

DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting held on Monday 12 April 2010
in the Community Centre, Princetown**

Present

Princetown

Emma Derham
Cliff Palmer
Wendy Stones
Paul Turnbull
David Worth

Postbridge

Dave Fisher (Chair)

Hexworthy/Huccaby

Alison Geen

Apologies

Princetown

Gary Easton
Sarah Ruffles

Postbridge

Wendy Watson

Hexworthy/Huccaby

In Attendance

Councillor Philip Sanders (DCC)
Serena Rouse (DNPA)
PCSO Mark Canvin

Two members of the public

A G E N D A

1.	To receive apologies
2.	To accept the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 6 April 2009
3.	Matters arising from the previous meeting and not on the Agenda
4.	Chair's report
5.	To receive the accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2010
6.	Postbridge Village Hall report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009
7.	School report
8.	Play area report
9.	Burial ground report
10.	Any other business

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 7 April 2008 were approved and then signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising

4. Chair's Report

2009 saw the opening of the Princetown Community Centre by Prince Charles. This had long been awaited by the residents of the village and congratulations must go to HMCA for achieving this. The big challenge for them now is the difficult task of the ongoing running and financial success of the project. Hopefully, the Parish Council can, in some way, help them to do this.

The Parish Council, despite difficult financial times for everyone, has made a start on the improvement of the play area. We are very hopeful that a substantial grant will be made towards achieving this. It is also our intent to undertake a new Parish Plan as the last one was done some years ago and circumstances in the village have changed somewhat.

I think that thanks are due to our local PC Dave Pickles and our PCSO Mark Canvin for their continues efforts towards the youth of the area, which has helped reduce the anti-social behaviour that had previously affected the village.

Sadly, during 2009 both Rosemary Mudge and Pat Weir died. Both had been staunch members of the Council and, in Rosemary's case, had served many years on both the Parish Council and the National Park Committee. They will both be sadly missed. In their place we welcome David Worth and Alison Geen, and already they are both making their presence felt.

My sincere thanks go to the Vice-Chair, Wendy Stones, for her, often unseen, work in Princetown and her support during the year. I would also take this opportunity to thank our local fire service for all their help and assistance to local people during the year. My thanks also go to my fellow Councillors for giving their time and efforts so freely and conscientiously during the past year. Lastly, my thanks go to our Parish Clerk, who gives so much time and effort to make all of our decisions easier.

5. To Receive Statement of Accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

The statement of accounts for Dartmoor Forest Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2008 was received and accepted. The Chairman signed the Receipts and Expenditure Summary, the Supporting Statement and the Annual governance Statement for the financial year 2008/2009

6. Postbridge Village Hall Report and Statement of Accounts

The annual report and statement of accounts were not available as the AGM was not scheduled to take place until 21 April 2010

7. School Report

Nothing to report in Wendy Watson's absence

8. Playground Report

Devon County Council had confirmed that we had been awarded a grant of £35,000 under the Government's Playbuilder scheme to provide new equipment. Sarah will check the conditions of the contract between the Parish Council and the Devon County Council under which the grant will be made

9. Burial Ground Report

Burial records are now computerised, albeit the old records continue to be maintained

No burials had taken place in the last year.

Large, mature trees are progressively loosening one of the walls. This will be dealt with in the coming year.

10. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: **4 April 2011**