

Minutes of a meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 April 2017, 7.30pm at Roborough Recreation Hall

PRESENT:- Councillors M Blake (Chairman for the meeting), Mrs L Crowe, Mrs C Lane, I Ramsey, Mrs D Owen,

ALSO PRESENT: - Mr R Lane (Chairman, Neighbourhood Local Plan)
Mrs M Small, Clerk to the Parish Council
Members of the public – 10

APOLOGIES: - Councillors F Turner, Mrs S Lusk

8869 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was unanimously **AGREED** that Councillor Blake takes the Chair for this meeting.

8870 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were reported.

8871 RESPONSE TO LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The Parish Council's response to Regulation 19 review of Joint Local Plan with reference to Bickleigh Parish Land definitions – Strategic Landscape Area vs development in the Countryside

Bickleigh Parish Council wishes to express its concerns that:-

(1) An important piece of countryside, which provides a significant gap between the City of Plymouth and the Dartmoor National Park, has been classified differently to similar countryside elsewhere in the Parish of Bickleigh, because it lies outside the Plymouth Urban Fringe boundary. The previous consultation version of the Joint Local Plan designated both these areas as Strategic Landscape Areas. This was endorsed by the community when it was part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation in November 2016. No reason is given as to why the latest version of the Joint Local Plan no longer regards the countryside around Bickleigh village and up to the National Park boundary as having strategic landscape value. To designate adjacent areas of countryside differently merely because they lie either side of an arbitrary planning boundary is inappropriate and likely to have the effect of the areas being viewed differently by developers. To regard the area around Bickleigh village merely as 'countryside' fails to provide a strong landscape context for the proposed Woolwell extension or adequately protect the setting of the Dartmoor National Park.

(2) It is felt that as policy change has been made, the consultation process is flawed. Despite our efforts, we have been unable to ascertain from South Hams District Council as to why these changes have been made.

(3) It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive at both Plymouth City Council and South Hams District Council raising concern at the lack of support and assistance received in obtaining the necessary information required to produce the Parish Neighbourhood Plan. A letter will be formulated next week.

8872 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 April, 7:30pm at Roborough Recreation Hall.

