

TINTAGEL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PROJECT EVENTS

September 2014

Date	Event	Notes
Nov 2011	Localism Act passed	Start of process
Jan 2012	Clerk to ask Cornwall for details of how to make a Plan	Noted in PC Minutes
Feb 2012	Clerk issues CPRE "NDP Guide"	Not an official guide
Apr 2012	NDP on PC Agenda - Not discussed	NDP put back again
May 2012	NDP on PC Agenda - Not discussed	NDP put back again
May 2012	PC given "Localism Act - Future of the Code of Conduct"	No comment/action by PC
June 2012	NDP on PC Agenda - Not discussed But NDP example Document issued to Councillors	NDP put back again
Oct 2013	Cllr Max Roberts says "Main point of this meeting is to discuss the NDP". However, the NDP was not discussed	NDP put back yet again
2011 - 2013 Summary	Procrastination by PC throughout for two years. The NDP was listed as an Agenda item at several PC Meetings but put back each time (not discussed).	Two years lost!!!! NDP put back at each meeting.
Dec 2013	PC finally discuss and agree to set up a NDP PC to write to CC to apply to be "Qualifying Body" 12 Dec 2013.	Agree to send out questionnaire to gauge interest
Jan 2014	PC send out questionnaire to parishioners 149 replies (189 persons) replied, out of approx 1000. 95.24% in favour of NDP	PC amazed at interest and are forced to proceed with NDP

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29 Jan 2014	First Public Meeting held in Social Hall Vote to proceed with NDP 62 in favour 3 against and 8 abstentions.	Richard Martin volunteered to be Project Manager (The PC did not expect anyone to come forward, so that the matter could be quietly buried)
Feb 2014	PC Meeting - NDP discussed No decision made to proceed or not.	Richard Hart and Iain Mackay present
March 2014	PC agrees to a Public Meeting to be arranged for 2 April with Sarah Arden of Cornwall Council	
2 April 2014	Public Meeting held in Social Hall. Was to be addressed by Sarah Arden of Cornwall Council	Sarah Arden did not attend due to illness
April 2014	Project Manager sends papers to Parish Clerk detailing the formation of NDP Team, requesting approval.	Programme, Organization Chart, Terms of Reference and Agenda for proposed meeting to set up NDP (all based on St Minver NDP and Cornwall Guidelines). None of these papers have actively been discussed (according to PC Minutes), except for the Terms of Reference. The PC requested minor changes to the ToRs.
22 April	PC arranged a Coffee Morning in TVC. Call for volunteers	Poor advertising and poor response
23 April	Sarah Arden addresses all in Visitor Centre	Good attendance (approx 60) Good questions from floor. Active interest from parishioners.
7 May	Analysis of January PC Questions given to PC. NDP authorised to proceed by PC. Two councillors to be on Steering Group, plus one reserve	NDP officially starts Cllrs Mick Goward and Max Roberts appointed to Steering Group, with Cllr Aaron Hockerday as reserve.

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19 May	<p>Public Meeting in Social Hall started by PC Chairman (Mary Dyer) and Project Manager</p> <p>Cllr Roger Wickett insisted on Questionnaire be sent out to gauge interest (in spite of the January response).</p> <p>Cllr Roger Wickett insisted that the NDP Team could not proceed until 10 volunteers had come forward. As only 6 were available, including the seconded Cllrs, this effectively blocked moving forward.</p>	<p>Terms of Reference Amendment 2 submitted. (PC later found fault with these also and asked for more changes.)</p> <p>Unable to act as Steering Group because Parish Council feels that not enough volunteers are available.</p>
2 June	Steering Group meet to set up NDP Team (Cllrs Max Roberts & Mick Goward & Project Manager)	Cornwall Council Guidelines say "up to 10" on NDP Team, with no minimum number. Cllrs to take this back to PC to clarify.
4 June	PC Meeting Cllr Roberts treated badly by some Councillors when discussing NDP	Cllr Max Roberts resigns from PC following meeting. (Project Manager sick so did not attend).
7 June	NDP Team first Meeting (in public at Social Hall). Chair and Secretary elected. Additional SG members joined.	Chairman Janet Brown and Secretary Margaret Beckett elected. Cllr Wickett insisted on second Questionnaire.
23 June	NDP Team meet to select questions	Cllr Aaron Hockerday present (replacing Cllr Roberts) Questions agreed and printing to start.
2 July	PC meeting resulted in request to change Terms of Reference yet again. Cllr Aaron Hockerday resigns from SG	Terms of Reference Amendment No 3 written and passed to PC for approval. Only Cllr Goward now remains on SG
4 July	NDP Team & volunteers stuff envelopes and hand deliver approx 900 Questionnaires.	Return by date set as 19 July. Majority hand delivered but 40 sent by post.

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14 July	<p>NDP Public Meeting A3 maps and other displays and Q & A session Talk given on research on Social Housing.</p>	<p>Good attendance and volunteers signed up. Cllr Wickett again insists on nominating Working Group members in spite of:-</p> <p>a) not enough members of SG, and b) not enough time since start to decide on detailed tasks due to work on Questionnaire.</p> <p>He was told that the Terms of Reference state that Working Groups would be set up "<u>as and when required</u>", but he wants them now!!!</p>
19 July	<p>Closing date for return of Questionnaires</p>	<p>217 forms returned for analysis, more than the response from the PC January questionnaire. (374 adults involved in replies, roughly 1/3rd of adult population).</p> <p>As there has not been for a long time a chance for ordinary parishioners to make comments to the PC, some 97 people took this opportunity to make comments. Half of the comments did not apply to the Neighbourhood Development Plan work and have been forwarded to the PC for further action.</p>
23 July	<p>PC Extraordinary Meeting.</p> <p>PC Chairlady unable to control meeting. Parish Clerk had to take control!!!</p> <p>PC object to NDP Team name. It is to be called Steering Group.</p>	<p>PC Minutes incorrectly recorded. Steering Group register objection but no revision of PC Minutes occurs.</p> <p>Yet another amendment to the Terms of Reference.</p>
29 July	<p>NDP Team now named Steering Group. SG meets in Committee Room Social Hall</p>	<p>PC insist on unnecessary name change New Terms of Reference (Amendment No 4) showing name change etc issued to the PC for approval.</p>
2 Aug	<p>Treknow Fete - Marquee informing public More Questionnaires issued</p>	<p>Volunteers signed up.</p>

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8 Aug	Questionnaires Response Summary updated	More replies received at Treknow Fete..
11 Aug	A morning meeting with PC Chairman and Parish Clerk, to discuss the way forward, was cancelled by PC.	Attempt by Steering Group to resolve differences with PC.
11 Aug	Steering Group meet in Treknow Village Hall	Minutes submitted to PC (for openness and transparency) but these have yet to appear on PC website!!!
13 Aug	<p>PC Extraordinary Meeting PC propose that the Steering Group now be changed to an Advisory Group.</p> <p>Meeting to be arranged with CC/PC/SG to discuss PC insistence on changing SG to Advisory Group (but there is no information on Advisory Groups).</p> <p>11 NDP Items on Agenda but none discussed. (Many outstanding from April).</p> <p>However, PC did spend considerable time on bird feeding nuisance.</p>	<p>Incorrect PC minutes from 23 July challenged again but PC ignore challenge!!!</p> <p>Proposal for Advisory Group. Several proposals were made and voting procedure was not according to Local Government approved procedure. No Councillor could say what an Advisory Group was, or what powers it would have. It was stated, though, that this was necessary for Steering Group members to have to sign a Code of Conduct.</p> <p>This will need Terms of Reference Amendment No 5</p> <p>Backlog of papers submitted to PC for approval grows. Papers submitted in previous months not shown on PC website.</p>
20 August	Steering Group meet in Treknow Village Hall	<p>With no acknowledgement or discussion/ratification of previously submitted documents by PC, we do not know if we should proceed.</p> <p>In particular, the Terms of Reference is now at Amendment 4 and still not accepted by the PC!!!!</p> <p>The Terms of Reference govern the duties and behavior of the Steering Group. These must be approved before the Steering Group can function fully.</p>

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<p>22/25 August 2014</p>	<p>4 SG members resign in disgust at the behaviour of the PC, including the Chairman and the Secretary.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk also resigns (for personal reasons).</p> <p>There are two dominant Cllrs, one of whom has not attended any NDP/SG public meetings but appears to know everything about the process. The remaining Cllrs, including the sole surviving SG Cllr, get shouted down or ignored.</p> <p>Parishioners who have been Cllrs elsewhere, are aghast at the behavior in the meetings that they have attended.</p>	<p>The PC (which, under all Guidelines has all the control powers it needs), wants to micromanage the whole process. Under the Guidelines, the SG works independently <u>until</u> it submits the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The PC wants full control of every move made by the Steering Group, preventing the SG from meeting to actually do any research related tasks in peace.</p> <p>The Project Manager saw the task as research, investigation, and report writing, followed by submitting the Plan for approval by the PC and Parishioners. This interpretation was endorsed by CC representatives.</p> <p>This is, apparently, not how certain Cllrs understand the process.</p> <p>Have they read any of the vast amount of Guideline literature available to help them?</p> <p>However, the Project Manager finds that rather than “draining the swamp”, he is now “fighting off additional alligators” added by the PC. An intolerable situation.</p> <p>The Localism Act was drafted believing that Parishes would welcome the opportunity to have a NDP and that Parish Councils would work in harmony with their Steering Group. We have spoken to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) man who helped draft the Act. He did not foresee a situation occurring like Tintagel where the PC and the SG fail to work in harmony, so there are no Clauses in the Act to cover the problem.</p>
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