

**DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**Friday 5 October 2018**

**Present:** K Ball; W Cann; A Cooper; G Gribble; P Harper; S, Hill;  
P W Hitchins; M Jeffery; J McInnes; C Pannell; M Retallick;  
P Sanders; P Woods

**Apologies:** S Barker; J Christophers, D Moyse; N Oakley; D Webber

**3382 Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 27 July 2018**

The Minutes of the Authority meeting held on 27 July 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**3383 Declarations of Interest**

None

**3384 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked the staff involved in the Meldon Wildlife Festival which had a very good turnout. The Chairman also thanked Mr Ball for organising financial support for the festival from Devon County Council.

The Shipley Bridge vegetation clearance made a great difference and the Chairman thanked the volunteers and Rangers involved.

**3385 Items requiring urgent attention**

None

**3386 Public Participation**

None

**3387 Joint Recreational Events Policy**

The Members received the report of the Assistant Access and Recreation Officer.

The Members were informed that the proposed policy would build on the current notification system. The Recreational Events Policy has been developed in conjunction with Dartmoor Commoners Council and Dartmoor Common Land Owners Association. The aim of this policy is to give land owners and event organisers a clear guidance when large scale events are planned on Dartmoor.

The five key changes were highlighted:

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- Lambing season and Ground Nesting birds – events will not be supported between 1 March and 31 July (Ten Tors being an exception)
- Night Events – The new policy proposes a presumption against night time events, however, all events are to be notified to the Authority to assess potential impact.
- Dogs – dogs will not be allowed on running, cycling or horse-riding events.
- Charter – all event organisers will be asked to follow and sign up to a new charter
- Donate for Dartmoor – it will be suggested that event organisers provide a donation of £2 per participant.

Members agreed with the extension of the lambing/ground nesting bird season timings.

Concerns were raised in regards to the amount of litter and signage left after events. The Assistant Access and Recreation Officer informed Members that if it is obvious where the debris has come from, event organisers will be notified and instructed to retrieve it.

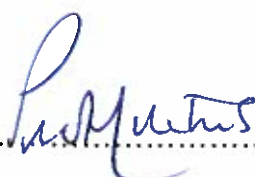
Mr Sanders proposed the recommendation, which was seconded by Mr Cann.

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the policy for Recreational Events.

**3388 Tree Preservation Orders and Section 211 Notifications (Works to Trees in Conservation Areas) Determined Under Delegated Powers**

Members received the report of the Trees and Landscape Officer (NPA/18/031).

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the content of the report.

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