

BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2008 (2)

Meeting held re. Boundary Commission Report

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Community Room, Brixton on Wednesday September 17th 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Chairman Cllr. J. Davies

Councillors D. Curtis, B. Cane S.H.D.C., M. Trower, J. Edwards, L. Hitchins, M. Foweraker

Parish Clerk N. Powell

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr. J. Squire SHDC

2. Boundary Commission Report

The Chairman opened the discussion stating that several members had attended the meetings on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th at Ivybridge where South Hams District Council and Devon County Council had promoted their views.

Cllr. Curtis then stated that although he considered the South Hams proposal had merit it should not be considered by the Parish Council as it was not being proposed by the Boundary Committee.

This was agreed and it was unanimously decided to only formulate a response to the Draft proposals from the Boundary Committee, these being :

A Devon unitary authority comprising the existing county of Devon, with no changes to Plymouth and Torbay.

Or

An Exeter and Exmouth unitary authority, and a unitary authority covering the remainder of the county, with no changes to Plymouth and Torbay.

Cllr. Edwards then gave details of the five criteria that the Boundary Committee have to meet prior to making a recommendation to the Secretary of State.

Several references were made to affordability and the lack of adequate financial information.

It was unanimously agreed that the council would not support the Exeter and Exmouth proposal.

The following statement was then unanimously agreed as the councils response to the Draft Proposals from the Boundary Committee :

In the absence of other models, Brixton Parish Council would support a single unitary status for Devon.

However we have severe reservations that in assessing this model against the five criteria, the issue of affordability has not been demonstrated taking into account the current national and global financial crisis.

(*Clerk to advise Boundary Committee etc.*)

Meeting closed by **the Chairman** at 8pm.

Next Meeting **Wed. 1st October at 7 pm.**

N. Powell

Parish Clerk

Date: 18th September 2008