

# Would we have your support if Mabe Parish Council began the process of creating a neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)?

Before getting too involved in the idea of an NDP the Parish Council would like to find out how the residents of parish feels about such a project, as it would involve a team of volunteers to complete. It is not something that Parish Council undertake themselves.

Please sign the sheet on the noticeboard/email: [info4mabe@gmail.com](mailto:info4mabe@gmail.com) if you think Mabe needs an NDP.

## **What is Neighbourhood Planning?**

- Neighbourhood planning gives communities the opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and to shape development and growth in their local area.
- It enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work.
- We can support new development proposals by providing the opportunity for our parish to set out a vision for how we want our community to develop over the next ten, fifteen, twenty years.

## **What are the benefits of developing an NDP?**

- A Neighbourhood Plan can meet the identified development needs and make sense to local people.
- We can pick where we should allow new building to take place, what size we want and what other services need to be in place for it.
- It is a way to ensure that we get the right type of development for the needs of our community.
- With an NDP we can put in place planning policies that will help deliver our ideal vision or grant planning permission for the development we want to see enhance our community.
- Our views will have to be taken into account by Cornwall Council's Planning Authority and developers alike.

**Without an NDP we rely on the planning policies held within the Cornwall Local Plan. It will not mean a stop to local development.**

## **How long will an NDP take to complete?**

Neighbourhood plans take up to 2 years to complete fully but are able to draw down funding of up to £9000 from central government to help with initial costs. Much of the time will be spent on reviewing policies, data gathering & collating results - community participation and views form an important part of the process.

## **Who does all the work?**

A Steering Group will be responsible for developing the whole NDP. Members will come from the parish council, local businesses and the community at large. Their job will be evidencing what policies to include; how to allocate funding; what information needs gathering; developing ideas and strategies. Working Groups will focus on smaller areas within the whole plan - it could mean looking into traffic & transport; housing, tourism links, talking to local businesses, assessing community facilities & needs - really it is up to the parish as a whole to decide where to start and what to include.