

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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21st October 2022

Briefing Notes

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Byrom
2. **Declarations of interest** -
3. **Acceptance of minutes** - As previously circulated for the meeting on the 27th September 2022
4. **Urgent decisions since last meeting** - none
5. **Councillor vacancies** – Co-option of Councillors to fill two current vacancies. Only one applicant has come forward: Andy Steele, as circulated by e-mail at the end of September. Council to vote whether to co-opt Andy onto the Council.

Dear councillors
I would like to express my interest in becoming a Dartmoor parish councillor. I have lived and worked in the Princetown community for over 35 years and in that time I was a crew commander for Devon and Somerset Fire and rescue service and I am also the head of Estates for the MOJ.
I have a keen interest in the heritage and conservation of the local community as well as vast array of knowledge in the local community. I have a good working relationships with the Duchy of Cornwall and Dartmoor national parks and other key stakeholders.
Thank you for considering my expression of interest I look forward to hearing from you soon
Kind Regards, Andy Steele
6. **Communicating with residents** – Clerk to update on collecting e-mail addresses from residents wanting to be kept informed of Council business. Clerk has investigated using 'Survey Monkey' to collect e-mail addresses from residents. The free version only allows 40 respondents per survey, but the survey can be repeated as necessary without incurring a cost. To preview please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SD8F2BX>
7. **St Michael's Churchyard** – Continuation of discussion regarding the ongoing maintenance of the Churchyard. Clerk has been in contact with the Churches Conservation Trust who have explained that they are 'vested' churches by the Church of England, the CCT themselves have no authority to take on churches or churchyards, and do not make donations outside of the churches they are responsible for. Council to agree next action to be taken.
8. **Parking issues (Princetown)** - Standing item to cover issues arising since the last meeting -None to date
9. **1st PUBLIC SESSION** - Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on agenda items, or raise issues for future consideration

10. Planning –

- a) **0572/21** Land at Lakehead Hill (Refused Dec 2021) – Home Office has taken this to appeal. Council to discuss and decide if it would like to add any further comments to what was submitted in Nov 2021. [Search for an application | Dartmoor](#)

From: David Worth

Sent: 24 November 2021 14:28

To: Phil Twamley

Subject: Planning Application 0572/21 Lakeland Hill, Bellever

Dear Mr. Twamley

This email is to confirm that at its most recent meeting, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council voted to OPPOSE this application. The Council commented that: "Any development of this type would be out of character with all the cherished features of the area and be detrimental to the visual amenity. In the event of tree felling or windthrow the whole structure would be visible and both these events have taken place to some extent already. The track to the site will cause damage to natural drainage and both it and the base of the structure will be detrimental to flora and fauna. We consider this to be an inappropriate development for Dartmoor National Park."

Regards, David Worth. Vice-Chair, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council, PP, Clerk, DFPC.

- b) Summary of DALC training attended by Clerk– Responding to Planning Applications
c) Brief discussion regarding the role of Parish Council Members in Planning Application Consultations – ‘When is it appropriate to offer no-comment’?

11. Residents’ issues or concerns - Standing item to cover issues raised at or since the last meeting – None to date

12. Financial management - see financial report for details

- a) Payments to be approved;
b) Invoices to be approved;
c) Bank reconciliation;
d) Online Banking - progress to date;

13. Budget 2023/24 and Precept – Council to consider draft budget as presented by Clerk. Any additional items of expenditure to be suggested and discussed in order that the Clerk can finalise the 2023/4 budget. Budget to be approved by Council at the November meeting. Copies of the draft budget will be available at the meeting.

14. Updates on correspondence/ actions from previous meetings -

- a) Huccaby/Hexworthy overgrown hedges – update from Cllr Geen.
b) Play Park Memorial tree request – Tom Stratton has confirmed the Duchy are happy to support a memorial tree, subject to the applicant confirming what species they would like to plant.

15. Reports from Committees, Sub Groups and Special Interests:

- a) Youth Club – Cllr Byrom
b) Princetown Primary School PTA - Cllr Byrom
c) Speedwatch – Cllr Manning – see Appendix 1
d) VZSW – Cllr Williams

16. 2nd PUBLIC SESSION - Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on agenda items, or raise issues for future consideration

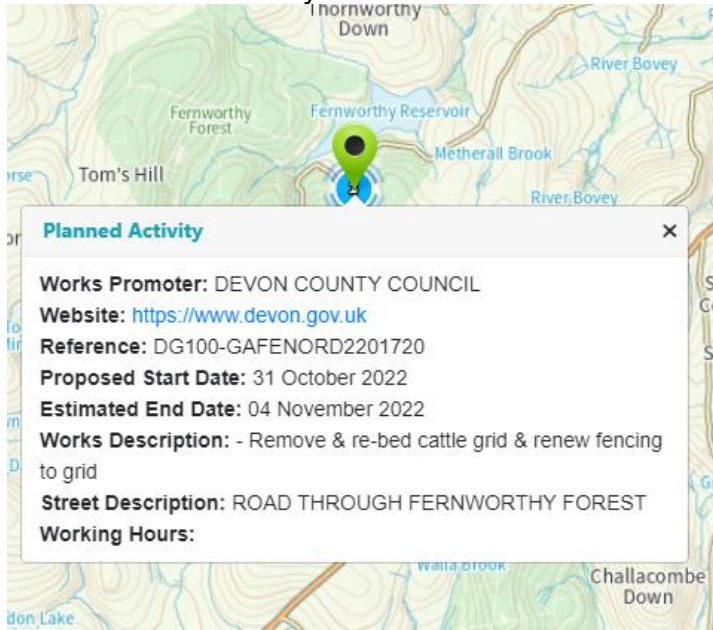
17. Exchange of information -

Round table for any matters to be shared for information or to request they are put on agenda for next meeting

a) Fire Service Consultation – responses needed by 30 November

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/769bb7ae-a2f9-44ef-a38a-39451587d1f4>

b) Road Closure Fernworthy – 31st Oct – 4th Nov



c) Dartmoor Devil – passing through on 30th October 2022

This is just a courtesy note to the parish council to let you know that the annual Dartmoor Devil cycle ride will pass through your parish on Sunday 30th October.

There will be a total of no more than 200 riders on the event and should be very well spread out to prevent bunching.

Riders leave Bovey Tracey in two groups, at 8am and 9am, and will follow the route on the attached map. The riders head south from Lettaford to Two Bridges and on to the Fox Tor Café at Princetown before retracing their steps to Two Bridges and heading to Widecombe via Dartmeet and Ponsworthy. The first riders are likely to arrive near Lettaford at about 11.10am and the last of the riders is expected to have reached the top of Dartmeet Hill by 4.30pm or so. David Twigger, Organiser, dartmoordevil@gmail.com

18. Date of next meeting -

1930 on 22nd November 2022

Princetown Community Centre

Speedwatch Report October 2022

Speedwatch is now fully integrated into the focus for Devon and Cornwall police to half the number of road deaths by 2030 and to wipe out road deaths by 2040.

Currently one person dies as a result of a road traffic collision every 22 minutes.

The accident reduction team has now been upgraded and consists of seven detection vans and six motorbikes also equipped with speed detection cameras.

They now have a capability for low level detection which means they are no longer restricted to operating only during daylight hours but can also function at night, so be warned.

Speedwatch groups will be given a letter of authority which can be shown or given to motorists who question the legality of Speedwatch. We have been told it will clearly state we are operating on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Police.

Interesting fact – When a driver is sent on a driver awareness course a percentage of the cost is given to the police Vision Zero team which can then be used for extra equipment like Vans and motorbikes etc.

Operation Snap – On average 234 submissions a month led to a prosecution, this can range from a fixed penalty fine to fines and points, driver awareness course or a court appearance. These submissions are helping to keep our roads safe.

Analysis of records for 19/09/2021 to 19/10/2022

All Records	619
Excessive Speeder Records (> 1.5*Limit)	21
Count Speeders 30mph	111
% of All Records	17.9 %
Max Speeder 30mph	45 mph
Average Speeder 30mph	37 mph
Count All Sessions 30mph	6
Avg Speeders per Session	18
Count Sessions with Passing 30mph	7
Vehicles Passing 30mph	1399
Avg Vehicles Passing per Session	199
Avg % Speeders/Session	7 %
Session time at roadside	10.5 Hours
Avg Offenders per hour	10.6
Count Speeders 40mph	508
% of All Records	82.1 %

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Max Speeder 40mph	87 mph
Average Speeder 40mph	50 mph
Count All Sessions 40mph	42
Avg Speeders per Session	12
Count Sessions with Passing 40mph	43
Vehicles Passing 40mph	3386
Avg Vehicles Passing per Session	78
Avg % Speeders/Session	15 %
Session time at roadside	65 Hours
Avg Offenders per hour	7.8
Vehicles without MOT	6
Vehicles without TAX	9
Vehicles on SORN	3
Police Actions taken if known	
Invalid Record	1
Letter sent 1	482
Letter sent 2	10
Letter sent 3	2
No letter sent	98
Reported to SWAN	19
Timed Out	7