

**DARTMOOR FOREST PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Council meeting held on Monday 20 September 2010  
in the Community Centre, Princetown at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

<b>Princetown</b>	<b>Postbridge</b>	<b>Hexworthy/Huccaby</b>
Mr Gary Easton (Chair)		
Ms Emma Derham		
Mr Cliff Palmer		
Ms Sarah Ruffles		
Mrs Wendy Stones		
Mr Paul Turnbull		
Mr David Worth		

**Apologies**

<b>Princetown</b>	<b>Postbridge</b>	<b>Hexworthy/Huccaby</b>
	Mr Dave Fisher	Ms Alison Geen
	Mrs Wendy Watson	

**Absent without Apology**

<b>Princetown</b>	<b>Postbridge</b>	<b>Hexworthy/Huccaby</b>
None	None	None

**In Attendance**

Ann Inman (Clerk)

Members of the public were not present

**A G E N D A**

1.	To receive apologies
2.	To discuss the set up of a community meeting to consider the running of the Community Centre post-HMCA

**1. Apologies**

There was an apology from Dave F who was still recovering from surgery and from Wendy Watson, who had a prior commitment.

Gary took the Chair

Tom Stratton had intended to be present but had a prior engagement

Alison had hoped to attend but did not make it

**2. HMCA Meeting 6 September**

Copies of the minutes of this meeting were circulated and time was allowed for Councillors to read them.

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It was agreed that, whilst the current situation was predicted by the Council long before the Centre was built, now was the time to set aside previous misgivings and to concentrate on putting in place plans to secure its future

There was an in depth discussion about the desirability of the Parish Council taking over the running of the Centre. It was generally agreed that this would not be the most appropriate solution. The original business plan for the Centre had been based upon an assumption that it would be run, largely, by volunteers after the set-up grants had been spent. Those present agreed that it would be better to return to this idea, with a mixture of volunteers and Councillors running the Centre. It was also agreed that the scope of the new organisation should include:

- The Community Centre
- The Youth Club, including the Pavilion
- The charity shop
- Princetown Community Fund

### 3. Stakeholder List

Version 4 of the list, intended initially for the Parish Plan exercise, was distributed to those present. Almost all of the gaps in Contact details were then filled. It was agreed that church organisations and Postbridge Village Hall Committee were not needed for current purposes and that the remainder of the list should be sent to Audrey Vigni to assist with compiling invitations to the forthcoming meeting

[Post-meeting note: List sent on 21 September]

### 4. Community Meeting

The minutes of HMCA's meeting of 6 September specified that a community meeting be facilitated by the Council to present the case to residents and to ask for support in putting the Centre on its feet and then running it on a day to day basis.

A date of 27 September was suggested, starting at 7.00 pm to maximise attendance and, after a confirmatory phone call to Gregg Manning, this was agreed.

### 5. Duchy Meeting

It was noted that the Duchy would not be invited to the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, notwithstanding that they were one of the key Stakeholders. It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting with Tom Stratton to brief him on the Council's intended proposals and to gather as much information as possible about the Duchy's intentions. Council to be represented by the Chair and Vice-Chair at this meeting

### Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.30 pm on Monday 4 October 2010** in the **Forest Inn, Hexworthy**

Date 4 October 2010	Signature of Chair