

Southern Link

Notes of the meeting held on **Thursday December 1st 2016**
Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Town & Parish Councils

Bere Ferrers – Cllr R Lethall, Cllr M Benson, Cllr B Lamb,
Brentor – not represented
Buckland Monachorum – Cllr D Butland ,
Burrator Grouped – not represented
Dartmoor Forest – not represented
Gulworthy – not represented
Horrabridge – Cllr S Roche
Kelly – not represented
Lamerton – not represented
Lewdown Grouped – not represented
Lifton – Cllr C Edmonds & WDBC
Lydford – Cllr L Fowler, Cllr B Cook
Mary Tavy – Cllr R Page , Cllr G Hill
Milton Abbot Grouped – not represented
Peter Tavy – Cllr B Lane
Plasterdown Grouped - Cllr G Antcliffe
Stowford - not represented
Sydenham Damerel - not represented
Tavistock – Cllr H Smith

West Devon Borough Councillors

Cllr T Pearce, Cllr P Sanders

Mozza Brewer – WDBC
Jo Rumble - DNPA
Insp Mark Sloman – Devon & Cornwall Police
Ross Dent – The Rotary Club of Yelverton

Mrs J Gillard (Links Administrator)

- 1. Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr P Turnbull (Dartmoor Forest), Cllr J Evans, Lamerton, Cllr J Chalcraft, Cllr D Moyse, Cllr C Adams
- 2. Agreement of Notes of Last Meeting**
The notes of the meeting held on 29th September 2016 were agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

4. Policing Issues –

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There has been a general increase in crime both nationally and locally over the last 12 months, however over the last 3 months West Devon has seen a reduction. Violent crime has seen an increase, many of these are minor incidents. Shoplifting is currently a problem in both Okehampton and Tavistock, there is an operation in place to try and rectify this, there are known individuals who are being dealt with. They are also concentrating on minimising public order offences in the run up to Christmas.

The Christmas Drink Drive Campaign was launched today – with the message not to drink at all if you are driving.

There have been some ‘rares’ in the Postbridge and Fernworthy areas – individuals from Exeter.

In Tavistock an elderly male was robbed in the town, thanks to help from a member of the public 2 individuals were arrested and are due to appear in Court in January.

There is a force wide issue of fake £20 and £50 notes – also an issue in this area.

There have been several anti social behaviour concerns in the Bere Alston and Princetown areas, but this is now quietening down, the police have been working with the families to resolve issues.

The Immigration Service had a warrant for a Tavistock shop, 2 or 3 people were arrested.

101 Service – there have been known issues with this service, the situation is hopefully improving.

A poster was handed out for all to display in their areas showing different ways of contacting the Police.

5. DNPA Local Plan Consultation – Jo Rumble

Public consultation events have taken place including one for Parish Councils at Parke. There has been good attendances at the events. This is the first stage of consultation, please feedback what is working/not working/needs changing in the policies. The Consultation finishes on the 16th December.

Concerns were raised re conversion of redundant farm buildings to holiday lets – it was felt conversion to residential is needed to support local communities.

All are encouraged to feedback to the Consultation either on line or written letter to DNPA is acceptable.

6. TAP Fund

Anticipated application for Devon Air Ambulance Night landing sites – West Devon have altered the meeting to the number of potential applications there may be for this purpose and suggested the meeting may like to consider how they may be reviewed in order to save precedents being set. After discussion, it was agreed that each application be considered on its own merits with a cap of £2,750 be introduced for any application. All present in agreement. It was also agreed that WDBC be asked to liaise with the Devon Air Ambulance Trust to ascertain their priority areas for the creation of night landing sites. Clerk to raise with WDBC.

Dartmoor Forest previously approved application for IT equipment for Southern Link Meetings and Southern Parishes – the Clerk advised this equipment is now held by the current DFPC Clerk, who has advised that the projector and screen are held by him and any Southern Parish could borrow this, they should contact him to make the necessary arrangements. There was no mention of the laptop in the communication

from DFPC. The meeting agreed that the laptop should not be held by DFPC for their sole use and that all the equipment should either be returned to a central point in Tavistock to make it more easily accessible for Parishes or if DFPC wished to retain it, the funds awarded from the TAP fund should be returned. All in favour.

New applications -

Bere Ferrers application, with Buckland Monachorum support, for £2,750 towards costs of Devon Air Ambulance night landing site. Total cost of project £5,700. Application agreed.

Buckland Monachorum application for £1305 for defibrillator at Yelverton. Benefits explained by Ross Dent, Rotary Club of Yelverton. Application approved.

Buckland Monachorum application for £913 for Fire Protection and Data Storage of Parish Files. Application not approved.

Lifton parish Council application for £4,000 for Devon Air Ambulance night landing site at Bratton Clovelly. Application approved but amount awarded reduced to £2,750 as per principles previously discussed.

Lifton Parish Council application for £1,200 for Community Maintenance Project to maintain verges. Application approved.

Horrabridge application for £320 for handyman to attend Weed Spraying Course to comply with regulations. Application approved.

Horrabridge with Plasterdown Grouped Parish Council application for £5,700 for 2 VAS signs on the A386, eastbound and westbound at Grenofen. Application approved.

Parishes were reminded of the need to submit applications in accordance with the cut off date advised on the WDBC website (usually approx 2 weeks in advance of the Links meeting) and that applications be submitted by the Parish Clerk to ensure there is 1 point of contact for any queries.

7. Parish Feedback and issues – none.

DATE & VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 14th March 2017 venue to be confirmed
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy
Thursday 5th October 2017, Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy
Thursday 30th November 2017, Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy

(The meeting closed at 9.00 pm)