

## **Agenda of St Just Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Built Environment Group**

#### **St Just Council Chamber**

**7pm 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **1. Welcome, present & apologies.**

Present: Dot Stevens, Esther Kieboom, David Osborne-Broad, Jo Forsyth, Robert Chadder, Russ Durbridge, Jim Hurditch, Dave Munday, Vic Mouldsley, Constance Moore, Steve Hall

Apologies: Jonathan Manser, Tamsin Young, Adam Sharpe, Richard Gowan, Jess Morris

#### **2. Minutes from previous meeting (see attached).**

Approved and signed.

#### **3. Matters arising.**

Council do not have a Wildlife Resource Map – we need to buy this – Dot will do.

Reminded that meetings should be finished by 9pm.

#### **4. Review of CEG plans, including format of questionnaire.**

Amberley questionnaire reviewed. Format is good, some points suggested:

- “Sometimes, rarely” as options – would be better more specific e.g once a week/month.....
- “Strongly agree/disagree” etc... - would be better with a neither agree/disagree in the middle – and what about a “don’t know” or “doesn’t apply”.
- Q6a – confused with too many yes/no answers. First 1 yes/no, then rest should be just ticks.
- Group would also like to know if questionnaires are 1 per household/1 per person/ online etc...

- Group were also unsure if enough helpers could be found to do the distribution/collection.

## **5. Review of matrix and topics analysis for return to Sarah Furley.**

Dot managed to send original version of Matrix – new one shown. Approved as a useful document. Work to be continued.

## **6. Work up questions for main topic 1: environment etc....**

Dave Munday presented work done on wildlife & bio-diversity.

## **Neighbourhood Plan Wildlife and Biodiversity**

**To protect and enhance the native wildlife and biodiversity of the parish**

To retain hedgerows

To retain and enhance wildlife corridors

To retain traditional farming and agricultural practises (grazing)

To retain areas of scrubland and cover for wildlife

To continue with the removal of alien species e.g. Japanese Knotweed

### **Benefits**

Enhances the communities quality of life

Provides commercial benefits, in attracting visitors to our natural areas. Additionally the valleys of the parish provide cover for migrating birds, which in turn attract birdwatchers (twitchers) as does the return of our national bird the chough.

### **Comments from “Have your say”**

What do you like about St. Just, 7% specifically mentioned wildlife, but another 35% mentioned related aspects, specifically mentioned were open moorlands, beautiful coast and green space.

What could be improved, 5% mentioned conservation and improving hedgerows.

Improving facilities, nature areas was mentioned.

Under the built environment, no hedges removed was mentioned.

Under the conservation heading, enhancement of biodiversity, protection of flora and fauna, environmental strategy and protect hedges, were amongst the comments.

## **References:**

Cornwall Wildlife Trusts parish record, Chough project

## **Notes:**

The NPPF states that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment and states that plans should allocate land with the least environmental or amenity value, where consistent with other policies in that framework . It depends how many questions we are going to ask, it could be as simple as How important is it to protect and enhance the native wildlife and biodiversity of the parish. Or it could include more individual questions on different aspects.

Discussion followed and some slight re-wording of the questions will be undertaken.

Vic raised the subject of needing a Landscape Character Area Description as part of the plan evidence. Cornwall Council completed 1 in 2008. Dot ask Sarah Furley if this will suffice.

## **Footpaths/Rights of Way**

Discussion about impact of new development on footpaths.

- Any new development should have a footpath/right of way included.
- Any new development should link to current footpath/right of way – if this will result in increased footfall then it may be necessary to upgrade the current footpath/right of way.

## **7. Sustainability update.**

Questions have been worked up by the group. Discussion led to some re-wording.

## **8. If time, review how previous BEG questions may fit in.**

Query raised over the need for a “housing needs assessment” and how we can do this. Dot to follow up.

## **9. Agenda and date for next meeting.**

- **12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February?**

**10.AOB.**

David Osborne-Broad attended a SMART villages event in Pendeen. Some 3D technology is likely to be available in Pendeen School, and possibly this is something that may be of use to us.

End Meeting : 9.10pm