

# MEETH PARISH

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR US AS A PARISH TO COME TOGETHER AND SAY WHAT WE WANT TO HAPPEN IN OUR PARISH OVER THE NEXT FIFTEEN AND MORE YEARS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AND BE PART OF THIS.

From this questionnaire we will take your comments and collate them into a report which will form part of the consultation process to help us understand what is most important to local people and what our Neighbourhood Plan should focus upon.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision as to what the Parish will be like to live and work in over the next twenty years and hopefully, how that vision can be achieved. The process of producing our Plan will include a series of consultations in which we will try and reach everyone in our community.

Our Plan needs to conform to the strategic local and national policies, but it can put in place detailed local planning policies relating to infrastructure, economic, housing and other development where the community thinks it is necessary or beneficial to do so. Our plan will go before an independent Examiner, and then be subject to a referendum in our Parish where, under various statutory regulations (e.g. the Localism Act 2011), provided over 50% of those voting are in favour of the Plan it will be approved and form part of the statutory plans for Meeth Parish.

You can see from this just how important it is that you make your views known so that they can be reflected in the final document.

### There are a number of ways you can respond

1. Fill in this questionnaire and return it to the Parish Clerk, Lindsay Dearing either by email or by post to – 2 Tylers Meadow Great Torrington EX38 7BR
2. If you need more questionnaires, please download them from the website <http://www.meethparishcouncil.uk/> or ring Lindsay Dearing
3. Come to the **DROP IN MEETING ON 14 OCTOBER 2017 BETWEEN 2pm and 6pm** when we will try and answer your questions and help you fill it in if you want to do it there and then. Please try and remember to bring your questionnaire with you.
4. Ring or email as above and someone will come and talk to you about it if you prefer that.

The questionnaire is quick and straightforward but If you encounter any difficulties, or require more information please contact Lindsay Dearing via email at [clerkmeethpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkmeethpc@gmail.com) or by phone on 01837 810119.

**THE QUESTIONNAIRE STAGE CLOSSES ON 31ST OCTOBER 2017**

*Thank you for taking the time to*

***HAVE YOUR SAY & USE YOUR VOICE!***

## THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Meeth has a beautiful landscape in which to live, work and play.

**In your view, which of these qualities make the Meeth a special place?**  
(PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive landscape, views and scenery | <input type="checkbox"/> Tranquillity                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark skies (lack of light pollution)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional farming practices                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Devon banks and hedgerows                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Character of village centres and settlements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive, traditional building styles | <input type="checkbox"/> Country lanes                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:                   |   |

**Which of the following, if any, do you consider are important to enable you to access and enjoy the local countryside?**  
(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Footpaths                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle paths and green lanes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridleways                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Commons and open access land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open access woodland and forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other; Please specify:       |

## ENERGY AND LOW CARBON ALTERNATIVES

Are you interested in developing a community energy scheme? i.e. harnessing electricity from e.g. solar, hydro or wind for community use. Yes  No

**Which (if any) of the following technologies are you supportive of being installed sensitively in your parish?** (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Wind turbines
- Hydro power (e.g. using streams / rivers)
- Electricity generating solar panels on buildings
- Electricity generating solar panels on agricultural fields
- Solar hot water tubes or panels on homes

**Biomass (wood fuel logs, wood chips, pellets etc.)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biomass - domestic | <input type="checkbox"/> Biomass - Community scale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm scale         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:    |

### Recycling

Would you like to see recycling / composting of household / garden waste?

- Yes  No

If yes, would you prefer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road side collection  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish garden waste service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community recycling area at central location(s) within the Parish, or specify ... |  |

## POPULATION AND HOUSING

Many people are living longer. Some people think that local young people are struggling to find, or afford, local homes. Others think our rural environment should be protected against development. Do you think there are housing demands within the parish and if so what are your ideas?

Do you feel there is the need for new development within the Parish in the next

1 -2 years                       Yes         No  
 3 - 10 years                    Yes         No  
 10 - 15 years ?               Yes         No

If yes, please use the table below to indicate what type of development you feel would best serve that need

	Number of new housing type:					
	0	1-2	3-4	5-10	11-20	21+
Agricultural tie housing						
Barn conversion						
Part ownership housing scheme (where a share of the house is privately owned, and the rest owned by a housing association)						
New house/bungalow (4 or less bedrooms)						
New house/bungalow (4 or more bedrooms)						
Dividing larger dwelling in to smaller homes						
Multiple occupancy (e.g. converting a garage for a 'granny flat')						
Multiple occupancy (e.g. communal living)						
Community led self-build housing						
Community owned Affordable Housing						
Affordable housing (via Housing Association or district council)						
Retirement housing (small units with shared maintenance)						
Sheltered housing (small units with care/warden available on site)						
Work / live (light industrial or retail units with owners accommodation)						
Maisonette over shop/post office/pub/cafe						
Conversion of shops to housing						

With regard to construction of new dwellings, where would you prefer they were built?

- Within the current Meeth village boundary  
 By extending the Meeth village boundary  
 On a Greenfield site away from the village  
 Other. Please specify:
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## RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Which of the following options would you support?

- Community Orchard  
 Community Allotments  
 A Village Green  
 Extended parking for Pub/Church  
 A children's play area  
 Other. Please specify:
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## ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Developing our local economy could bring many economic and employment benefits to our parish. To enable this we need to think about what types of local employment we wish to encourage, and what needs to be done to support this.

**If you are currently in employment, how far do you travel to your place of work?**

- Work from home  
 Less than one hour journey  
 Within the parish  
 More than one hour journey

**Have you considered starting a business from home?**

- Yes  
 No

**Have you considered working from home?**

- Yes  
 No

**Would you be interested in using a local 'hot desk' facility (i.e. fully equipped local office space available for rent on a weekly, daily or hourly rate)?**

- Yes  
 No

**Would you welcome any of the following to support local employment opportunities?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Small retail units e.g. village / community shop  
 Work and live light industrial units  
 Small industrial units / artisan units  
 Conversion of barns to workspace  
 Expanding traditional agricultural enterprises  
 Large scale intensive agriculture / horticulture  
 Retail with living accommodation  
 Provision of a work hub (hot desking)  
 Farmshop  
 Faster broadband connection  
 Other. Please specify:
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**What, if any, forms of tourism related building or land use would you welcome?**  
(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Yurt / tepee / Shepherds huts / Glamping etc.     Bed and Breakfast  
 Traditional small camping site (ten tents or less)     Museums and Galleries  
 Small caravanning site (5 vans or less)     Larger camping or caravanning site  
 Pubs / restaurants / cafes  
 Other. Please specify:
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**What, if any, forms of outdoor activities would you welcome?**  
(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Horse riding     Road cycling  
 Fishing     Off road cycling  
 Walking     Shooting  
 Hunting     Other. Please specify:
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**Do you feel there are important assets in our parish we should preserve (e.g. Pub, Village Hall, Meeth Halt, Parish Pump)?**

- Yes     No

If yes, what would you like to see preserved?

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**As a means of achieving this would you support a community interest company to preserve these?**

- Yes     No  
 Other, please specify
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## **BUILT AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

Part of the character of our parish is due to the buildings. These have evolved over centuries, with older buildings being updated as new technology allows and as new buildings are required.

**What priorities do you think our Parish Neighbourhood Plan should focus on?**

(PLEASE TICK UP TO FIVE)

- Design, size and location of new domestic buildings  
 Design, size and location of domestic extensions  
 Design, size and location of new agricultural buildings  
 Design, size and location of new industrial units  
 Preserving the overall character of local buildings and settlements  
 Preserving archeologically important sites  
 Reducing flood risk to new and current housing sites  
 Other. Please specify:
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