education leaving Yelverton at 7.50 am.

Further Partner meetings are planned to discuss youth, housing, jobs and training as well as the needs of local businesses.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: **2 April 2007**