

## Minutes of the Meeting of the St Hilary Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on 23/09/20

Present: Peter Tunstall-Behrens; Geoff Williamson; Martin Searle; Mike Ryan

Apologies: Jane Howells; Denis Reed

### 1. Minutes of the Meeting of 01/09/20:

Approved

### 2. Matters Arising:

- The Policy Objectives Survey has been finalised and has been sent off for printing. A question on vistas had been added. The issue of distribution and return of questionnaires was revisited in the light of costs. If we were to distribute by hand to households to save on cost we needed a list of addresses in the parish. Martin agreed to look for a copy of the list used in the previous survey. Return would need us to provide either a stamped addressed or a Freepost envelope depending on relative cost. This would need to be investigated as well as agreement on a return address
- Update on the draft plan: Geoff has added drafts on sustainable transport and evidence to support a principal residence policy
- Website: Peter agreed to contact Andy Moore of Perranuthnoe Parish Council to see if their website developer might be a better way forward on this as we wanted something similar to the Perranuthnoe Plan

### 3. Review of Position on Settlement Boundaries:

The steering group decided to review our position on settlement boundaries in the light of an email of 16/09/20 from Sarah Furley of Cornwall Council NDP support which although approving the acceptability of the boundaries we had drawn questioned the value of settlement boundaries in the context of our parish given that they appeared to provide only a limited opportunity for infill of one or two dwellings which would happen anyway through policy three of the Cornwall Local Plan. In addition the current demand for development in the parish was very small and it was unlikely that Cornwall Council would consider it a suitable place for future major development. However, the steering group felt that there was no guarantee that development might not expand in the future and that it was important that the community should have a say in what constituted our settlements and therefore where most future development should take place. We could oppose building in gardens on the basis that our settlement character is generally one of low density. Therefore the meeting decided to support retaining all seven settlement boundaries in the plan. Also, at the Cornwall Planning Conference of 22/09/20 on infill and rounding off John Drew who is an enforcement officer at the council argued that it would be essential for parishes to state explicitly in their plan policies what their position is on infill and rounding off. We therefore needed to make clear that we would not support infill development greater than one or two houses and not simply rely on the Cornwall Council policy of the same. Geoff agreed to investigate whether there was any evidence for housing density in the parish

### 4. Any Other Business:

Peter had contacted ERCCIS for the details and costs of a wildlife report for the parish. However, as this did not appear to include a Cornish hedge survey we needed to contact them further

### 5. Next Meeting:

To be arranged to include envelope stuffing of the survey