

**St Agnes Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan**  
**Focus Group Meeting 2 Minutes Notes 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

Venue: National Trust Office Start time: 7pm End time:



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## **Focus Group 2- Landscape, Natural and Built Environment**

### **1. Actions from previous meeting**

- Lynn had looked at the Parish Plan. She concluded that whilst there are some useful pointers it is not comprehensive for the topic areas this Focus Group is looking at. The plan, although not formally adopted, is available on Parish website.
- Cheryl showed maps available from the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS). The following data layers were included: nature conservation designations, geological designations, Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats, semi-natural habitat, Conservation Areas, World Heritage Site, agricultural land classification, mines, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Geology.

**Action-** Cheryl to ask ERCCIS to provide official maps of the Ecological Resource of the Parish.

- Peter had looked at Cornwall Council's online historic mapping, he also produced a summary of the historical evidence that is available for us to use. English Heritage's Gateway may be a useful source as well as it has details of listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments. Cornwall Council's information is held by the Historic Environment Record (HER), there are around 600 sites in the Parish. It includes everything of historical interest from sites and monuments to listed buildings.

**Action-** Peter will ask HER staff if they can make GIS information available and ask the World Heritage Site team what they can provide. Historic Landscape Character mapping is also available from CC. Had some discussion about how much of the Historic Landscape Character would be covered by a Landscape Character Assessment, we will ask June, about this at our next meeting.

- Bill had looked at the Shoreline Management plans referred to in previous meeting. In summary, access to the Parishes 4 beaches is highly valued. Some buildings are likely to become unviable with sea level rises. Land-use planning needs to allow coastal processes to spread back, so not build on areas likely to be susceptible like valley bottoms in the coastal strip.

### **2. Discussion**

- Do we need a design guide? This could be a significant amount of work. Perhaps we could use conservation area documents to demonstrate the local vernacular to developers?
- Bill suggests we need to make sense of the information we have so far. If we can set the scene and quantify the assets we can then move on to working out how to protect and enhance them through land-use planning. Action- Peter and Bill to do this for Historic Environment and Natural Environment. Cheryl to get some quantitative data for Bill on extent of nature conservation designations etc.
- Lynn will research other NDPs nationally to see if there are any examples of good practice for our topic area.

- ### **3. Next meeting**
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 7pm at NT Office St Agnes. Cheryl to invite June Crossland.