



Neighbourhood Plan gets going!

At the Parish Council meeting on the 5th December 2016 it was unanimously agreed that Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish would move forward in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

The public meetings which took place in October and November in both Dobwalls and Trewidland were well attended and at each of the meetings there was unanimous support from those present for the parish council to engage with the NP process. Residents from both Trewidland and Dobwalls volunteered to be part of the NP working group, and this group met for the first time on 30th January 2017.

The working group has already moved forward in discussions with Cornwall Council who will be involved in supporting the NP process, and in setting up a Steering Group and identify key information which we will need to support the initial phases.

This Steering group will meet once a month over the period of the Plan preparation and additional meetings will be held by various working groups such as those already formed to support:

- the development of the Initial Questionnaire (included with this edition of the Villager) which is intended to identify the current priorities of all households in the parish
- the production of proposals for a Public Engagement Strategy to ensure that we have the best possible opportunity for feedback from everyone in the parish community.

Please complete the Questionnaire!

The initial public consultation takes the form of the NP Questionnaire which has been delivered with this edition of the magazine. Please complete this Questionnaire and hand it in to one of the pick-up points in your area by the end of March 2017. The results of this survey will be analysed and the conclusions reported in the July Villager magazine. The responses that we receive from local people will set the focus of the initial discussions (Theme/Topic Groups) for the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

What happens next?

The process of developing the plan will take more than two years, and include several stages:

- 1 Starting up and the formal designation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Area by Cornwall Council
- 2 Research – getting to know our Neighbourhood and its needs
- 3 Defining Themes, Vision and Objectives for the plan
- 4 Writing Policies and identifying Projects
- 5 Testing and Approving the Plan

Public involvement: At all stages in the process local people will be asked to contribute information and ideas and will be kept informed about how the Plan is developing through the villager/ parish council website and specific events will focus on important topics and provide opportunities for everyone to give their views, and to be involved in the development of the next phase.

A series of meetings will be held in the next few months to explore particular issues in more detail including those that are raised by the responses to the Questionnaire. Details of the dates for these events will be published on the Parish Council Website <http://www.dobwallsandtrewidland.org.uk/council.php>

Get involved!

If you feel that you would like to help or would like further information, please contact newly elected Neighbourhood Plan secretary/co-ordinator Mhairi Mackie email mhairimackie@waitrose.com or Parish Clerk, Mrs Linda Coles, The Firs, Lower Metherell, Callington, Cornwall PL17 8BJ, Tel 01579 350962, email dobwallstrewpc@btinternet.com