

**DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 April 2013**  
**in the Community Centre, Princetown at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

**Princetown**  
David Worth (Chair)  
Emma Derham  
Wendy Stones  
Paul Turnbull

**Postbridge**  
Val Greatrex  
Wendy Watson

**Hexworthy/Huccaby**  
Alison Geen

**Apologies**

**Princetown**  
Gregg Manning  
Cliff Palmer

**Postbridge**  
None

**Hexworthy/Huccaby**  
None

**Absent without Apology**

**Princetown**  
None

**Postbridge**  
None

**Hexworthy/Huccaby**  
None

**In Attendance - none**

There were no members of the public present

**A G E N D A**

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

**1. Apologies**

There were apologies from Gregg and Cliff

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## 2. Declarations of interest

Alison declared an interest in the planning application for Sherberton Farm

Councillors reviewed their Business Interests entries and made corrections where necessary

## 3. Report from Beat Manager

Clerk to ask PC Dave Pickles about “Rave in the Forest” arrangements for the summer period and to report skateboarding activity in the road by the Forest Inn

[**Post-meeting note**; A report was emailed to the Clerk by PCSO Mark Canvin, and read as follows;

*“We have been carrying out speed monitoring and enforcement work in Princetown and on the B3212 to Dousland and Yelverton recently. A recent speed assessment in Dousland has shown that speeds in the area are above the limit at peak times, and we have made this a local priority for officers from Tavistock Station.*

*We have also been working with Safeguarding Partner Agencies to address some issues of anti-social behaviour between some neighbours in Princetown, and have made significant strides to alleviate these problems.*

*Anti-social behaviour is a current focus for Devon and Cornwall Police, attracting additional attention and input from Neighbourhood Teams.*

*A recent fire in a garden shed in Princetown was probably intentionally started, which is cause for concern and flags the need for security, even in old outbuildings.*

*This is further highlighted by a spate of thefts from outbuildings in the Tavistock and Yelverton areas.*

*Finally, the visitor season on the moors starts again this month. Zero thefts from vehicles on the moor were reported during the visitor season again last year! This is due largely to people not leaving valuables on display in their vehicles, so the pickings are too thin to pay for the thieves petrol. We hope to repeat the result this year!”*

## 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 12 March were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

## 5. Matters arising from the previous Meeting

- 5.1 **Website quotes** – The Clerk had identified a knowledgeable person at West Devon Borough Council and would be talking to her shortly about costs
- 5.2 **Funding Princetown Toilets** –As a result of the Council’s letter to the Chair and the Chief Executive of the Park Authority, Paul and the Clerk were to attend a meeting on 15 April, with Ally Kohler from DNPA and with Jill Skelton from WDBC.
- 5.3 **Duchy Square procurement process** – Tom Stratton was seeking an update on progress
- 5.4 **Moor than meets the Eye** –It had been confirmed that Princetown was not within scope of the project, but the Parish Council would be kept up to date with progress. The Stakeholders’ Group places had been filled.

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- 5.5 **Litter picking in Princetown** –Wendy said that the Park Authority had agreed to provide the litter picking “grabbers” free of charge, as long as the Princetown car park was included in the picking rota. Wendy said that she had not heard from anyone else and was unsure whether the initiative was still being considered or not. Paul provided Wendy with hi-vis tabards
- 5.6 **Peek Hill Wall** – It has been established that the crumbling wall in Dousland belonged to Peek Hill Farm. Highways had sent a letter asking to repairs to be carried out urgently [**Post-meeting note**; Repairs had been carried out]
- 5.7 **Disabled bays Princetown** – Paul had completed the inspection of bays in the village, of which there were 10. The Clerk will check with Highways that the residents who had requested the bays to be put in place did still need them and would request that the Parish Council be re-instated in the process as consultees for new applications for bays. Paul will ask for the subject of disabled bays to be put onto the agenda for the next Southern Link Committee meeting

## 6. Councillor Vacancy

There had not been any responses from the Co-option notice.

**ACTION**; The next step was personal contact with residents who had expressed an interest informally. David took this action

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

### 7.1 **Community Centre**

The Trustees had voted against the Council’s suggestion for re-siting the grit bin where it was readily accessible due to the fear of liability claims

**ACTION**; For possible future reference, the Clerk would supply Wendy S with a statement of the legal responsibilities for keeping unadopted roads safe to use

Wendy S reported that the signing of the new lease was imminent, but it needed to be inspected by a solicitor

The next meeting of the Trustees’ Board would be on 25 April

### 7.2 **Youth Club**

Simon Cohen (SC), the head of Devon Youth Services (DYS) for the area, had concerns about being ignored/bypassed by Adrian Kemp (AK) (Play Space) and had expressed these concerns in an email, seen by Wendy and the Clerk.

Wendy said that her understanding of the situation was that AK would prefer to work in partnership with DYS. However, Play Space had funded about £2k for dealing with issues in the Pavilion and would also commit to funding £10k for staff costs during the first year of operation but was looking to DYS to fund ongoing staff costs of £2.2k per annum. SC had said that DYS would not be able to provide this funding and commended AK to look at making an application to the Local Youth Network

## 8. Repairs & Maintenance

The crumbling wall beyond the Prison on the Tavistock Road had not yet been repaired. To be reported to the Duchy

## 9. Update on Highways Jobs

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## 9.1 New Jobs

A large pothole is appearing on B3212, past Black Tor. It is marked with cones and an ice warning sign, but these are being moved around

Changes to the car park at Higher Cherrybrook Bridge are causing water and detritus to flow out onto the road and gather on the bridge, instead of (as before) flowing into the ditch

## 9.2 Existing Jobs Outstanding

The road surface on Plymouth Hill is breaking up badly and needs resurfacing rather than filling potholes

## 10. Planning Applications

10.1 The following planning applications were received in March

<b>DNPA Ref. &amp; Applic. Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
13/0144	Replacement of an existing farm building with a new farm building plus a new agricultural storage shed	Sherberton Farm Hexworthy	The Council supported this application
13/0048 Full PP	Demolition and replacement of 3 existing cattle buildings with new storage shed and cattle building, plus creation of shed over existing silage clamp	Huccaby Farm Hexworthy	Plans resubmitted for review with only a change in compass orientation. Supported
12/0033 Full PP	Change of use to allow civil ceremonies and receptions to be held	Tor Royal Farm Princetown	Granted: Work to begin within three years Parking spaces approved within the courtyard, farmyard and to the south of the stables to be made available for the use of guests on each occasion when the a new use event takes place

10.2 **Yellowmeade Farm** – the applicant is resubmitting the plan in the light of comments made on the previous plan

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Nothing to report

## 11. Reports from Committees

11.1 **School (Wendy W)** – Dealt with in the Annual Parish Meeting

11.2 **Play Area (Cliff)** - Dealt with in the Annual Parish Meeting

11.3 **Cemetery (Val)** – Dealt with in the Annual Parish Meeting

11.4 **Emergency Plan (David)** – Nothing to report

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- 11.5 **Parish Plan Sub-Group** – Meeting date to be set
- 11.6 **Parking Sub-Group (Gregg)** – Ally Kohler from DNPA had reported that the public consultation on the proposed parking charges in Princetown had not brought forward any objections. WDBC was now continuing the process to complete the Parking Order
- 11.7 **Fire and Rescue** – Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service was carrying out a public consultation on its draft plans for cost reductions over the next two years. One of the proposals was to reduce to one person the manning of co-responder vehicles. Paul explained the potential pitfalls of such a decision in remote rural locations where roads and signage were not always of the best  
**ACTION;** Letter of objection to be sent to Fire and Rescue.  
**[Post-meeting note;** Letter sent via mail and acknowledged as having been received]

The Council had been copied in on a letter from the Neighbourhood Watch to the Duchy regarding the clearance of detritus obscuring yellow lines on the roadway to the Fire Station

## 12. Reports from Meetings with Other Groups

Nothing to report

## 13. Correspondence

- 13.1 **Community Right to Bid** – Document will be sent to all Councillors for discussion at May's meeting
- 13.2 **Southern Link Committee** – Agendas and all papers are available on <http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/4055/Parish-Links>

## 14. Financial Management

### 14.1 Summary for March

<b>Payments made</b>			
	Ref 677	A Jaques – litter picking	£52.69
	Ref 678	HMRC – Clerk's half-year PAYE	£200.40
	Ref 679	Clerk – Half-year pay and expenses	£909.15
	Ref 680	Duchy of Cornwall – Half-year rent	£36.00
<b>Receipts</b>			
	Ref 676	Santander share dividend	£10.22
	Ref 673	WDBC refund for Princetown toilets	£957.60
<b>Balance in bank 31 March</b>			£19,910.91
<b>To Receive</b>			
	Ref 684	Precept for first half-year	£8,810.50
<b>To pay</b>			
	Ref 681	DALC – annual fee for services	£217.50
	Ref 682	WDBC – cemetery rates for first half-year	£61.43
	Ref 683	S Jaques – litter picking in March	£52.96
	Ref 685	Holne PCC – Donation towards car park improvement at St Raphael's	£700.00

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

- 15.1 **Christmas tree lights** – Emma explained the difficulty she was having in obtaining the information she required from the would –be supplier of the lights. She will supply the Clerk with information to enable the lights to be purchased on a 30-day trial. Colours to be chosen at the next meeting
- 15.2 **Bus shelter in Princetown** – A resident had asked if the Council could take action to erect a bus shelter in Two Bridges Road, somewhere near the entrance to the Lords Restaurant car park. It was agreed that it would be almost certainly impossible to make a strong enough case to Highways for spending money on this in the current tight financial climate

## 16. Any Other Business

- 16.1 **Primary School anniversary** – The school would be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an event on Saturday 20 July
- 16.2 **Red Nose day** – The WI walk had raised £150
- 16.3 **Church Service** – A service will be held in St Michael and All Angels church on 4 June to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of American Prisoners of War at the Prison

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Nothing to report

## Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.10 pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.30 pm Tuesday 14 May 2013** in the **Community Centre, Princetown,**

Alison will chair the meeting.

## List of 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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