

# Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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## Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 in Princetown Community Centre

Present:

<b>Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward:</b>	<b>Princetown Ward:</b>	
		Cllr Hazel Williams
<b>Postbridge Ward:</b>	Cllr Gary Easton	Cllr Mark Williams*
Cllr Julian Greatrex		
Cllr Wendy Watson		* Chair      ** Vice Chair

Abbreviations used: **DFPC:** Dartmoor Forest Parish Council, **DCC:** Devon County Council,  
**DNPA:** Dartmoor National Park Authority, **DoC:** Duchy of Cornwall,  
**PCSO:** Police Community Support Officer,  
**PCMF:** Princetown Churchyard Maintenance Fund **WDBC:** West Devon Borough Council

Members of the public in attendance: Mark Renders (WDBC), David Cole

- Apologies –** Parish Clerk Jackie Bennetts, Cllr Manning, Cllr Geen, Cllr Byrom  
Cllr Woods (Absent)
- Declarations of interest - none**
- Acceptance of Minutes –** June minutes will be reviewed and approved at the August meeting.
- Urgent decisions since last meeting –** Cllr Williams contacted Cllr Mark Renders, who contacted WDBC and Devon Building Control Partnership to report guttering from Claremont House which had fallen to the pavement on 8th July. This was made safe by the Emergency Team from WDBC.  
Mark Renders confirmed that the issue has now gone to WDBC Enforcement for a full assessment. They may carry out emergency safety repairs and charge them back to the homeowner. This will be on the August agenda to review.
- Co-option of Councillor to fill vacancy in Princetown Ward –** No applicants for this vacancy. Moved forward to August.
- CCTV –** Update on actions.  
CCTV sub-committee meeting last month was not able to take place. This will be rearranged prior to the next full Council meeting. Cllr Williams explained that the purpose of the sub-committee is to tighten up our CCTV policies and procedures to ensure we are fully compliant ongoing.



7. **Financial Management** – Council approved payments of salaries and expenses for the month as prepared by the Clerk. A full Financial Report will be given at August meeting. The Clerk has set payments to be made on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Easton plus one other will need to authorise payments before 29<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Mark Williams to email Alison, Emma and Gary to ensure this happens.

8. **PUBLIC SESSION** - Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on agenda items or raise issues for future consideration.

Mark Renders:

- Introduced the WDBC Housing Offer, a project aimed at generating interest in social housing. The Parish Clerk has the details.
- Introduced Parish Profiles, a collation of demographic and other useful information relating to all WDBC parishes, now on the WDBC website. Should prove to be a valuable source of information for Parish Councils. Parish Clerk has the details.
- The DNPA signage store near the Fire Station has been broken into and vandalised. It has been reported to the police by Mark Renders.

David Cole:

- Japanese Knotweed has been reported to DFPC Parish Clerk. This is on Duchy land. Cllr Easton reported a further patch of Knotweed, also on Duchy land. He will advise the What3Words location to DFPC Parish Clerk.
- Can we get windows put in the bus shelter outside the Visitors Centre, to keep the seat dry? Cllr Mark Williams stated he will price it up and propose to Council at the next meeting. It is understood that there is no budget for this in the Precept for 2024.
- Where are the Princetown signs? These are on order, we are awaiting production.

9. **Exchange of information** - Around the table discussion for any matters to be shared for information or to request they are put on agenda for next meeting.

Hazel Williams:

- LOVE project going well, another potential sponsor
- The Plot also going well, lots of donations received
- Theft at Albert Terrace of a mini motorbike last night. Owners requesting CCTV footage.

Julian Greatrex:

- The verge has been repaired at Postbridge opposite St Gabrielles Church. DFPC cones were removed by Cllr Watson for safe-keeping
- The bushes have been cut back by DCC Highways at Dunnabridge (B3357) providing better visibility on the bends.

Mark Williams:

- The dog waste bin has now been installed at the top of Burrator Avenue
- Both bus shelters have been re-painted
- Need to agree a plan of action with Dave Cole pro-actively, regarding the playpark works required

**Burial of Ashes** on 11th August at Postbridge Cemetery. Cllr Greatrex will attend on behalf of DFPC

10. **Date of next meeting-** 19.30 on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at Postbridge Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 2002