

# Tywardreath and Par residents step closer to having their own say...

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RESIDENTS in Tywardreath and Par are one step closer to having a say on future development in the areas after the neighbourhood plan was signed off.

The plan, which has been led by Tywardreath and Par Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group, aims to give residents more of a say over issues like planning and help to shape the future of the areas.

The vision statement for the neighbourhood plan reads: "By 2030, Tywardreath and Par Parish will be a thriving, welcoming and inclusive community, allowing local people to lead secure, sustainable, productive and rewarding lives while protecting a distinctive landscape and coastline, environment and heritage."

The group launched the NDP nearly three years ago at the Annual Parish Assembly in May 2017.

The preparation of the NDP has been led by the Tywardreath and Par Parish NDP Steering Group, which includes local residents and parish councillors.

There are a number of key objectives contained in the NDP, which include a flood

risk management, a business, tourism and transport, community, health and wellbeing, an environment and heritage objective and a housing and development objective.

The blueprint also highlights the "unusually strong sense of community and place" in the two areas which is seen in local initiatives such as the purchase of Cornubia Hall by Par Bay Community Trust and the management of Par Running Track by a locally based Community Benefit Society.

The big focus of the 118 page document is 'Blue Green Tourism / Health and Wellbeing', which it is hoped will give the local economy a boost.

The Blue Green concept encompasses notions such as sustainability in tourism and the belief that interaction with the natural environment delivers positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

Blue Green Health and Wellbeing Community Facilities are facilities, which offer services primarily based in the open air in Blue and Green Spaces.

For example the open air facilities linked to leisure centres such as football pitches and cricket nets, swimming pools and spa facilities, allotments and community orchards, playgrounds, the beach, and public toilets as well as "sup-



Councillor David Hughes at Par Track (Above)

port facilities" such as cycle parking.

Blue Green Tourism is based on the same premise as Well-ness Tourism, but Blue Green Tourism places the emphasis on the protection and enhancement of Blue Green Spaces.

A spokesman from the steering group said: "We pleased to announce we are making progress with the NDP. Tywardreath and Par Parish Council signed off on the latest version of the NDP on Thursday July 2.

"Cornwall Council will now

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take the process forwards and we will continue to send out updates as the NDP progresses. The NDP already carries some weight in planning decisions, and the amount of weight accorded to it will increase as it goes through the process."

## Pharmacy fight keeps going at Brannel surgery



Pharmacy staff protest back in 2013

SIX years after plans for a new pharmacy in St Stephen were thrown out at appeal, the village GP practice is fighting to save its dispensary and six jobs once again writes *Natasha Swift*.

Banners displaying the words "Save our dispensary" greet patients at Brannel Surgery as it warns that they could lose six members of staff and the practice dispensary after plans for a new pharmacy in St Stephen were revealed.

Earlier this year London-based Bann's Pharmacy Limited applied to NHS England (NHS) to open a pharmacy within a 0.2 mile radius of Co-Op on Fore Street in St Stephen.

It is unclear where it would be based in the village as the application form states that the premises have not yet been identified and secured.

The total proposed opening hours for the pharmacy are from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 5pm on Saturday.

This comes six years after plans for a new pharmacy in St Stephen were thrown out at appeal.

In 2014 Brannel Surgery had to launch a campaign to save its dispensary and six members of staff after the application for the new pharmacy was put forward.

Staff said at the time that if the new pharmacy was given the go ahead, rules meant that the dispensary at the surgery, which serves the communities of St Stephen, Sticker, Crampound, Ladock, Summercourt, Fraddon, St Columb Road, Roche, Bugle, Penwithick, Foxhole, High Street and Lanth, would have no choice but to close.