



The Town Council has a group working on the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan. In case you are wondering that is then this definition is taken from the CPRE website.

"A Neighbourhood Plan (sometimes called a Neighbourhood Development Plan) is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood; Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built; Identify and protect important local green spaces; Influence what new buildings should look like."

Whilst this will be subservient to the adopted Huntingdonshire Local Plan it will influence the way St Ives develops. The group will have a stall at this Saturday's Farmers' Market at the Sheep Market in St Ives. Should the Farmers market be cancelled, due to storm Dennis, then they will also be at the Annual Town Meeting at Burleigh Hill Community Centre on March 7th from 4pm. They want to gather your views about the way the Town should develop over the next 15 years or so.

As I write this, Thursday 13 February, Huntingdon District Council's Cabinet are to discuss the draft Prospectus For Growth documents for St Ives, Huntingdon and Ramsey. The drafts are on HDC's website as documents within the agenda for this evening's meeting. So far, I am not aware of any consultation about the Prospectuses. The St Ives Prospectus has many ideas to enhance and develop the town, some seem counterintuitive. All will depend on money being made available. The agenda for this HDC Cabinet meeting can be found



here <http://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=256&MId=7587>

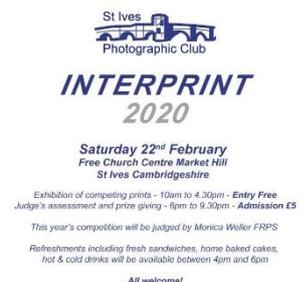
If you wish to read the document you can download the discussion draft from the HDC website by clicking this

link <http://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s108500/St%20Ives%20Report.pdf> Be warned it is 27 pages long.



Our speaker for our next open meeting, on Friday 21st February is Martin Lines, a farmer working with the RSPB. His talk is Hope Farm, a nature friendly farm owned by the RSPB. In the RSPB's first 10 years owning the farm, farmland bird numbers more than doubled. As normal the meeting is in the Free Church commencing at 7.30pm

On Saturday 22nd February the St Ives Photographic Club will be hosting Interprint 2020 in the Free Church. The club will commence their set up after our meeting and to assist them we will use a slightly reduced seating layout. Interprint is a regional exhibition and competition. In previous years the standard of the exhibited prints was very high. I'm sure it will be again, well worth a look.



Details can be found on their website by following this link https://stives-photoclub.org.uk/?event_id1=3163



Winning image from 2019: Mr Farm 5550m Hill 2017 by Paul Semell. Copyright CC

I look forward to seeing you on Friday 21st.