

Minutes of the Meeting of St Hilary Parish Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on 19th January 2024

Present: Peter Behrens (PB); Geoff Williamson (GW); Jane Howells (JH); Roy King (RK); Mike Ryan (MR)

1. Apologies: Martin Searle; Denis Reed
2. Minutes of the Meeting of 20th September 2023: Approved
3. Matters Arising:
 - Item 4 – the “development boundary” term has been adopted in the appendices; the Crime Policy has been removed from Policy 7a; the emerging local list of heritage assets including Lower Colenso Farmyard and the Post Box at Prussia Cove on the SW Coast Path have been placed on the Parish Council Website
 - Item 5 – GW had sent a copy of the Consultation Statement to MR for proof reading; MR had found a hard copy of the CRCC questionnaire but had been unable to find an electronic copy
 - Item 6 – MR had completed all the required changes to the Basic Conditions Statement
 - Item 7 – MR had submitted the Plan including the eight appendices, the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement to the October meeting of the Parish Council for approval which had been granted
 - Item 8 – the meeting planned for the 18th October had been deferred as members were focussed on the Regulation 16 submission
4. Progress of the NDP Regulation 15 Submission:

This had been made to Cornwall Council on the 2nd November 2023 and, having been checked for legal compliance, was progressed to the Regulation 16 Stage on 3rd January 2024 with the Cornwall Council Public Consultation to run from 22nd January to 3rd March
5. The Regulation 16 Public Consultation – how to maximise responses and increase awareness of the NDP and its role:

MR had received 20 copies of the official notice of the consultation from Cornwall Council and had given six to Roger Calfe for the Parish notice boards. He handed copies to those present to fix in a suitable place and said that he would fix some himself in Perran Downs Lane, Nanturras Way and Relubbus Lane. He would write notices for Sunday Service and the Cornishman which he would pass on to Roger Calfe. He also would make an electronic copy for Madeleine to post on the local Facebook page. GW would place a copy on the Parish website
6. External Examination – Possible Required Amendments:

MR said that we needed to be prepared for the external examiner to require amendments to our policies such as where they considered too much overlap with Cornwall Council policies providing better protection or where the evidence for the policy may not be borne out by the data as with Policy 5c Principal Residency

7. Possible Referendum Risks – how to manage:

MR said that there was a risk that a certain persistent opponent of the Plan would use the consultation period to circulate false and misleading information. Already, this person had done this both on the local Facebook page and on the Cornwall Council website. While this would be unlikely to create a problem with the external examiner it might help to stir up opposition in the run-up to the referendum where some voters may not be that familiar with the details of the Plan and what it was aiming to achieve. It was agreed that MR would circulate the Steering Group with a possible rebuttal for consideration while JH would ask Cllr Paul Rule to explain to this individual about his basic errors of fact

8. Any Other Business: JH queried whether we will need to change the AONB references in the Plan to the new designation of Cornwall National Landscapes. MR said that this might be something the external examiner would require us to do.

9. Date and Time of the Next Meeting – to be arranged as events unfold with the Consultation and the appointment of the External Examiner.