

NDP meeting 17th July 2017

Present: Terry Damer (Chair); Jon Holt, Richard Martin, Nigel Gilmore, Liz Lloyd, Dennis McQuillan, Jackie Whibley, Peter Stokes, Mick Hartley, Dan Cox

Apologies: Elaine Mountford, Georgena Morris, Graham Marsden

1. Introductions

2. Summary of progress

Since the last meeting, Mike Redfern (a co-Chair) had resigned on personal grounds. In the absence of other volunteers, Terry Damer (the other original co-Chair) was content to act as Chair for the foreseeable future. Two other roles within the Steering Group had been filled – administrator, Dennis McQuillan, and treasurer, Peter Stokes. Commitment continued from Parish Council with 2 councillors actively involved & Rex Sadler (Jackie Whibley on NDP as a community member only).

Funding would come from both the parish council and eventually grant funding from local government.

It was noted that this was not the first attempt at an NDP in Mawnan – originally started in 2005/6 but due to lack of full communication through parish council & community this was withdrawn. Full copies of the plan are available in hardcopy from the clerk along with other documents from this process.

It seemed that the original NDP stalled because of the Goldmartin Field development; *this* took the focus off the plan and more onto stopping a single development. Feedback to the parish council *became* sporadic and unfocussed.

The Chair reminded everyone that it was essential that communication between the NDP group, parish council & community was at the forefront of every stage of this process

3. Designated area – Approval & forward to Parish Council

It was agreed that the designation area should cover the whole of Mawnan Parish, even though it was a diverse and large area compared to some. Budock had already begun their own plan, with Constantine as yet undecided. Specific boundary areas, such as Maenporth, should be addressed with joint communications with adjoining parishes.

All land owned by County Farms (part of Cornwall Council) had been added to the SHLAA even if there was no intention of future development to ensure that the 5% buildable land for the Local Plan was secure.

NDP looks at infrastructure, density of development etc. and helps to focus on what kind of developments we would like to take place.

A4 & A3 copies of the parish/ designated area plan were to be obtained (and laminated).

Questions were raised about the limited number of responses to the community-wide postal survey and how this might affect future questionnaires/ send outs. Jackie Whibley said that in her previous home a group of members took the questionnaires out and hand delivered, allowing time to be able to help people complete them – this might be a viable option here.

Terry Damer – the designation letter needed to be ready to present to the parish Council for their next meeting on Thursday, and would then have to allow for a 6 week consultation period once received by Cornwall Council.

4. Formation of Steering Group and approval of key posts

It was agreed that everyone in attendance be on the Steering Group, with the exception of Nigel Gilmore who wished to help in a more focussed manner, given his experience as a planning officer/consultant.

Once again concerns were noted about the possible perception of the number of “new” residents that were forming the steering group. It was felt that this could be at the detriment to the historical knowledge of the NDP, but balance could be achieved by the inclusion of Rex Sadler as an advisor.

Feock was on draft 33 of their NDP, and had employed both a consultant to write the plan and a data analyst to develop & instigate community questionnaires; their plan should be looked at by Mawnan as it did reference back to specific Local Plan policies. On a cautionary note - the usefulness of the St Ives 2nd homes inclusion was under discussion as it did not really affect the current proportion of 2nd homes – only future ones.

5. Steering Group Terms of Reference

Draft copies of the generic Cornwall Council terms of reference had been handed out. Everyone was asked to read them and send any comments or questions to Dennis for review.

Should we put a length on the plan process, rather than the vague 2-3 years? It was felt that trying to address the timespan was a bit redundant at present as we had only a rough idea what working groups, policies or direction the plan was likely to take.

It was however agreed that the Steering Group membership should remain at roughly 12 members and that there would be a rough plan for monthly meetings with the public. There would need to be another steering group meeting sometime in mid-August to review info up to date.

6. Develop working groups and appoint leaders

A rough list of common policy areas from various local plans was handed out to start the discussion on Mawnan groups. It was suggested that steering group members try to begin the process of recruiting local (to themselves) community members to help with handing out information / questionnaires and being the face to face contact for relaying NDP information.

Items to add to the questionnaire from each of the working group would need to be collated to make sure there was no overlap and to get everything into one document, making it easier to get delivered. An adult & younger person questionnaire was discussed. The clerk offered to scan & distribute the previous questionnaires to see if they were still useful.

Postcode map of parish to be sourced & distributed.

7. Communications & public strategy/ area representation

After much discussion it was clear that the Steering Group's first priority now was communication with the people of the Parish. A Communications working group would be formed immediately (Dan Cox, Jackie Whibley, Anna Druce & Terry Damer) which would also look into the setting up of Twitter & Facebook accounts and consider drafting in younger parishioners to see if they would run the social media presence for the NDP process.

A public prioritisation event was discussed – it was agreed that the first NDP presence at a public event should be the Fun Run on September 24th to give us a fixed date to work to.

To engage the local community in the whole NDP process – we needed to try to get something out to every local event over the summer... even if it was a generic banner just saying the NDP process at Mawnan had started and give contact details.

We need to remember to talk to the local landowners to see how they feel about the plan and its implications on them.

8. Date of next meeting

Next public meeting 11th September, but a steering group meeting was needed in mid-August allowing everyone to take a look at random NDPs online to get an idea of how other areas were undertaking the process and what might be useful to add to ours.

It was agreed to try to book the Rendlesham room for the 14th August.

9.Any other business

Dennis quoted from an e-bulletin issued by Cornwall CC that parishes would be informed by late July of the number of houses that the Local Plan expects each parish to build in the next 10-15 years and what had already been approved/built. The Steering Group would need to determine the housing need.

Planning surgery @ Cornwall Council – keep an eye out for future events but book space on the 12th September sessions at Truro. List of questions by everyone on what makes an effective NDP, what questions an NDP needed to cover etc. were requested. Jon Holt & Nigel Gilmore possible attendees.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Approved by T Damer

26 July 2017