

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE, 13th May 2015

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group (NDPSG - or SG for short) held a regular meeting on 30th April, at which it welcomed Mark Clutsom, Head of Upton Cross Primary School as a new member. It is satisfying and very exciting to have the parish's only school so closely involved in the plan project. It means that children will look closely at where they live, think hard about it and consider what it should be like in future. They arguably have an even greater stake in the NDP than we adults do. They will no doubt have many interesting conversations on the subject with their families, friends and teachers. We look forward very much to hearing their findings and ideas.

Roger Halliday produced for the meeting a paper on possible methods and scope for creating an evidence base on energy production, agriculture and development. This paper is available on the parish website. The meeting decided to split the 'Development' category of the project in two: Housing Development and Business Development.

Lavinia Halliday brought to the meeting a vision statement concerning the protection and enhancement of the built environment. She and Yvonne Appleby had met earlier to discuss ways in which parishioners could, with professional guidance, create an inventory of the most valuable and most valued landscape and built assets. Since our discussion we have contacted Nick Cahill of Historic England. He will be able provide free advice. We hope to organise some activities for everyone to take part in - walks around or visits to different parts of the parish, a photographic exhibition, perhaps a picnic. We need to know what is most valued in the parish and how you think we can make the best of it in future.

Andy Ward has created a dedicated e-mail address and opened a Twitter account for the NDP.

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The Twitter address is **LinkinhorneNDP**

**Please do get in touch with any views, suggestions, questions and offers of help.**

Between the writing of this update and the next the SG will have met Cllr Derris Watson of St Cleer PC to gain from her experience of drafting and submitting their neighbourhood development plan. Learning lessons from others should reduce the time and money spent on our own project. We will also have met again to discuss the project's timetable and costings, and we'll be on our way to making an application for a grant to cover the project. Then things will REALLY happen!