

Lanlivery Neighbourhood Plan Annual Report 22nd April 2015

In recent years the government has placed a renewed emphasis on planning at a local level on the basis that local knowledge is the best source of expertise on local needs and how they can be met. A key component of this approach to planning is the Neighbourhood Plan which allows local communities to come together to shape the future of their area; to decide what needs to be protected and what needs to change.

At this time last year, Lanlivery was part of the Castledore Neighbourhood Plan Group along with Fowey, Tywardreath & Par and St Sampson . Lostwithiel and St Winnow then also joined the group which was already proving too large for any effective decision making to take place. Towards the end of 2014, Fowey Town Council decided to pull out of the Castledore group and create its own Neighbourhood Plan. Following Fowey's decision, Lanlivery Parish Council voted to also pursue its own Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish received its formal designation as a neighbourhood plan area from Cornwall Council in February this year.

Since then we have created a Questionnaire to find out what matters to local residents and this was distributed to all residents in the Parish inside the latest copy of Granite Towers with spare copies available in the Church for those who have not received one.

The results of the questionnaire will be used as the building blocks for our draft neighbourhood plan.

We have also applied for a grant to help progress the plan and at the beginning of this month, we were notified that we had been awarded £4100 to spend on it. This will enable us to commission professional help in drafting our neighbourhood plan and to fully consult local residents along the way.

Once the draft plan has been prepared we intend to hold a public event to report the options it proposes for shaping the future development of our Parish over the next 15-20 years. We also hope to upgrade our website to include the results of the questionnaire and the proposals within the draft plan. The Plan will also go out to various statutory consultees who include, Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, English Heritage and neighbouring Parish and Town councils.

Finally our Neighbourhood Plan will be checked by Cornwall Council to ensure that it complies with all legal requirements before being submitted for independent examination. If passed by the independent examiner, the Plan can then proceed to a local referendum. Providing that over 50% of those voting in the Parish, vote in favour of the Plan then it will be adopted by Cornwall Council as part of their Local Plan.

This means that when making planning decisions about the Parish, both the Parish Council and Cornwall council will have to take into account the policies within our Neighbourhood Plan.

To make this whole process work at its best we are relying on everyone in the Parish to tell us what they think about housing, the landscape, the historic environment; what development we should support and what we should protect. Please let us have your views because they really can make a difference.