

**MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ST AUSTELL BAY PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2020 in The Pattern Hall at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllrs Bill Leach (Chairman), Sue Leach, Peter Tombs, Richard Hallows, Steve Morris, Trudy Reynolds, Dave Nicklin, Malcolm Neill, Sue Osbrink

In attendance: Steve Lowden, Ken Jones, Chris Wright (members of the NDP Strategic Group); Cllr Tom French CC; Julie Larter, Clerk; 5 members of the public.

(19/186) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Gareth Bray, a member of the SG Strategic Group.

(19/187) Minutes of a Parish Council held on 23 January 2020

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2020 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

(19/188) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest or of gifts and hospitality.

(19/189) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Strategic Group and invited them to introduce themselves. He went on to thank the SG members, parish councillors on the SG and Kath Statham of Cornwall Council for the enormous volume of work and all the effort they had put into developing the neighbourhood plan. The Chairman then said that there would be a 6 week public consultation period later in the year.

(19/190) Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak.

(19/191) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Sue Leach, Acting Chair of the Strategic Group explained that the document being presented tonight is just in first draft stage. The SG is aware that there may be typos, but the purpose of tonight's meeting is to give councillors the opportunity to ask questions about the draft document and approve it prior to submission to Cornwall Council.

Cllr Leach then explained what a neighbourhood plan is and its function and limitations. She explained that everything contained within the document must be evidence based and meet certain criteria.

Cllr Leach said that drop-in sessions had been well attended, there had been a good response rate to residents' surveys and information gathered from the exercises had informed the SG what was important to the electorate. She stated that experts had been commissioned to undertake the Local Landscape Character Assessment and OCSI (Oxford Consultants for

Social Inclusion) had provided data on demographics. Cornwall Council had undertaken a housing need survey and Cormac had carried out a traffic survey.

Policies have been based on feedback from the questionnaires. Policies have to be written in a positive context stating what can be done/permitted rather than what cannot be done. Cornwall Council officers have been scrutinising the policies as they have been developed. The SG has studied many neighbourhood plans that have been produced by other local parish councils.

CLlr Leach explained that there are still many stages of consultation for the document to go through and the SG is expecting amendments at every stage. The group is waiting to find out if they need to undertake a strategic environmental assessment. The 6 week public consultation period is likely to be in April or May.

CLlr Leach thanked members of the public who had given up their time to distribute leaflets about the Plan.

CLlr Leach then invited councillors to ask questions about the draft document.

THE DOCUMENT WAS REVIEWED PAGE BY PAGE

A number of questions were asked and queries raised and these were all noted. The SG has arranged to meet next week to address each point and amend the document if deemed necessary. It was agreed that some points would be referred back to the NP advisor.

It was RESOLVED that the SG would make the amendments it considers necessary at its meeting on Monday and submit the document to the next stage of assessment.

CLlr Neill thanked volunteers for the time they have given up and councillors on the SG for their guidance.

A member of the public thanked the SG and members of the PC for their sterling work and said long may it continue.

(19/192) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

20 February, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July (20 August if needed), 17 September, 15 October, 19 November, 17 December 2020

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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Chairman

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Date