

## St. Agnes NDP - Small Group Meetings

### **Blackwater Poppins Group 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

The NDP Steering Group agreed to introduce local groups and societies to the emerging St. Agnes NDP and receive feedback to assist the development of the plan and to raise awareness. The first of these small group presentations took place on the 10th December with the Blackwater Poppins group.

About 20 people attended and a very attentive and appreciative lot they were. R. Radcliffe presented an illustrated tour of the Parish of St. Agnes and its historical context particularly in respect of population fluctuations over the last 200 years. The role and make-up of the NDP Steering Group and its mission to produce a plan were also outlined.

There were many follow-up questions and comments. The following is a representative selection of them from notes made at the time:

1. Infrastructure needs to be provided first in the order of development, it is so often playing catch-up. This applies to schools, parking, cycling etc.
2. "The minutes of NDP meetings showing date and time of future meetings are posted on the website after the agendas. The agendas are fine but could notifications of meetings be shown two or three meetings ahead as I want to attend one of your Steering group meetings and I am finding it difficult."
3. Holiday homes are a problem, is there any way to restrict developments which include more of these?
4. Employment needs to be a consideration in planning new homes; where will people work?
5. There were specific concerns expressed about proposed developments on North Hill and East Hill.
6. The mix of housing is important. Developments containing all social housing (for example) are not welcome. "They don't become involved with the village".
7. The speed of change is difficult to cope with; we need time to assimilate new development.

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