

NDP Update for BFPC 27/02/19.

The Chair of the NDP steering group, Dr. Trevor Aughey, states that he would feel that all the work he has put into the NDP would have been wasted should BFPC accept the position of the owners of the recreation field and the meadow without first seeking legal advice on the possibility of various courses of action to retain them for the community. These options for him he feels are as follows:

1. If BFPC does not seek any legal advice he will take no further part in the NDP
2. If the legal advice is that a CPO would very probably succeed or that the owners would find it difficult to obtain change of use for the fields, and BFPC ignored this advice, he would withdraw from the NDP.
3. If the legal advice is that a CPO would be unlikely to succeed and that owners would be likely to succeed in change of use, then Dr Aughey would re-write the plan accordingly.

Given the amount of work that has gone into the NDP by Dr Aughey and others, and the fact that it is, barring this matter, so close to completion, I would like to propose that BFPC seeks legal advice about the above options from Cornwall Council Legal as a matter of urgency.

This should not prejudice further negotiations with the owners, who say they are in no hurry. They too have engaged a solicitor, and I feel it would be remiss if we did not take similar steps to ensure we have taken every possible step to safeguard a community asset.

Malcolm Fletcher, 27th February 2019.