

Mary Tavy Parish Council

The close proximity of the seasonal holiday period has served to remind Councillors of the need to review tasks undertaken in 2016. Some inevitably remain incomplete but I am certain all parishioners will appreciate that the holiday period will serve to further delay responses from the other tiers of local government with whom we have raised concerns or sought information. Consequently, our Clerk has an “action list” to deal with such matters for implementation once life returns to near-normal after January 1st.

2017 will be an important year in the creation of the new Local Plan which is being drawn up by our Planning Authority, the DNPA. This is a key document which will, once adopted, be used to shape all aspects of life in the National Park area. The first part of the consultation process was completed on the 16th December during which time residents had been asked for their views on how the Park and the communities it contains should, if necessary, be reshaped for the immediate and mid-term future. This Local Plan does not simply relate to building houses but defines policies relating to all aspects of life in the DNPA area including local industries and farming.

Looking forward to the summer of 2017, the next important stage in the creation of the Local Plan takes place. This is the publication of the First Draft which is offered to all residents for further consultation. This is followed by the Revised Draft in the winter of 2017 which will reflect comments and opinions expressed by residents. The complex and detailed process of producing the new Local Plan will come to a conclusion before the end of 2018 when it is formally adopted. We would ask all parishioners to make a “New Year’s Resolution” to view and respond to the drafts of the new Local Plan as it is our **one and only chance** to influence the decision-making process.

My fellow Councillors and I would like to wish all parishioners a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Councillor Peter Jarvis ~ Chairman, Mary Tavy Parish Council