

**DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 11 June 2012**  
**in the Community Centre, Princetown at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

**Princetown**  
David Worth (Chair)  
Cliff Palmer  
Les Parr  
Wendy Stones  
Paul Turnbull

**Postbridge**  
Val Greatrex  
Wendy Watson

**Hexworthy/Huccaby**

**Apologies**

**Princetown**  
Emma Derham  
Gregg Manning

**Postbridge**

**Hexworthy/Huccaby**  
Alison Geen

**Absent without Apology**

**Princetown**  
None

**Postbridge**  
None

**Hexworthy/Huccaby**  
None

**In Attendance**

Councillor Lynne Rose (WDBC and DNPA Link Member)  
PC Dave Pickles

There were no members 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 14 May
4.	Matters arising from the previous meeting and not on the Agenda
5.	Annual Parish newsletter
6.	Community Centre & Youth Club
7.	Repairs & maintenance
8.	Update on Highways jobs
9.	Reports from Committees
10.	Reports from meetings with other groups
11.	Report from Fire and Rescue service
12.	Correspondence
13.	Financial management
14.	Planning applications
15.	Urgent matters at the Chair's discretion
16.	Any other business

**1. Apologies**

There were apologies from Emma, Alison and Gregg

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## 2. Report from Beat Manager

Dave Pickles said that recorded crime in the area had dropped from 8 in 2011 to 5 in 2012

With regard to the raves in Bellever Forest, Dave said that Police action to block cars from entering the site and turning away would-be attendees on the feeder roads had seen numbers dwindle on the Sunday. Two businesses had complained about the Police's handling of the situation and these had been passed to the Management Committee by Inspector Kenneally, who was the Officer in Charge of the case.

Wendy W said that she had spoken to the Forestry Commission Officer for the local area. He had said that he was working with the Park Authority and that neither organisation would ever give permission for such events in the forest. In the event of the Police wishing to take out an injunction to prevent future raves, this meant that time need not be wasted in seeking to check if permission had been given.

Dave said that the Police were open to ideas to prevent a recurrence of the problem. Residents should call 01392 834 210

## 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 14 May were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

## 4. Matters arising from the previous Meeting

4.1 **Princetown Toilets Additional Payment** – no progress. This item to be on the agenda for July's meeting

4.2 **Blocked Leat** – The blockage near Tor Royal/Bachelors Hall had been reported to South West Water

4.3 **Fly a Flag** – A flag pole had been purchased and an order had been placed for a flag

4.4 **Postbridge Meeting Date** – 13 May, 3 June, 1 July and 5 August are all free at the moment  
**DECISION:** 3 June chosen

4.5 **Butt Bin** – DNPA had confirmed that the Prince of Wales was not a listed building, and that installation of a bin would not require planning permission. It was requested, however, that, given the building's position in the Conservation Area, consideration be given to installing the bin at the side or back of the building  
**ACTION:** Letter to be sent to Mr Brady explaining about the complaints that had been made and asking for the problem to be resolved by the installation of a bin, or by asking smokers to stand at the back of the building

4.6 **Biffa Funding** – The Clerk had checked but could not find any paperwork relating to the Biffa award made to HMCA

## 5. Annual Parish Newsletter

Councillors approved the draft newsletter

Distribution arrangements were agreed as;

- Princetown – Wendy S, DW and LP
- Postbridge – Wendy W (via newspapers)
- Hexworthy - AG

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## 6. Community Centre and Youth Club (Wendy S)

### 6.1 Community Centre

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May had been distributed to all Councillors.

Date of next meeting is to be agreed

### 6.2 Youth Club (Wendy S)

Paul Dobby had been in contact with Wendy S. It was noted that he had now resigned from DCC's Youth Service

The Clerk had spoken to Simon Cohen, the Youth Services Team Leader, asking for a meeting to discuss resumption of Youth Service provision in Princetown

Councillor Rose confirmed that money from the Locality Budget was available for training

## 7. Repairs & Maintenance

The Hexworthy notice board site had been marked ready for installation. AG had sent a message to say that she had found someone willing to help to erect the board, which she hoped would be done before the next meeting

The sign at the top corner of the play area needed re-seating

**ACTION:** Cliff to organise this

## 8. Update on Highways Jobs

### 8.1 New Jobs

The repair to Tavistock Road beyond the Prison had left lines unpainted and chippings uncleared

AG to be asked for her views on the recent roadworks undertaken at Holne and at Newbridge

### 8.2 Existing Jobs Outstanding

The bollard on Princetown village green had still not been replaced

The road was broken up in the Powdermills area

Water was still rising through the road surface at Saddlesbridge

## 9. Reports from Committees

### 9.1 School (Wendy W)

The school's summer fair had made a profit of £508.

Rev. Mike Lapage (a silver medallist in the 1948 Olympics) would be visiting the school on 19 June

The Princetown Games 2012 will be held on 25 June

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The Governing Body would be meeting shortly to review the proposal to replace the oil fired boiler with a biomass wood fuel heating system

#### 9.2 **Play Area (Cliff) -**

Cliff said he had inspected the play area and found no problems.  
The matter of using resources from the Resettlement Unit was still unresolved

#### 9.3 **Cemetery (Val) -**

Nothing to report

#### 9.4 **Emergency Plan (David)**

The storage of the Council's salt when the current site was no longer available was still to be resolved

#### 9.5 **Parish Plan - Meeting still to be organised**

A meeting still needs to be organised

#### 9.6 **Parking Sub-Group (Gregg)**

Nothing to report

### **10. Reports from Meetings with Other Groups**

- 10.1 **Creativity Centre** – The Duchy had hosted a meeting on 22 May to discuss with local businesses their ideas for use of the Creativity Centre that would encourage tourists to visit the village and to stay longer. Wendy S, David and the Clerk had attended. The Duchy was hoping to attract an anchor tenant who would be on-site and would assist with the day-to-day running of the Centre. Other areas of the Centre would be let out to small organisations.

The Chair of Dartmoor Brewery, Philip Davies, had said that safety considerations meant that it was becoming ever more challenging to run visitor tours around the brewery. One possible solution would be to set up a microbrewery and a brewery museum in the Creativity Centre. However, the level of business rates would need to be addressed before the scheme could be implemented

### **11. Report from Fire and Rescue (Paul)**

Paul said that the date for a recruiting event was yet to be set, as was the date for a barbeque and Station open day.

Anti social parking was causing concern due to the proximity to the Station. Coaches parking at the rear of the Old Police Station Café were again causing problems as they blocked the road when parking and leaving

**ACTION:** Clerk to report these matters to the Police

### **12. Correspondence**

- 12.1 **Members' Code of Conduct** – It has been agreed that, for simplicity, especially for (e.g.) Councillor Sanders who operates at three levels in local government, that there will be a "Devonwide" code with the capability of limited local variation and flexibility

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- 12.2 **Overhead Conductors, Walkhampton Common** – The Council had received an update from Western Power Distribution (WPD) stating that consultations were in progress for the proposed scheme and it was hoped that the work would be carried out during September/October this year. WPD needs to apply to DEFRA for Common Land Consent and had requested a letter of support from the Parish Council when the application had been submitted  
**DECISION:** A letter of support to be sent at the appropriate point in the application process
- 12.3 **Superfast Broadband** – Businesses and individuals are being asked to register an interest in accessing superfast broadband to add weight to DCC's bid for money from the Rural Community Broadband Fund, which is aimed at helping hard-to-reach communities
- 12.4 **Throleigh Beating the Bounds** – We have received information about this event, which will take place on 27 August (bank holiday)
- 12.5 **Localism Act Guide** – WDBC has produced a short guide to the Act. Councillors requested an electronic version
- 12.6 **Super Link Meeting** – Notes from the meeting on 16 May, and a guide to the Town and Parish (TAP) had been published. Councillors requested an electronic version
- 12.7 **Community Safety Newsletter** – Copy available from the Clerk via email

### 13. Financial Management

#### 13.1 Summary for May

<b>Payments made</b>			
	Ref 615	Parish Link donation	£60.00
	Ref 616	Round and About donation	£60.00
	Ref 617	Came & Company annual insurance	£540.54
	Ref 618	WDBC dog bin servicing	£64.90
	Ref 619	M J Druett grass cutting	£165.00
	Ref 620	M J Williams litter picking	£52.69
<b>Receipts</b>			
	Ref 613	Jubilee donations	£410.00
	Ref 614	Jubilee donation	£50.00
	Ref 621	Precept	£8,645.12
	Ref 622	Precept correction (DALC fee refund)	£217.38
	Ref 623	VAT refund for 2011/12	£1,923.27
<b>Balance in bank 31 May</b>			£45,179.25
<b>To Receive</b>			
	Ref 624	Jubilee donations	£215.00
	Ref 627	Santander dividend	£13.92
<b>To pay</b>			
	Ref 625	Community Centre – monies held in escrow	£28,496.76
	Ref 626	M J Druett – grass cutting	£400.00
	Ref 628	M J Williams – litter picking	£52.69
	Ref 629	D Agnew – internal audit fee	£50.00
	Ref 630	A D Inman – Clerk's expenses	£449.12

- 13.2 **Clerk's Expenses** – This includes £72 for stamps (before the cost increased), £293 (annual purchase of printer cartridges) and £75 (flagpole)

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- 13.3 **Annual Accounts** – Don Agnew had completed the internal audit and the accounts had been sent to the Audit Commission
- 13.4 **Divestment of Santander Shares** –Shares can be sold over the telephone, or via the Internet, or via a hard copy request form to Santander  
**DECISION:**, Since reasonable dividends continued to be made although the share price was falling, it was agreed that the shares should not be sold
- 13.5 **Jubilee Event** – donations totaling £890 had been received towards the cost of the mugs, which were now on sale and raising additional income  
**DECISION:** It was agreed that any profit made from the sale of mugs should be put towards funds for the play area

#### 14. Planning Applications

- 14.1 The following planning applications were received in May

DNPA Ref. & Applic. Type	Description	Location	Comments
12/0309 Full PP	Installation of two dish antennae	Arqiva Transmitting Station North Hessary Tor Princetown	With Councillors for comment
12/0304 Full PP	Replacement garden shed	43 Bellever Close	With Councillors for comment
12/0300 Full PP	Renewal of 09/0146 Demolition of existing barn/dairy and replacement with stable block	Wydemeet Hexworthy	Supported by the Parish Council
12/0290 Full PP	Installation of ground mounted solar panels	3 Mine Cottages Whiteworks	With Councillors for comment

#### 15. Urgent Matters at the Chair's Discretion

- 15.1 **Grass Cutting in Princetown** – Complaint to be made to the Park Authority about the poor quality of grass cutting in front of the Visitor Centre and the public car park. Mike Druett to be asked to clear up the cuttings

#### 16. Any Other Business

- 16.1 **Jubilee Thanks** - Councillors thanked Wendy S for her hard work in organising the Jubilee event and in making it such a success
- 16.2 **Tor Royal Tour** – Clerk to arrange with Justine Colton now that renovation work is complete
- 16.3 **Princetown Public Transport** – Councillor Rose took an action to speak to Councillor Sanders about access to the Community Bus Scheme and Ring and Ride (non-disabled) in Princetown

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- 1 Councillor Rose thanked Wendy S for inviting her to the Jubilee event, which she had enjoyed

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**Next Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.16 pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.30 pm on Monday 9 July 2012** in the **Community Centre, Princetown**

Alison will chair the meeting

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**Sub-Committees and Groups**

**Parking Sub-Group** – Gregg, Paul

**Parish Emergency Group** – Cliff, Wendy S, Paul

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

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