

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council
held at Endecott House on Monday 1st September 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman); Coombe; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Hill; Jeffreys; Mrs Milton; Parrott; Ms Thorn; Cllr J. McInnis (DCC; WDBC; DNPA)

In Attendance, the Clerk, Mrs Stone.

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Davies; Geering; Sampson.

132 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

133 Boundary Commission Review – Draft Proposals.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr McInnis to the proceedings, who had kindly consented to be available to answer questions regarding the complexities of the proposals if required to do so.

Cllr Bleakman began by drawing attention to the considerable research carried out by Cllr Mrs Hill into the implications of the various proposals and then invited her to begin the discussion by answering questions on the summary she had prepared and circulated. Members were advised to give careful consideration to the options open to them in respect of the proposal for the new unitary Authority for the area currently served by the Devon County Council with the exclusion of Plymouth and Torbay.

The wide-ranging discussion that ensued covered such issues as the provision of services; recognition of rural needs with adequate representation at Community Board level and the inevitable increased cost of administration of a larger more unwieldy body. When considering the possibility of clustering Parishes of similar needs, it was recognised that it would be an advantage for all Parishes within the Dartmoor National Park Authority to join forces as their needs are similar and planning requirements will still be the responsibility of the DNPA.

The Chairman drew the Councils attention to a letter received by the Clerk early in the day advising that the Council was not excluded from commenting on the Unitary Proposals in comparison with the ‘status quo’. Any such comments would also have to be justified with a detailed explanation to satisfy the Commission.

Resolved: 1) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are to draft a response and submit it at the Regular Meeting on the 8th September 2008 for approval of the whole Council.

2) The views of the Councillors regarding the retaining of the ‘status quo’ would be an Agenda item for the Council meeting on 8th September

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

134 Dartmoor Access Forum – 2nd September 2008.

A late notice was received of the Dartmoor Access Forum Meeting to be held at Parke, Bovey Tracey on 2nd September 2008. **Noted:**

135 DNP Planning Workshop – 15th October 2008.

The Council is invited to send 2 Representatives to the Planning Workshop to be held on 15th October 2008.

Resolved: Defer to the Regular Meeting on 8th September 2008.

The Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

Confirmation of the Minutes

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