

PUBLIC MEETING

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND EMERGENCY PLAN

Saturday 7th May 10.30am to 12.00pm

Cardinham Parish Hall

6 Councillors and 17 members of the public attended the meeting.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Chairman Julie Best gave a brief introduction, firstly explaining that, due to illness, the speaker from Cornwall Council planning dept would not be attending and unfortunately Cornwall Council was unable to send a replacement, notifying us of this at very short notice. The Chairman went on explain that a Neighbourhood Plan must involve parishioners and councillors working together. The Chairman then introduced Cllr Greg Tucker who had volunteered, in the absence of the speaker, to outline what the Neighbourhood Plan would involve.

Using the Neighbourhood Plans Roadmap Guide, which is available to read/download from Cornwall Council's website, Cllr Tucker went through the steps to creating a Plan and the time, effort and commitment that would be required from anyone wanting to take part in creating such a Plan. The starting point would be the Neighbourhood Survey that had been completed in the Parish, and thanks go to Mick Martin for his work on that project.

Cllr Tucker further outlined the skills that would be needed by members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and stressed that anyone taking it on should be prepared to put in a lot of time and effort over a considerable length of time.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Tucker and it was then time for comments and questions from parishioners. The following comments were put forward:

- It was requested that a letter be sent to Cornwall Council expressing the disappointment and frustration that they didn't send anyone.
- From the survey it was mentioned that numerous respondents were interested in having a Plan but few wanted to be involved in producing one.
- It was hoped that more would have attended this meeting.
- It is more likely that housing would be put where there is better infrastructure in place – less likely in Cardinham.
- The Plan could be driven by the Community

Copies of the Road Map and also the Parish Survey were available for people to take away and it is hoped that, despite the lack of official speaker, people still found this part of the meeting worthwhile.

It was then time to move on to the second section:

THE EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Simon Smart has been working on producing the Emergency Plan for the Parish and has already been heavily involved in the siting of a defibrillator in the village and for arranging the training in its use that has taken place.

As Cllr Smart said, the main thing to remember is DIAL 999 FIRST AND ALWAYS DO THIS IN AN EMERGENCY.

The Emergency Plan can be thought of as a bit of extra help. The 2014 survey showed that Cardinham Parish has a wealth of people who are willing to help their fellow parishioners and their community in any emergency:

- people who are willing to provide meals, accommodation, transport and the like.
- The Emergency Plan will likely involve every householder having a list of people who are willing to respond in an emergency
- There will need to be volunteers to co-ordinate
- Fire hydrants need to be cleared and need to ensure all are working
- For medical emergencies there is a defibrillator in the phone box in Cardinham village.
- It was mentioned that the area in front of the phone box needs clearing as it is difficult to open the door and it also needs painting, which the Parish Council had said it would do.
- Training has already been given for using the defibrillator but more is planned.

There were sign up sheets placed around the hall and several signed up for the Emergency Plan /training, and one person signed up for the Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting closed at around 12pm