



Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th August 2021 at Princetown Community Centre

Present:

Hexworthy/Huccaby Ward:	Princetown Ward:	
	Cllr. David Worth**	Cllr. Nigel Tigwell
Postbridge Ward:	Cllr. Stephen King	Cllr. Wendy Stones
Cllr. Julian Greatrex	Cllr. Phil Henson	Cllr. Gregg Manning
Cllr. Wendy Watson		
		**Vice-Chair

Also Present: Cllr. Philip Sanders (DCC), Andrew Wyer (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

Abbreviations used: **DFPC:** Dartmoor Forest Parish Council, **DNPA:** Dartmoor National Park Authority, **WDBC:** West Devon Borough Council, **DCC:** Devon County Council.

As Cllr. Geen was not present, the Vice-Chair, Cllr. David Worth chaired the meeting.

- 1. Apologies Received** Cllr. Alison Geen, Cllr. Emma Byrom and Cllr. Mark Renders (WDBC)
- 2. Declarations of Interest** None
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** The draft minutes were amended to correct minute 20.a before being approved and signed.
- 4. Princetown Public Toilets** The toilets were recognised as being vital and a well-used facility. Although WDBC hold the lease, it would be in the interests of the Parish to ensure they remain open. As the DFPC contribution would have to come directly from the Precept so it should be kept to a minimum. The value of any contribution would have to be agreed as part of the budget discussions.
- 5. Princetown roadside parking issues.** It was agreed that we should invite civil enforcement officers to attend more regularly. It was queried if Police approved volunteers could provide “educational” materials? The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about the No Parking sign which had gone missing from the exit route from the Fire Brigade station. There is a bit of land near Bellever Close which could provide a suitable short stay parking area – landowner to be contacted.
- 6. Snow Tourism.** It was felt that we should push for a meeting with all the main parties at same time, rather than a series of individual meetings. While the issue is a low priority to most agencies, the Fire service had expressed concern about restricted access along roads blocked by parked/abandoned vehicles. It was agreed to push for Clearway status for the roads concerned and for an electronic sign at Roborough roundabout which could advise of closed roads ahead at a point where people could turn around easily.



- 7. Speedwatch feedback re: B3212, Two Bridges Road.** A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Stones reported that she had been contacted requesting a speed hump or similar traffic calming measures. It was felt that the existing evidence was unlikely to justify these works. The Speedwatch team will assess the location to see if they could operate there, which could provide additional evidence and/or reduce speeding in the area.
- 8. Climate Emergency.** Councillors were very much in favour of promoting additional electric charging points and for greater Council use of zoom meetings. The new policy was adopted unanimously.
- 9. Funding of Churchyard upkeep** Councillors were keen to encourage schemes to raise money for this, such as a donation box. The Clerk confirmed that funds raised for a specific purpose could be “ring fenced” in the accounts to ensure that is where the money was spent. The Clerk advised that there are legal issues with local Council’s funding Church costs.
- 10. Jubilee Celebrations 2022** – Council agreed to allocate funding in the next budget for this event to be marked, possibly in a similar way to previous events. Cllr. Stones and Cllr. Greatrex agreed to work together generating ideas/proposals.
- 11. Planning** It was resolved to support the below planning application:
0437/21: Longhouse at Babeny Farm, Poundsgate.
- PUBLIC SESSION** – Cllr. Worth reported receiving a request for the football pitch to be cut again (by Saturday). Cllr. Sanders (DCC) suggested that if speeding issues were regularly at a specific time, then a PCSO may be able to attend. The Clerk was also asked to chase up the damaged signs on the B3212 at the Leather Tor car park
- 12. Financial management.** The Clerk reported that as he had only received a handful of emails since taking over (the rest having gone to the old email address which the Clerk can not access) he had no payroll information or bank account updates. Councillors approved the payment of the two regular fixed amount payments, with anything else being deferred to the next meeting:

Ref	Chq. No.	Date	Payee & Details	Amount
1442	1684	24/08/2021	Josh Cook – Litter Picker fee	£40.00
1443	1685	24/08/2021	David Cole – Pay	£528.00

- 13. Reports from meetings** – Warmer Healthier Homes – No meeting had taken place yet.
- 14. Committees, Subgroups and Special Interests** –
- Princetown Play area update** – Dave has done the outstanding jobs and had donated a new padlock for the top gate.
- Food Hub** – Cllr. Stones had been in contact with them and would be distributing further information over the next few days.
- Highways training** The Clerk was asked to chase up or action the training discussed at the last meeting.
- 15. Urgent decisions since last meeting** None.
- Although not a decision, Cllr. Stones reported that the collapsed roadside drain had been coned off.
- The Clerk was asked to report a potentially dangerous building to WDBC
- 16. Exchange of information:** Updates had been distributed prior to the meeting on:
Former Prison Officer’s Club, Station Cottages road and DPFC website use by local businesses.
Cllr. Manning requested that the Skatepark project be on the next agenda and suggested that Tom Stratton could give a presentation to Council?
Cllr. Stones asked the Clerk to chase up the bank mandate updates.

It was reported that the CCTV has been affected by power outages. Clerk to follow up.

PUBLIC SESSION None

17. Date of next meeting 19:30 on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at Princetown Community Centre.

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20:55