

## Minutes of St Goran NDP Group meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present:** Pete McClellan, Kate Longley, Mike & Robert Bunney, Catherine Coffey, Graham Chaplin, Lisa Dunn, Trevor Waller, David Peacock, Frances & Geoff Firmin.

**Apologies:** Arlene & William Fullerton, Chris Lobb.

PM offered to stand down from Chair, lest the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) be perceived as the work of an outsider. The offer was cheerfully declined.

**Definitions:** A concise definition, already circulated, might provide a functional description, but a more comprehensive definition needs to express what the Group and the Parish want the Plan to contain. Topics raised through the evening are listed in the draft text attached for discussion and revision.

**Requirement for a NDP:** The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) allows for locally generated Neighbourhood Plans to influence County and Parish planning decisions. Once properly adopted, a NDP can not be arbitrarily ignored. But a community lacking a NDP has little redress if the County contemplates building on County-owned land. Our NDP would describe the quantity and types of new and adapted housing which would be desirable in the parish. The most recent housing needs survey was now 5 years old, and should perhaps be updated.

**What we like about Gorran:** Members recounted those aspects of village and country life which afford special pleasure and which the NDP should seek to preserve. An initial list is attached.

**Participatory Mapping:** KL described several of the techniques by which information and opinions can be collected from all sorts of groups of residents, including children, in particular by their annotation of copies of local maps.

**Areas to explore:** Councillor Mustoe and Parish Clerk Potheary could be asked how central government funding for NDP work is channelled through the Parish Council (PC), and which parts are one-off and which available every year. In order to get a feel for the sequence of our tasks, and for those which would require significant funding, PM would invite Garth Shephard (Mevagissey NDP) and a representative of Roseland NDP to address our next meeting. MB proposed we should aim to complete within three years, by May 2022. Chris Lobb and the Clerk should be asked what became of the old Parish Plan. We should draft our terms of reference from the PC.

**Next meeting:** Ideally the Monday ten days before each PC meeting, but this time **20<sup>th</sup> May** because of the bank holiday. We should invite the PC to cover the cost of our meeting room.

**AOB:** Drafting heritage (MB), biodiversity (GC), farming and fishing (LD), footpaths (CL), lists of community groups.

## **Drafts of texts to be carried forward:**

### **Concise definition of NDP:**

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is an official record of local preferences about planning issues. Local volunteers assemble the Plan by open consultation. If the Plan is then adopted by a local referendum, the Parish Council and County Council can choose to impose those local preferences on planning applications.

### **CPRE definition of NDP, with additions:**

Neighbourhood Plans are optional documents that detail further development priorities for individual communities. They are community-led and can be written by town or parish councils. Taking part in the writing of a Neighbourhood Plan helps you have a say in the future use of land and buildings in your neighbourhood.

A Neighbourhood Plan can incorporate:

- The strengths and positive features of your neighbourhood - things that people value and would like to keep.

- Decide where and what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood

- Include policies, for example regarding design standards, development, regeneration and conservation

- Identify green amenity areas and characteristic occupations such as farming and fishing

- A plan for implementing policies, and associated champions

### **Features that the Group like about the Parish:**

The friendly and welcoming people and atmosphere

The biodiversity, particularly birds, butterflies, bees and trees

The small proportion of mostly empty second homes

The quay

The diversity of interest groups and meeting places

Ancient field patterns, hill forts, playing places, the Observer Corps post

The Cornish language in place names and customs

### **Local groups to involve:** (please extend this list)

Community Land Trust

Harbour Trust

Cricket club