

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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References:

- A. Planning application 0164/07.
- B. Notes of a meeting between Parish Clerk and Tom Stratton 2 Apr 14.
- C. Email to Joanna Burgess DNPA Fri 30/05/2014 11:43.

Dear Tom and Stephen

BEARDOWN FARM UNAUTHORISED CHALET

My Councillors are concerned at the apparent lack of progress being made with enforcement action at Beardown Farm with regards the un-authorized chalet erected by the previous tenant. Retrospective planning application 07/0164 was refused and, following a failed appeal, the Planning Authority ordered its removal by 12 August 2008. I understand enforcement action was frustrated by the unique legal position of the Duchy of Cornwall. Subsequently the Duchy and tenant attempted to negotiate a compromise with the Planning Authority but talks stalled over the external appearance and the facilities of the building.

As incoming Parish Clerk, I raised the issue and the Parish Council's concerns with the Duchy (Ref B) and the Planning Authority (Ref C). I received an assurance the Duchy would re-issue proposals to DNPA in an attempt to re-invigorate discussions (Ref B); but since then there appears to have been no tangible progress.

The Parish Council is concerned at the precedent being set that Duchy tenants may be viewed as being exempt enforcement action for unauthorised development and seeks tangible progress from the Duchy and Planning Authority to regularise the position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Tigwell'.

Nigel Tigwell
Parish Clerk