

# **MADRON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER**

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*No poster pictures this week! Covid-19 has struck and some of the Neighbourhood Planning Team have had their efforts diverted into addressing parish council tasks in dealing with the Covid-19 emergency. We now realise how timely it was that we updated the parish website last year, as this now becomes a vital channel of communication for the community.*

*We are now having to rethink how we progress your Neighbourhood Plan during the current crisis. The good news is (and there's not a lot of that at the moment) your Neighbourhood Planning Team is keen to press on with the work and finish the job. We are having to learn to work in isolation but with the aid of technology we can still keep in touch with each other and with the parish community, although for some of us this could be straining our keyboard skills!*

*As you can see, the Chairman of the Steering Group is leading the way in adapting to this new mode of working.*



## *Get Neighbourhood Planning Done!*

Your team has collected a large amount of parish data under the headings of the natural environment, the built environment and heritage, housing, community facilities and services, transport and business and jobs. The data has come from a wide variety of sources including landscape character assessments, Cornwall Council interactive mappings, historical records, local sources, and surveys (such as the one conducted across the parish in December 2019).

All this data is being collated into a document titled the "Summary of Evidence". Within this document we record the analysis of how the data should inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, what objectives need to be achieved and what sort of policies would meet these objectives. As this document is developed, we want to consult with both the community (that's you, our parishioners) and stakeholders (e.g. Cornwall Council) to obtain your feedback and comments. This consultation is a critical part of developing a Neighbourhood Plan, and has to be recorded in a document titled "Statement of Consultation" that we must submit at the end of the process to Cornwall Council.

Out of all this work we can then create a Neighbourhood Plan that is both evidence based and based on consultations with all interested parties. We then submit the plan and the supporting documents to Cornwall Council for its ratification through a parish wide referendum.

Right now we are approaching a stage where we want to put the work done to date out for consultation, and we had planned on holding an open day in Landithy Hall with display boards and team members on hand to answer questions and record comments. Unfortunately that cannot happen now. We

are faced with delaying all further development until some unknown date when public gatherings are once more permitted, which puts an indeterminate delay in the whole Neighbourhood Plan process, or pressing on using alternative means of communicating with you. We intend to press on and "get Neighbourhood Planning done!"

We are working on putting the plan in its present state on line (e.g. on the parish website) for you all to access and read, and to provide a comments and questions facility for you to capture your responses. We can then update and amend the plan to reflect this community consultation.

***Stay safe and stay in touch!***

