

DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 5 March 2012
in the Village Hall, Postbridge at 7.30 pm

Present**Princetown**

David Worth (Chair)
 Emma Derham
 Les Parr
 Wendy Stones
 Paul Turnbull

Postbridge

Wendy Watson

Hexworthy/Huccaby

Alison Geen

Apologies**Princetown**

Gregg Manning
 Cliff Palmer

Postbridge

Val Greatrex

Hexworthy/Huccaby

None

Absent without Apology**Princetown**

None

Postbridge

None

Hexworthy/Huccaby

None

In Attendance

PCSO Mark Canvin

There was one member of the public present

A G E N D A

1.	To receive apologies
2.	Report from Beat Manager
3.	To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February
4.	Matters arising from the previous meeting and not on the Agenda
5.	Community Centre & Youth Club
6.	Repairs & maintenance
7.	Update on Highways jobs
8.	Reports from Committees
9.	Reports from meetings with other groups
10.	Report from Fire and Rescue service
11.	Correspondence
12.	Financial management
13.	Planning applications
14.	Urgent matters at the Chair's discretion
15.	Any other business

1. Apologies

There were apologies from Val and from Cliff, both of whom were on holiday, and from Gregg who was ill

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2. Report from Beat Manager

Mark asked for information on the arson attack in Hessary View when a motorcycle had been set on fire, damaging a nearby property. The crime reference was JT12 244. Mark said that the possibility of a connection with the fire that destroyed a barn on Prison land could not be ruled out at this stage

The burglary at the East Dart Hotel was still under investigation, with possible connection to similar crimes moving up the country

The surge in heating oil theft continued, with Beardown Lodge being the scene of the latest incident

Reports were being received of sheep missing at Merrivale again

Mark said that a young man seen wandering about in Princetown had now left the village

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 6 February were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

4. Matters arising from the previous Meeting

- 4.1 **Station Road Post Code Confusion** – The post code had been changed to PL20 6QF, and the Royal Mail had been told that the Fire Station, Pressed Men and Station Cottages must not have “Station Road” in their addresses. Papers were distributed showing which agencies WDBC and Royal Mail would inform of the change. Residents have to do personal ones themselves, for example, banks
- 4.2 **Disused Pumping Station** - South West Water had confirmed that there were no plans at the moment to put the property up for sale
- 4.3 **Devolved Services Workshop** – Notes had been circulated to attendees, summarising the points made at the workshop. These were distributed to Councillors
- 4.4 **Car Park Barriers** – The Clerk had explained to Alison Kohler from DNPA the difficulty with car parks in Princetown and Postbridge being used as race tracks out of hours, and had asked for installation of barriers to be considered
- 4.5 **Dog Signs** – A supply of new signs had been given to Cliff for the church footpath. Les’s action to replace two missing signs from the playing field boundary was carried forward

5. Community Centre and Youth Club (Wendy S)

5.1 **Community Centre**

A meeting had been held on 13 February. The following points were noted:

- News was still awaited from the Big Lottery Fund, which would enable the new Trustees’ Board to take over running the Centre
- A Devon in Dance taster session had taken place on 28 February and another one was due on 7 March
- A CAB outreach event would be held in the Centre on 28 March, with 16 agencies taking part
- The idea of using the main hall in the event of bad weather during the jubilee celebrations had been well received

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- The key list was incomplete and out of date. Wendy S was working on it

The next meeting would be called when news arrived from the Big Lottery Fund

The Clerk was now on the distribution list for minutes of meetings and would send copies to Councillors

5.2 Youth Club (Wendy S)

Wendy S reported that she had seen Paul Dobbie, the Youth Worker, who had said that he was hoping to open the Club on Tuesdays from April. Insurance provision was still outstanding.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Rose was still negotiating with DNPA with regard to returning some of the car park charging revenue to the village in the form of a grant to the Youth Club.

6. Repairs & Maintenance

A resident had volunteered to remove the graffiti from the bus shelter at Woodville Avenue [**Post-meeting note:** this work is now complete]

The missing "Telephone" sign panel in the Rundlestone telephone kiosk had been replaced

7. Update on Highways Jobs

7.1 New Jobs

- Street light number 3 on Plymouth Hill is not working [**Post-meeting note** – now in working order]
- Jubilee lamp not working, again [**Post-meeting note** – now in working order]
- There are potholes on the B3357 between Rundlestone cottages and the cattle grid
- There are large pot holes in the layby on the B3212, Two Bridges Road
- The ongoing problems at Saddlesbridge appears to be water rising under the road, indicating a possible pipe fracture
- Telegraph pole (A1024) on Two Bridges Road has the stay parting

8. Reports from Committees

8.1 School (Wendy W)

It will be Science Week at the school next week

The residential will be in April at the Dartmoor Training Centre

The Easter concert will be held on 29 March.

The last day of term will be Friday 30 March

8.2 Play Area (From Cliff via the Clerk)

Cliff would be meeting the Resettlement Unit to discuss possible assistance in improving the main entrance to the play area

8.3 Cemetery

Nothing to report in Val's absence

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8.4 **Emergency Plan (David)**

Options for salt storage need to be identified as the garage currently being used reverts to the Duchy later in the year.

This will be discussed at the next meeting

8.5 **Parish Plan**

A meeting is to be arranged to discuss design and distribution of questionnaires – action carried forward

8.6 **Diamond Jubilee (Wendy S)**

A general sample of the children's mug had been viewed and was as expected. The next step is to receive and approve the art work for the Council's logo, and three weeks later, a sample of the exact mug will be submitted for approval by Wendy S and Emma

Postbridge will be holding a party in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5 June

9. **Reports from Meetings with Other Groups**

Princeton Duchy Square – Alison Kohler (DNPA), Jo Rumble (DNPA) Tom Stratton (Duchy) and the Clerk had met on 9 February to look at quick and inexpensive ways to improve the visitor experience in Princetown. Alison was working on ideas for further discussion and dissemination to a wider group

10. **Fire and Rescue Service Report (Paul)**

Paul said that a coach manoeuvring out of the Old Police Station Café recently had blocked the exit road, Officers trying to enter and exit the station to wait for 7 minutes. In addition, coaches were, again, using the front of the Fire Station as a turning circle

ACTION: Wendy S to take some pictures as photographic evidence of the problems. The Clerk to inform the Police and to write to Mr Jenner asking for better control of coaches using his cafe

11. **Correspondence**

11.1 **Creativity Centre** - The Clerk had received confirmation from DCC that the company running the Centre, Integria Solutions, had gone into liquidation, and that discussions would be held with interested parties to consider options for re-opening

ACTION: Clerk to write to DCC asking for proper engagement and consultation with the Parish Council when discussions started

11.2 **Youth Hostel Renamed** – From 1 March the Youth Hostel Bellever will become YHA Dartmoor

11.3 **DNPA plan** – The Council had received a copy of DNPA's "Development Management and Delivery Development Plan document". It was also available on the Park Authority's website

11.4 **Dartmoor "What's on" Listings** – Items for the April 2012 to March 2013 edition were invited

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12. Financial Management

12.1 Summary for February

Payments made	Ref 594	C Jordan – Materials for notice board	£211.34
	Ref 595	M Williams – Litter picking	£51.39
	Ref 596	Re-imburement to David for purchase of snow shovels	£62.44
Receipts			
Balance in bank 29 February			£43,592.20
To Receive	Ref 598	Santander dividend	£7.70
	Ref 607	Jubilee donation from WI	£25.00
To pay	Ref 597	Duchy - Hire of hall for Council meetings	£30.00
	Ref 599	Postbridge Village Hall – hire for March meeting	£15.00
	Ref 600	Insignia Ltd – Jubilee mugs	£1,153.52
	Ref 601	WDBC – contribution to running Princetown toilets	£5,000.00
	Ref 602	West Devon CAB - donation	£60.00
	Ref 603	Tavistock Ring and Ride - donation	£40.00
	Ref 604	Clerk's second half-year pay plus expenses	£885.94
	Ref 605	HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	£200.40
	Ref 606	M J Williams – litter picking	£51.39

12.2 **Jubilee donations** – Wendy S presented a cheque for £25 from the WI

13. Planning Applications

13.1 There following planning applications were received in February

DNPA Ref. & Applic. Type	Description	Location	Comments
12/0106	Erection of two new dwellings one of which to be affordable	Land adjacent to Duchy house	Supported by the Council
12/0104	Replacement of dish antenna	Arqiva Transmitting Station North Hessay Tor Princetown	Supported by the Council
12/0077	Erection of seven polytunnels	HMP Dartmoor	Supported by the Council

14. Urgent Matters at the Chair's Discretion

- 14.1 **Princetown Toilets** – the following points to be brought to the attention of WDBC;
- Doors are randomly left unlocked on a regular basis
 - Cleaning is only carried out once per day
 - Urination taking place around the recycling skips and behind the toilet block

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15. Any Other Business

- 15.1 **Football Team** - There is to be a Sported presentation in the Community Centre on 21 March in connection with the football team's Sported Project of the Year award. In addition, Sir Keith Mills, Founder of Sported and Deputy Chair of the London Olympic Committee, will be in the Community Centre on 17 May to meet members of the football team
- 15.2 **Tor Erosion** – There is extensive erosion at South Hessary Tor, which needs to be addressed before the Ten Tors event
ACTION: Clerk to write to DNPA
- 15.3 **Sport Aid Mile** – This event, organised by the WI, is taking place again this year, on 24 March at mid-day. Competitors may run in fancy dress if they wish
- 15.4 **David Swales Service** – More than ninety people attended the memorial service for David Swales in Princetown. Money from the collection was to be split between Church Army and the Christian Rural Aid Network
- 15.5 **Princetown Resident's Letter** – A resident had written to the Parish Council asking for help to discourage parking and walkers on the private road serving Station Cottages and parking on land next to the Fire Station. A request was also made to re-site the disused railway finger sign to the opposite side of the road to make it more easily seen by walkers
ACTION: Clerk to write to DNPA
- 15.6 **Refuse Collection Litter** – The weekly collection in Princetown is leaving litter behind that blows around the Fire Station and Station Cottages
ACTION: Clerk to write to WDBC Environmental Services

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Nothing to report

Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.30 pm on Monday 2 April 2012** in the **Community Centre, Princetown**. It will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm**

Alison will chair both meetings

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Sub-Committees and Groups

Jubilee Sub-Committee – Emma, Wendy S

Parish Emergency Group – Cliff, Wendy S, Paul

Parish Plan Sub-Committee – Alison, Val, Wendy S

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