



St Agnes Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

The second meeting of a group of residents interested in helping produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for our Parish was held on Wednesday 10th June 2015. The purpose of this meeting was to form the Steering Group which will oversee the preparation of the plan.

It was very reassuring to see how much enthusiasm and expertise there is from all corners of the Parish, all willing to freely give of their time and energy in an attempt to protect and enhance our heritage and work with us all to shape the future development of our community.

The following members of the Steering Group were duly elected:

Chairperson: Cheryl Marriott (Blackwater) *Vice Chair:* Roger Radcliffe (St Agnes)

Finance: Mike Lunn (St Agnes) *Secretary:* Amanda Baines (St Agnes) *Project Manager:* Alan Clark (St Agnes)

Planning Lead: June Crossland (St Agnes) *Comms Lead:* Mike Bunt (PC St Agnes)

Data Analysis Team Leader: Dawn Brown (St Agnes)

Parish Council Consultant: Jinny Clark (PC Mount Hawke) *PC Link:* Pauline Barrow (PC Porthtowan)

In case anyone is not aware of the reasons for producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan I have copied the following extracts from the National Planning Policy Framework website.

What are the benefits to a community of developing a neighbourhood plan or Order?

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the **Local Plan** prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the Local Plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next ten, fifteen, twenty years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. They can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see.

The Steering Group will need to consult widely on a huge variety of issues in order to draw up the plan. Throughout the process we will work hard to make sure that you:

- are kept fully informed of what is being proposed
- are able to make your views known
- have opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the emerging plan
- are made aware of how your views have informed the draft neighbourhood plan

You can keep in touch via 'social media', a forthcoming website and by viewing copies of meeting notes and other documents in the Library and other strategic sites throughout the Parish (To be arranged). Please watch this space for more details. If you have any enquiries with regard to the NDP, or wish to register for email updates please email st.agnes.plan@gmail.com

