

Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan - the story so far. . .

At the Blisland Annual Parish Meeting in 2015 a decision was taken to produce a neighbourhood development plan for Blisland. A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a means of giving our local community the opportunity to come together to guide the future development, regeneration and conservation of our Parish. It is complementary to the countywide Cornwall Local Plan, aiming to give parishioners a greater say in where any new houses should go in the Parish and what they should look like, as well as any new facilities which may be needed.

A public consultation event took place in June 2015 which included display boards with information on neighbourhood planning, wildlife issues, renewable energy etc. This was followed up with a survey later in the year which went to all households and had a good response rate. This asked respondents for views on future development, affordable housing and housing in the countryside and to rank a small number of areas identified for potential development. A report was generated on the outcomes of the survey and some further follow up research took place including compilation of a list of businesses within the Parish.

Unfortunately, initial work on this initiative stalled for various reasons but it has now been resumed with the formation of a new Steering Group to oversee delivery of the plan. The plan needs to represent the views of the whole community so the Steering Group will be distributing a questionnaire over the coming months to gather views and will provide regular updates on progress through a variety of communication channels including websites, newsletters, social media and events.

Find more information by checking the Blisland websites and if you would to sign up for email updates, please contact www.blisland.info, news@blislandparishcouncil.co.uk. and www.blislandparishcouncil.co.uk/blisland-neighbourhood-development-plan.

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