

Minutes of the St Hilary Neighbourhood Planning Group held on 30 August 2023

Present: Martin Searle (MS); Denis Reed (DR); Geoff Williamson (GW); Mike Ryan (MR)

1. Apologies: Peter Tunstall Behrens; Jane Howells; Roy King
2. Minutes of the Meeting of 16 August 2023: Approved
3. Matters Arising:

Item 2: MR to check if the agreed revised wording on the footpath policy had been entered; GW agreed to add some supportive material for the crime policy which we had agreed to move to the Design Guide; MR would need to approach the Parish Council for three month's funding for Acrobat Professional/Standard; Copies of Cllr Stephen Murley's report to St Erth PC on the meeting he had with MR and Cllr John Martin had been circulated to the steering group. We had already agreed to change the colouring and labelling for the Relubbus Conservation Area but having considered Cllr Murley's report there did not seem to be anything significant in our plan to clash with St Erth's or require any further detail or clarification.
4. Basic Conditions Statement – draft circulated 24 August 2023:

MR outlined the key elements of the statement he had written with respect to the sustainability of our policies in terms of social, economic and environmental factors and their compatibility with the NPPF, CLP, and CEDPD. No negative issues had been identified and it was agreed to adopt the statement subject to correcting the date on the first page.
5. Equality Statement:

Following discussion of the document's second draft dated 04/04/2023 the following amendments were agreed: Policy 1a, 1b and 1c add benefits to Age and Disability; Policy 4a and 4b remove Race; Policy 5a add benefits to Disability; Policy 5d add Age and change commentary wording from "Extension" to "Exception"; Policy 6b remove Race; Policy 7b remove Race; Policy 8a add Age as it could provide opportunity for young people; Policy 8b add age as it provides opportunity for young people, but remove Race. It was agreed that we could add the Equality Statement to the Basic Conditions Statement as an extra appendix.
6. Responses to Comments Received from Residents:

These were agreed. Suggestions had been emailed by RK as possible responses to two comments, but the meeting needed further clarification.
7. Amendments Required to the Plan

Policy 6b(i): We needed to change the spelling of "Stories" to "Storeys" as the former is American English.

Policy 6bA: It was agreed not to change the wording to include open spaces and rights of way as suggested by the Countryside Access Forum as proposals for new rights of way had been covered in Policy 6a. MR to change the relevant response in the Residents' Comments Document.
8. Consultation Statement

GW had made a start on this but needed more information including from those involved from the start of the NDP process on what had been done before he joined the steering group in November 2019 when we had the policy workshop led by Colette Beckham. MS agreed to approach those involved to obtain more information. GW said he would review any new information and attempt a first draft. MR offered to assist as soon as he was clear on what was needed.
9. Date of Next Steering Group Meeting: Wednesday 13 September at 14:00 in the OSR.