

**St Just Neighbourhood Plan, Natural Environment Group
Meeting, Tues 10th April 2018, 7pm to 9pm
St Just Council Offices**

Agenda:

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of last two meetings and matters arising from last meeting
3. Matters arising from meeting minutes of:
 - i. Steering Group
 - ii. Building Environment Group
 - iii. Community Engagement Group (including upcoming open meeting 12 April 2018)
4. "What Have We Lost" Audit (Tony and Andrew C)
5. "What Have We Got"
6. Project plan
7. AOB
8. Confirm date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th April 2018 (normally 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of every month as required)

Present:

NEG: Liz Allmark, Joza Cardoza, Andrew Corser, Ted Mole, Constance Moore, Farmer Morris, Jackie Packer, Jenny Rowe, Andrew Stone, Delia Webb (from 7.10 pm), Brian Winterbourne, Tony Wood,
Other attendees: Steven Hall, Tim Wotton (from 8.05 pm)

1. Apologies: John Aldred, Rosemary Bowers, Lindsey Butterfield, Caroline de Brun, Nicola Shanks, Bev Strick, Teresa Yeandle
2. Minutes of last two meetings

Approved.

Matters arising:

- i. Item 2 (re Ted discussing CEG posters) Ted said he had not discussed the posters with CEG. Andrew C said that he had sent an email to CEG asking for copies of the posters, and passing on views about the posters emailed by another member of NEG, but had not had any response.
- ii. Item 3ii (BEG meeting) Andrew C said that he had attended the relevant BEG meeting mentioned in the minutes, and had circulated NEG officials with BEG approach to meetings, but this had not been circulated to NEG members. BEG have established a list of topics of relevance to the St Just and Pendeen Built Environment, and they are now working through these topics at a rate of two or three a meeting, discussing the topics and then generating questions which are then passed to CEG. BEG therefore have a clear direction about their meetings.
- iii. Item 3iii (CEG Facebook article) There was some discussion about "populating" the Facebook page that Delia confirmed has been created by CEG. Delia had communicated with CEG about what she saw as the appropriate approach to using Facebook, without any effective response from CEG. Delia confirmed that she had taken on responsibility for preparing something for the Facebook page on behalf of NEG; however she felt that the first draft article circulated could not be edited to fit her requirements for the input. She also said there was no point in writing any NEG input for the page until it had been "populated", but that she does not currently have time to help CEG do that. Discussion continued on the requested NEG article for Outreach. Delia said that she would be responsible for the final editing of the article: she said she had clear ideas about the requirements of such an article, but again the first draft Facebook article wasn't a suitable starting point.
- iv. Items 5 (Constance on wild flowers) and 6 (Delia's three questions) Andrew C said that the items sounded very interesting but wondered if there had been comment about their relation to planning, as had been proposed in a meeting Nicola and Constance had with Andrew C. Constance confirmed that her item did not refer to planning.
- v. Item 7i (AOB Project Plan). Andrew C suggested that this item should have been on the agenda rather than in AOB, and that documents, especially the summary by Tim Wotton, could have been circulated to NEG members before the meetings: Tim was coming to present to the current meeting, but no-one except officials have seen the documents. It was agreed that NEG members would like to have relevant documents circulated.
- vi. Item 7iv (AOB What Have We Got Presentations) Some NEG members were unhappy about the proposed approach that "each member of NEG prepare a short presentation/discussion (5-10 mins, over the next few meetings) on a subject of their interest, with details". Constance said that this approach could ensure that members didn't just come to meetings and never speak; Jenny disagreed, saying that she wanted to come to meetings, and would contribute when she felt there was something to be said, but didn't have any particular area that she wanted to give a presentation about; Andrew S agreed.

3. Matters arising from meeting minutes of:
 - i. Steering Group There was nothing to report.
 - ii. Building Environment Group The BEG meeting had been cancelled.
 - iii. Community Engagement Group (including upcoming open meeting 12 April 2018) Stephen Hall explained that the open meeting had been changed from a preparation for the June presentations, to a more general meeting, since some StJPNP members felt that June was too soon for presentations to be prepared.
4. “What Have We Lost” Audit (Tony and Andrew C) Andrew C and Tony presented their audits of the North and South halves of the area, comparing the Google Earth satellite views from 2005 and 2017 to identify visible changes (as well as some changes which were known about). Tony focussed on new builds, 50-55 of which were evident across the Northern section (the main example in the Southern section being the single development within St Just alongside the slaughterhouse). Drainage was discussed in relation to the use of shellfish waste to help drain the (formerly boggy) fields above Bostraze, and the new build in St Just. Also, the change in the agricultural management of Chapel Carn Brea, which Andrew C reported is being done by Jeff Thomas for the National Trust. Finally there was considerable discussion about parking issues, for existing residents, for new residences, and for visitors; and about cars in general, being the issue identified most frequently by NEG members in their questionnaires.
5. “What Have We Got” Not considered in the absence of Nicola.
6. Project plan Tim Wotton presented how the StJPNP project is being planned. He circulated some A3 prints of the project plan, and then talked to his summary (which he agreed could be circulated with these minutes). This included some general timings for five phases: April-May, May-September, Sept-Oct, Winter 2018, 2019. Tim discussed how many “iterations” the consultative process would need to go through (he felt this would be affected by the “answers” that came from the consultations) and confirmed that the process was not limited to two years. There was then some general discussion about how effective a Neighbourhood (Development) Plan would actually be in directing Cornwall Council planning decisions (Andrew C mentioned a Cornishman article circulated by Judith Summers, reporting that a planning decision had been informed by policies being developed in the unfinished St Erth Neighbourhood Plan). Andrew S reported that he had heard of Neighbourhood Plan, AONB and SSSI being ignored in planning decisions elsewhere in the country. It was suggested that it would be possible to include the designations in the StJPNP to give them more weight. It was suggested that the AONB might be included as the “authority” for the StJPNP.
Constance also mentioned a petition that had been received by St Just Council about second homes.
7. AOB
 - i. Tony suggested to Stephen that NPPF changes wrt to the StJPNP be monitored by the Steering Group; Tim felt this would be relevant later in the process, and that Cornwall Council would support us in this, checking the effect of those changes before the referendum.
 - ii. Andrew C mentioned the carried over item “Designations Planning summaries” - Ted said that he thought that this issue had been dealt with.
8. Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th April 2018 (agenda items to sec by Fri before)