



St Issey and Little Petherick

Parish Plan 2010

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FOREWORD

Producing the Parish Plan has been a demanding but rewarding task for all involved and has allowed all parishioners a chance to have their views heard. The issues raised and the actions proposed are laid out in this Plan. Its success will depend on a willingness to work together and a belief in what we can achieve for our community.

The Parish Plan should not be seen as the final word but as a dynamic, evolving document that can reflect the changing needs and views of the community.

I hope we have honestly reflected the views of the community and that people will respect the work that went in to producing the plan.



Finally, thanks must go to members of the Parish Council and all those involved in putting together the plan particularly Tracey Edwards from CRCC and Jessica Pytel and Sally Lewis of NCDC, without whose help we couldn't have even begun!

Thanks also to the residents who contributed their views and comments and all those who gave support and encouragement throughout the parish plan process.



ABOUT OUR PARISH

The parish is located beside the River Camel, between the market town of Wadebridge and the fishing port of Padstow. There has been a settlement here for many hundreds of years, the first church at St Issey having been built around the 7th or 8th century and today the churches of St Issey and St Petroc Minor are still at the heart of the community.

The Parish is bounded on the North by the River Camel, which separates it from the parishes of Padstow and St Minver, on the east by St Breock, on the south by St Wenn and St Columb and to the west St Ervan.

Within our parish we have the villages of St Issey and Little Petherick, together with the hamlets of Trevance, Trenance, Trewince, High Lanes, Burgois, Churchtown, Sea Mills, Trevorrick, Tregonce, Tregonna, Tredinnick, St Jidgey, Cannalidgey and Mellingey.



The parish itself covers an area of approximately 5700 acres. The population at the last census in 2001 was 881. In the past, the main businesses in the parish have been farming and quarrying and both of these industries are still an important part of the economy here. However, the tourist industry has now also become a major source of income for the parish with many farms diversifying into this area as well.

There are several B&B's, guest houses and caravan parks, as people from all over the country come here to enjoy the beauty, particularly the Camel Trail, one of the jewels of the area. The Trail, which runs from Padstow to Wenford Bridge via Wadebridge, is used for walking and cycling and it runs alongside the Camel estuary for a good part of its length. Access to the Trail may be gained within the Parish

at Old Town Cove. The Saint's Way, an ancient footpath, also runs through our parish, leading from Padstow on the north coast to Fowey on the south coast.



We also have The Manor House Activity Centre, and Crealy Adventure Park, another major tourist attraction, and all of these bring many visitors to the area. There are pubs and restaurants - The Ring o'Bells, The Pickwick Inn, The Journeyman at Mellingey and Half Way House at St Jidgey, all well

supported by local people. The proximity of the towns of Padstow and Wadebridge with their numerous shops and supermarkets has



meant that a local village shop has not been viable, although we are fortunate in having a milkman and a dairy shop. Until recently, the parish was able to support a part time Post Office.



We are lucky to have a new school, completed last year, with bright, modern facilities for the children. There is a separate room for the preschool children and this is used 3 times a week. It is hoped that this will soon be able to open for four days a week.



There are many active groups within the parish. There is the Community Association, which champions local issues, and Up



the Creek gardening club for the many keen gardeners within the parish and beyond, which is very well supported. There is the very active Youth Club for the youngsters, again keenly supported, the W.I., Mother and Toddler groups to name but a few and of course the Church, an important cohesive part of this community.



THE PLAN

During the last few years parishes have been encouraged to formulate and document their hopes, needs and concerns for their community in the form of a Parish Plan.

In 2002 the community of St Issey Parish completed an appraisal which was well received. It was felt that it was now a good time to update and build on the information from that document. The seeds were sown for the St Issey Parish Plan!

The aim of the Plan was:

1. To provide a voice for the community so concerns could be addressed and actions for improvements could be prioritised.
2. To provide an achievable vision for the future of the parish supported by parishioners
3. To provide evidence of need that could be used to influence decisions of statutory bodies, groups and organisations that have an impact on the community within the parish, eg for applying for grant funding, lobbying for services and improvements.

THE PROCESS

The Parish Council, together with the Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC) and the NCDC Community Regeneration Officer met several times during 2005 to discuss what would be required to produce a Parish Plan. In December 2005 it was finally agreed that the Council would go ahead and start the Parish Plan Process.

In January 2006 the Parish Council applied for grant funding and the application was successful. The grant was obtained from NCDC and Defra and the process began.

It was decided that a questionnaire would be the best way to begin the consultation process, with the 2002 appraisal acting as our starting point. Using the important issues raised in the appraisal as the basis, we were then able to formulate the individual sections for our questionnaire.

In April 2008 the St Issey and Little Petherick Parish Council circulated approximately 360 questionnaires to all households in the parish, the questionnaire was designed for one member of the household to complete. The forms were circulated with the Comma magazine, which is the local parish newsletter.

The replies were collected by the end of July 2008. Sixty-two completed questionnaires were returned. Respondents did not necessarily complete all sections. The CRCC correlated the information and a draft report showing the results was produced.



These findings were then fed back to the residents through the Parish Plan Event, which was held on the evening of January 14th, 2009 in the St Issey Village Hall.

Having undertaken a Parish wide consultation using questionnaire and event, the information has been used to produce this Parish Plan.

Various outside bodies have also been given the opportunity to comment on the content of the Plan in order to ensure that is realistic and feasible.

It is important to remember that this document cannot guarantee that all actions/issues raised can be resolved, or will not require further work. It gives an idea of a community's feelings and intentions and can be seen as a tool for change, linking information from many different sources to bring about the community's own vision for the future.

Note: the views expressed are not necessarily those held by individual councillors.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Summary of Questionnaire Results

St Issey and Little Petherick Parish Council circulated approximately 360 parish appraisal questionnaires to all households in the parish. The forms were circulated with the parish newsletter. The forms were circulated in early April 2008, with the replies being collected by the end of July 2008.

Sixty- two completed questionnaires were returned.

The response rate, at 17%, was not as high as we had hoped. However, it was clear that there were issues of importance to parishioners and the plan is therefore based on the responses received.

Household

44% of respondents (27 residents) live in the village of St Issey

94% of respondents (58 residents) are permanently resident in the parish.

Housing and Development

The majority of respondents (65%) would support building developments to meet affordable housing need, although there were concerns on scale, type of housing, location and whether “affordable” would actually be within the means of local young people. 47% of respondents did not want to see any development in the hamlets, commenting that there were no facilities. 32% supported development in hamlets, with comments suggesting development should be permanent residences of varying types, dwellings for local young people and also that it should be in keeping with the surrounding area.

Most households (95%) agreed to the conversion of unused farm buildings into permanent residences, with comments supporting use by local people.

The issue of holiday and second homes is a contentious one, made evident by the high proportion of respondents (82%) who consider such homes to be a threat to the village or community.

Key Priorities: Ensure housing for local needs, particularly young people and limit the growth of second/holiday homes.

The Recreation Ground

The majority of respondents (98%) feel it is important to maintain the recreation ground as a green area in the centre of the village. 90% would like to see the recreation ground owned by the village. Some people expressed concern that this area is the only green area in the village and therefore should be safeguarded. There were many suggestions for uses such as for community events, as well as an area for sport, leisure and recreation use.

Key Priorities: As the recreation ground is the only green area in the centre of the village, it is vital to ensure it remains a green area for use by all parishioners for community events and other sports and recreational activities.

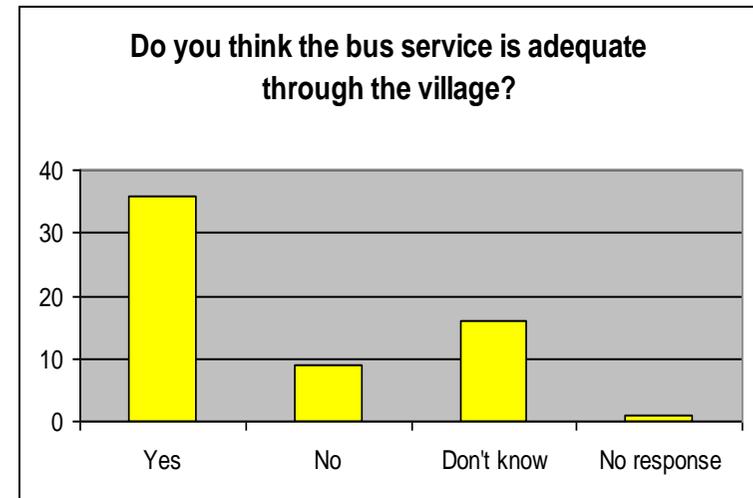
Footpaths

The majority of respondents agreed that the public footpaths throughout the parish are well marked. Most households (69%) felt that the Saint's Way Footpath was an asset to the parish and 77% of households use the footpaths for exercise/leisure purposes, some making use of The Camel Trail.

Key Priorities: Ensure maintenance of the footpaths continues.

Traffic Management and Transport

The main road that runs through the village is currently classified as an "A" road, yet a large proportion of the respondents (76%) would support declassifying it to a "B" road. There are concerns that many large vehicles use this road which is very narrow in places. 90% of households would like to see limitations on the number of large vehicles using the A389. Most (73%) are happy with the current speed limits, feeling that they are suitable for the parish, if drivers complied with them. 27% thought that the speed limits were too high. However, the majority of residents agree that parking is a problem in the villages, although 79% would not support yellow lines being places throughout



the villages. The majority of respondents are aware of the St Issey Community bus service and the hospital car service and 58% thought the bus service through the village was adequate.

Key Priorities: Lobby for declassification of the A389 to a “B” road. Work with partners to find a solution for the parking issues within the villages.

The Village Halls

There are two village halls, Little Petherick Village Hall and St Issey Village Hall. Over 70% of households ie 74% for Little Petherick Village Hall and 77% for St Issey Village Hall felt that facilities were sufficient.

Some parishioners felt that St Issey Hall would benefit from a disabled toilet and redesign of kitchen so that residents do not have to take food/refreshments up and down steps. Respondents suggested keep fit activities for either Little Petherick or St Issey Halls would encourage use.

Key Priorities: Support the provision of a disabled toilet and improved kitchen facilities to avoid the use of the steps at St Issey Hall.

Young People

Only a small number of respondents completed this section, making it hard to evaluate the data. However, the importance of the youth club, meeting up with friends, playing and taking part in sports activities came across in the comments made. Regular activities and facilities for older teenagers needed.

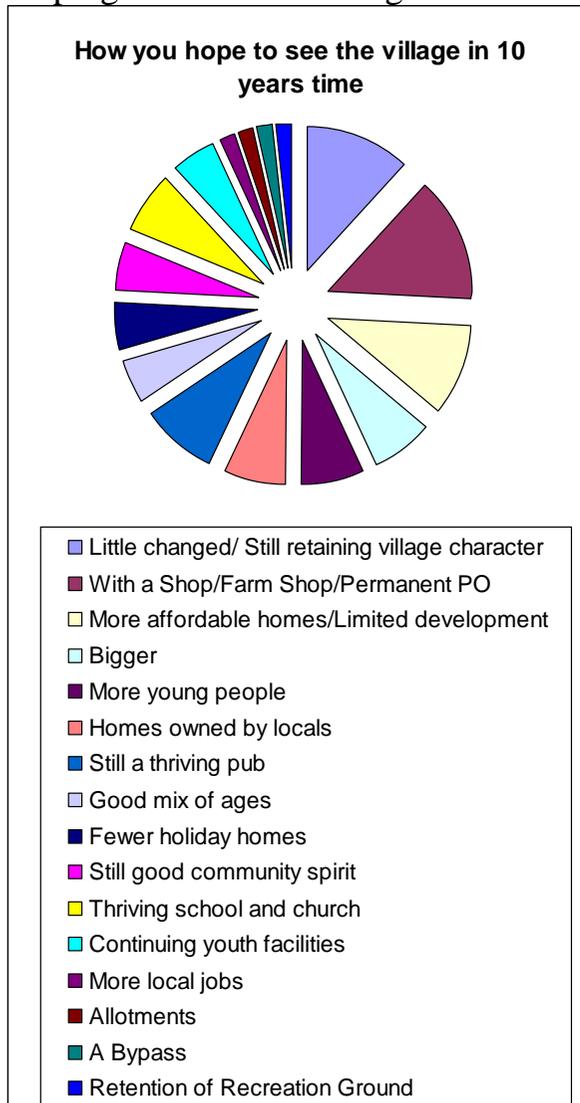
Key Priorities: Improve facilities for the young people in the parish, particularly teenagers.

Many respondents are happy with St Issey Parish however the need to preserve what the parish already has was highlighted. Other issues included the need for activities for young people and speeding traffic through the parish.

THE ISSUES

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Objectives: To work towards keeping a vibrant and sustainable community, with a PO/shop, yet with development in keeping with the buildings and surrounding environment. Any development to be in support of encouraging the local youngsters to stay if they so wish - with affordable housing in the right location. Development of any more holiday/second homes to be rigorously controlled.



The Village in 10 years time:

Many residents would like to see the village remain the same, some commented that there should be more homes owned by locals, with more facilities such as a village shop/PO.

There were hopes that:

- There would be more young people in the village, particularly as this would mean more support for the new school.
- More affordable homes, to encourage the local young people to stay.
- It would retain its village character and community spirit.
- The village pub, school, youth club, societies & clubs, church would continue to thrive.
- There could be a permanent village shop/PO.
- The Recreation Ground could be purchased by the Parish.

There were fears that:

- There would be more holiday/second homes
- There would be fewer young people and more retired people.
- More facilities could be lost if the percentage of second/holiday homes increases.

Development in Hamlets

The majority of respondents (47%) stated that they would like no development in the hamlets, stating lack of facilities as one of the reasons. It was also mentioned that a designated road leading from the A39 to Crealy Adventure Park is badly needed to avoid disruption caused by the large volume of traffic through the hamlets.

Some of those who answered yes to development in hamlets added that this housing should be specifically for those younger people who have always lived in the parish. It was also suggested that any new housing built in the hamlets should be for permanent residences only, there should be a mix of affordable and other housing, it should be made of materials traditional in nature and on a small scale sympathetic to the surroundings. Rigorous control of any development would therefore be required, but would take account of local factors as well.



Where should future housing be built/not built?

There were various suggestions of where new housing could be built, although the general consensus seemed to be that there should only be a small amount of development. Any planning/ applications should be carefully considered, each on its own merits but with the benefit of the local community in mind.

The majority of respondents were clear, however, on where they did not want to see any new development and that is on the recreation ground within St Issey Village and other “green” areas within the parish.

Affordable Housing

The application for 17 affordable homes at Park en vine was recently approved and this fact has had an influence on the responses made. Some respondents felt that the parish did not need any more affordable homes, now that these plans had been passed and so they were not in support of building any more. The majority would not object to any building development to meet affordable housing needs. Some residents objected to the term “affordable” since these were still out of reach for local youngsters –local needs is the preferred term. There were concerns again over scale, with comments stating that any developments should be small to suit the surrounding area, and care should be taken not to encroach on AONBs.

There was some interest in the idea of self-build projects and in affordable rented accommodation. Concerns were raised over whether affordable housing, if rented or sold would remain affordable. The possibility was raised of having an affordable scheme set up to enable people to purchase the affordable housing.

Unused Farm Buildings

Most respondents were in favour of converting unused farm buildings into permanent residences but against conversion into holiday accommodation, local needs being the reason.

Boundaries for development

The respondents were fairly evenly split between those who thought the permitted boundaries for the development of housing should be enlarged and those who thought they shouldn't.



Holiday and second homes

The majority felt that Council Tax on holiday homes should be increased from the current 90%. The split was fairly even between those favouring an increase to 100% and those favouring an increase to 200%.

82% of respondents consider the increase in second homes to be a threat to the village or community. The reasons given were many and varied but the following came up most frequently:

- Loss of community spirit
- Loss of facilities/services through lack of use such as village shops/Post Office, even schools
- Drives up house prices, making it difficult for locals, especially youngsters to buy a home in the parish.
- Houses empty for long periods during the year leads to villages becoming ghost towns, taking away permanent residency therefore little contribution to the community.

There were some comments supporting no threat to the community:

- Visitors bring spending money and use local services
- Visitors sustain tourism which supports local trade and jobs
- Second homeowners are likely to retire to Cornwall thus becoming permanent residents.



ACTIONS

1. The Parish Council supported the planning application for the building of 17 affordable homes at Park en Vine and continues to support this development.
2. Monitor the need for low cost housing of all tenures via the district and local needs housing surveys.
3. Establish what restrictions and limits can be put in place to safeguard properties for long term local needs use.
4. The Parish Council to continue to carefully consider each planning application for any development, whether large or small, within the parish. If required, site meetings with planning officers to be requested to ensure local views are fully taken into account before any decisions are taken.
5. Ensure development of any new housing does not impact negatively on people living both in the parish and the surrounding area, or on the local culture.
6. Pro-active support for the promotion of affordable housing for local people through exception sites and other initiatives as and when local need can be demonstrated.
7. To work within policies to closely monitor any new/change of use to second homes/holiday homes which could impact negatively on the parish and its community.
8. Work with planners, local service providers, public transport providers to ensure local services will cope with any future development and that public transport and parking facilities are adequate.
9. Ensure that the new Cornwall-wide Local Development Framework reflects the wishes of the residents of the Parish.

Partners

Parish Council

North Cornwall District Council and County Council (now Cornwall Council) - Housing and Planning Departments

Local residents

Local Landowners

Private developers

Service Providers

Timescale

Medium to Long term

Liaising with planning on all applications is ongoing



THE RECREATION GROUND

Objectives: To ensure the recreation ground remains as a green area in the village for use by the community for community events and other recreational activities. Ultimately aiming to purchase the area to safeguard it from development and keep it for the recreational use by residents in perpetuity.

Remaining as a Green Area, owned by the village



The recreation ground is located in the village of St Issey, adjacent to the St Issey Church and old school building. Since 1974, it has been used by the whole community, and also the school, as a village green, sports field and recreation area, and enjoyed by all with unrestricted access. There are grave concerns by many residents that this area could be sold or developed, and many parishioners therefore feel that this area should be protected both now and in the future from any development pressures.

98% of respondents want to see this area remain as a recreation ground,

90% feel it should be owned by the village in order to safeguard it for the use of future generations.

The tiny minority (1 out of 62), bucking the trend, suggested using the area for low cost housing.

Several years ago, a proposal for development of this area of land was put forward by the landowners but due to the strength of objection by the residents and local groups, this did not take place. The majority of residents have been consistently against any form of development, shown in the 2002 appraisal and again now in the 2009 questionnaire.

The Recreation Ground is perfectly positioned as an amenity for use by the village as:

- It is central
- There is easy access on three sides and disabled access and is therefore in accordance with Policy CS1. This policy, relating to Community Services, seeks to ensure integrated, appropriately scaled, accessible, sustainable development.
- Dwellings surround it on three sides and the fourth side is overlooked by the church, thus providing a safe and secure play area for children.

There is no other site within the village that could provide an equivalent benefit.



There is also an enclosed play area adjacent to the recreation ground, containing play equipment for younger children. This is managed by the Play Equipment Fund group and the area is well used by local youngsters.

Uses for the recreation ground

It is now a government requirement that areas have accessible facilities for people of all ages for exercise, recreation and sport and the recreation ground clearly provides this. Many people use it for various activities and have done so since the silver jubilee celebrations were held there.

As well as community events and sporting, recreational and leisure activities, some other suggested uses were:

- Social events
- General village use, with some seating
- Play area, particularly for older children
- Farmers market
- Flower shows
- Musical performances
- Fetes
- Picnics
- Fun days, family sports

It is important to the community, allowing community gatherings and thus community spirit to thrive.

ACTIONS

1. In the long term, to work towards acquiring the recreation ground for the village so as to safeguard it as a green area for the access and enjoyment by all.
2. In the short to medium term to closely monitor what plans and suggestions are put forward, if any, relating to the use of the recreation ground by the current owner.
3. To lodge strong objections to any applications for development of the recreation ground that are contrary to the wishes of the residents to keep the area as a green space.
4. To liaise with the Open Spaces Society, the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association and other relevant groups should the need arise for help in securing the area for the village.

Partners

Parish Council

North Cornwall District Council (now Cornwall Council)

- Planning Departments

Cornwall County Council (now Cornwall Council)

Local residents and Committees

Local Landowners

Land Agents

Open Spaces Society

Cornwall County Playing Fields Association

The Glebe Committee

Timescale

Short term – monitoring any plans put forward, ensuring it is adequately maintained to facilitate use by all parishioners.

Medium and long term – working towards its acquisition for use in perpetuity by parishioners.

FOOTPATHS

Objectives: To ensure the network of public footpaths are maintained and kept clear and suitably signposted throughout the parish for residents to access for exercise and leisure purposes. To investigate whether the requests for further footpaths along the roads are feasible.

The marking of footpaths

The Parish contains a network of 17 public footpaths, which extend over approximately 15km. The majority of people who use the footpaths felt they were well marked, although it was mentioned that showing destinations on the marker could encourage greater use. Many visitors come to the area to take advantage of the beautiful countryside, either for walking or cycling so well marked paths are particularly important for those unfamiliar with the area. However, it was suggested that care should be taken to avoid over-aggressive signposting, which can spoil the environment.

Maintenance of footpaths

The Parish Council has for some years now been a member of the Local Maintenance Partnership, a scheme which aims to encourage local councils to take responsibility for the maintenance of their footpaths, and which is partly funded by the County Council. St Issey Parish Council has found this arrangement works well in our parish as we have a local contractor who carries out the maintenance and whose local knowledge of the area is a great asset. Of those who used the footpaths, the majority felt they were well maintained.

The Council is still required to prioritise the maintenance, keeping the most well used paths open, and on occasion this has meant that work done on those paths classified as low priority has had to be reduced. The Parish Council is continuing its membership of the LMP endeavouring to keep all paths open and well maintained whilst remaining broadly within the constraints of the budget.

Saints Way Footpath

The maintenance of the Saints Way is carried out by the Cornwall County Council and is therefore not funded by the LMP, similarly for The Camel Trail. Respondents commented that although the Saints Way passing through the parish is an asset to the parish it could be improved - people do get lost so improved signposting, in keeping with the area would be helpful.

The fact that some of the Saints Way runs along the roads is felt to be hazardous by several residents, if it could follow the same route but off the road it would be a safer, more family friendly amenity and could then attract more users.



Use of the footpaths for leisure/exercise

77% of respondents use the paths for leisure/exercise, 7% on a daily basis. 23% use them several times a week, 23% several times a month and 30% occasionally. Generally, comments were in support of keeping up the maintenance and improving footpaths if possible, as they are a safe and healthy way to travel around. The footpaths should be kept clear of obstacles and it should be made clear to people with dogs that they should be sure to clean up after their animals.

There were requests for the provision of footpaths in certain areas of the parish so that people don't have to walk on the roads, which can be dangerous due to the narrowness of some roads. This is the case in Cannalidgey where, it was stated, there are no footpaths. Respondents also commented that it would be useful to have footpaths between Trevance and St Issey and between Trewince /Penrose and St Issey.

ACTIONS

1. Parish Council to carry on with membership of the Local Maintenance Partnership, maintaining the public footpaths throughout the Parish.
2. To investigate the feasibility of placing footpaths between St Issey and some of the closer hamlets, liaising with Highways, Police and Planning Dept in the first instance. Also between St Issey and Little Petherick.
3. Ensure footpaths are well sign posted.

Partners

Parish Council

Cornwall County Council (now Cornwall Council) Highways,
Camel Trail Partnership and Local Maintenance Partnership

Police

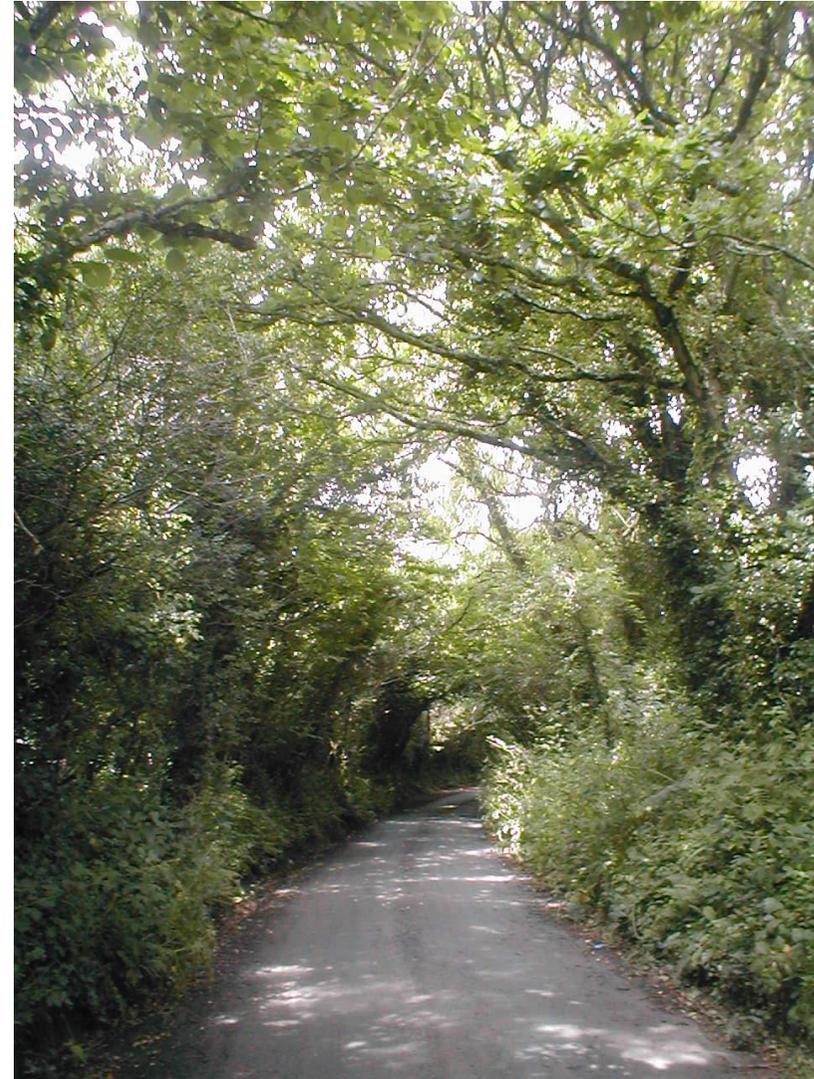
NCDC (now Cornwall Council) Planning Dept

Residents

Timescale

Medium term – to continue membership of the LMP Scheme

Long term – investigate feasibility of providing other footpaths where requested.



TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Objectives: To lobby for declassification of the A389 to a “B” road and to look at ways to limit large vehicles passing through the villages. To continue to work towards reducing the amount of speeding traffic through the villages, making the roads safer for all users. To look at ways to resolve the parking issues within the village. To continue to monitor safety at the junction at High Lanes.

Declassification of A389 and limitations of large vehicles

Traffic and transport has long been an issue in the parish because of the main A389 road, which runs through the centre of both St Issey and Little Petherick villages. Many large vehicles use this road even though it is extremely narrow in places. On many occasions traffic has come to a halt as two large vehicles travelling in opposite direction have met at a narrow section and have not been able to pass. Traffic travelling between Wadebridge and Padstow, particularly lorries and coaches, have the option of travelling via Winnards Perch. This could help to reduce congestion, which can be a particular problem during the summer season.

76% of respondents supported declassification and 90% would like to see limitations to the number of large vehicles using the A389, although not at the expense of the bus service.



Suggestions for reducing the amount of HGV's, coaches and other traffic through the villages were:

- For access only signs with 7.5 ton limit on both the Padstow and Wadebridge ends of the road, but importantly, whilst not restricting deliveries and services.
- Advise visitors/holidaymakers of the alternative routes
- If can't reduce amount of traffic then widen the road.

Speed limits

The majority of respondents (73%) felt that the speed limits within the parish are about right, only 27% saying they felt the speed limits were too high.

However, comments reveal that residents feel speeding is a major problem in the parish as they feel that many drivers do not comply with these speed limits and they are not enforced.

The Parish Council, together with the Highways Dept, recently carried out a traffic survey using the speed visor, which was placed at the entrance to the village on the A389 just before the turning into Gardeners Way. This monitored the number of vehicles and their speed over a certain period through the village. It showed that there were some elements of speeding and having the speed visor in place did have a positive effect on the results.

Extending the 30mph speed limit beyond the current areas was supported by 56%.

Apart from the centre of the villages, residents mentioned other areas within the parish that experience problems with speeding traffic:

- The roads to Crealy Adventure Park with increased volumes of traffic – many coaches, lorries speeding around a tiny bend - extremely hazardous, which adversely affects the residents in Tredinnick.

There were several suggestions on what could be done to slow down the through traffic:

- A permanent speed check, flashing sign saying 30mph
- Double white lines on the road through the village
- More police speed checks
- Speed bumps and one way zones

Overall, residents have reacted positively to the new crossing island recently installed by the church but there is general feeling is that more still needs to be done to reduce the speed of traffic through the villages.



Parking

There are several places within the villages that are experiencing problems of obstruction due to parking issues such as inconsiderate parking, particularly in the Churchtown area from the junction across from the Ring o’Bells to Sentry Close. Over half of the comments made concerned the problems experienced in this particular area. Over 60% of respondents feel that parking is an issue in the villages. 79% feel that double yellow lines throughout the villages is NOT the answer, but strategic placing of double yellow lines could offer some solution to the current problems.

Suggested areas for the placing of double yellow lines were:

- Ring o’Bells to Sentry Close, as previously mentioned.
- Close to junctions
- Gardeners Way
- Ring o’Bells junction – suggested a 20mph speed limit there.
- Outside Manor House

The comment was added that any new housing built should have a sensible number of parking spaces allocated to each dwelling. Also residents should be encouraged to use their off street parking if they have it.

Transport services in the parish

There is a bus service that runs through the village hourly to Padstow and to Wadebridge. From there, there are connections for buses to places throughout Cornwall and beyond, as well as the railway station at Bodmin and the airport at Newquay. The bus service is used by 54% of respondents. 58% of respondents thought that the service was adequate. There was a request for a bus service through Tredinnick.

The majority of residents (63%) know about the Hospital Car Service and 42% either already make use of it or would if needed. 92% know about the Community Bus Service and 65% either already have made use of it or may do in the future.



Another concern revealed by the survey is the dissatisfaction with the new road layout at High Lanes. Residents have commented that they feel it is now more dangerous than it was originally. The Parish Council has already objected to this layout and has been monitoring the situation.



Comments on the safety of the bus stop at Little Petherick have been made with the suggestion that action should be taken on this issue.

ACTIONS

1. Parish Council to continue to liaise with local Police and Highways Dept at Cornwall County Council regarding the “A389”, and investigate suggestions such as improved signage for reducing the number of large vehicles passing through the villages.
2. Parish Council to continue to work with Highways and District Councillors to explore possible solutions for the speeding traffic issue. To contact the Unitary Authority in the new financial year regarding the installation of a permanent flashing speed visor in the village. Liaise with Councillors who hold their own budget for small-scale improvements. Local Councillors can also discuss specific schemes with the Cornwall Council Divisional Surveyor.
3. To continue to monitor the situation at the High Lanes junction.
4. To investigate possible solutions for the parking problems in the parish, together with police and Highways, including enforcement issues (speeding and illegal parking).
5. Liaise with partners before progressing projects to ensure feasibility of projects. Produce draft plans of improvements for public information and seek agreement before projects are initiated.
6. To investigate bus services and assess the feasibility for buses to Tredinnick

Partners

Parish Council

District Councillors

Police

School

Highways Dept at Cornwall County Council (now Cornwall Council)

Local Residents

Emergency services.

Timescale

Short term – continue monitoring High Lanes

Medium and long term – investigating feasibility of schemes/solutions to problems identified.



THE VILLAGE HALLS

Objectives: To liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee in providing improved facilities and access at the St Issey Village Hall, namely disabled toilets and kitchen facilities. To look at the rooms provided and ensure there is a variety to suit all needs. Ensure access to appropriate meeting places and facilities.

The parish is very fortunate to have a wide variety of meeting halls located within its boundaries - The Village Halls at St Issey and Little Petherick, the Working Men's Institute and The Osborne Room in the St Issey Church. All are well used.

Facilities, functions and clubs at the Halls

The facilities at both halls are thought by over 70% of respondents to be adequate. Many respondents attend functions at both halls, with 43% assisting with clubs and committees at Little Petherick Village Hall and around 46% assisting at St Issey Hall. A wide variety of clubs and committees use the halls, amongst the most popular at Little Petherick are the Gardening Club and The Women's Institute. Other clubs and committees that make use of the halls are the Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee, Youth Club, Over 60's, Bowls Club Community Association, Comma meetings and Senior Keep Fit. The halls are also used for the following events: Jumble sales, fetes, quizzes, table top sales and art classes.



Other uses for the Halls

Most of the respondents thought that the activities currently on offer should be continued.

Some of the residents also suggested adding the following activities for Little Petherick Village Hall:

- Keep fit, yoga, pilates, fitness classes, dancing, martial arts, badminton
- Social functions, bingo
- Art
- Anything which benefits the village
- Sales, farmers markets, flower markets, hobbies
- Youth club, mother and toddler group
- Small meetings
- Clubs, parties for private hire, concerts.

Suggestions for St Issey Village Hall were as above plus additionally:

- General village activities
- Auctions, anything that brings in money and aids the village
- Lectures
- Wedding receptions
- Organised indoor activities, sports
- Jumble sales
- Entertainment
- Theatrical productions

One resident suggested simplifying the booking system to make it easier to use.

Additionally, the halls were praised for being well run and an asset to the parish. Almost half of all the comments for St Issey Hall, however, mentioned the lack of disabled toilets and the poor design regarding the kitchen/catering facilities re

the fact that hot drinks/refreshments have to be carried up and down steep steps. This issue has already been taken up by the Village Hall Management Committee and the planning application for an extension incorporating disabled toilets and a new kitchen has been submitted. We will now await the outcome before proceeding further. (See section on The Future).

Some residents suggested the insulation and draught proofing could be improved at Little Petherick Hall in the kitchen area, better windows and modern heating needed, and could be tidier.

The problem with the car park surface at St Issey was raised, and it was suggested that the car park charging system at Little Petherick could be made clearer. The suggestion was made that the car parking area at Little Petherick ought to be enlarged but as the boundaries are restricted on all sides this is not likely to be a possibility in the foreseeable future.

ACTION

1. Work with the St Issey Village Hall Management Committee to progress their plans for the extension.
2. Village Hall and other relevant committees to work in partnership to develop community facilities as requested by residents, through on going consultation.
3. Look at possible funding; ask for advice/help from possible partners who might provide any services requested.
4. Look at contacting different training/activities providers to assess what is available and feasibility of different activities.

Partners

St Issey Village Hall Management Committee

Parish Council

School

Cornwall Rural Community Council's Community Buildings Service (Officer: Jon Teague)

Community Groups within the Parish and surrounding area

Local Residents

Timescale

Short to medium term – seeing through the extension

Long term – continued assessments to ensure requirements of residents are met.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Objectives: To support the continued existence of the Youth Club. To investigate the feasibility of providing indoor facilities and activities for older teenagers and providing a place to congregate in poor weather and after dark on a regular basis.

Encouraging youth involvement both in projects and local issues is of great importance to ensure young people's needs are considered. There are already links between the school and the community and this is most beneficial. It is important to seek the views of the young people and involve them if possible in any projects aimed at providing better youth facilities within the parish.

Likes and Dislikes about living in the Parish

The majority of youngsters that responded to the questionnaire like living here and are happy with the facilities provided in the parish. They enjoy the youth club, having friends near by, playing on the recreation ground and playground and taking part in sporting activities available in the surrounding area.



One of the main problems for youngsters is the main road that runs through the village. They felt that this is not safe for children to cross. Transport is another issue that they were unhappy about, having to have lifts everywhere. The lack of activities within the parish, and the lack of a shop (for sweets etc!) were listed under dislikes.

Suggestions for activities

As well as the shop and improved facilities at the park, it was suggested that there should be something for the older teenagers to do. Currently there is the youth club but this is held only once a fortnight for the 11-18's (alternate weeks with the younger children.).

A weekly meeting has been requested and this would likely require a room to be permanently allocated for use by the youth club only.

Other suggestions were:

- organised sporting events such as tennis, chess, swimming and football
- a local talent show
- Local history club
- Surfing
- Gardening allotments to plant out as a family
- Club exchange
- Film shows
- Drawing and painting
- Crafts and model making

The Youth Club that was set up in January 2007 is one of the major success stories in the Parish, and is an example of what a group of hard working, committed and determined people can achieve. It runs every week and well supported by many youngsters of all ages from the Parish and beyond.

ACTIONS

1. Children and young people to have a say and be involved in the setting up of new facilities within the parish.
2. To support the continued existence of the Youth Club
3. To investigate the feasibility of provision of a small dedicated room where the youth club members, particularly the older teenagers, can meet up and take part in indoor activities on a regular basis – costs and funding, venue, likely numbers in attendance, possible location, liaise with children at all stages.
4. Support the Play Equipment Fund group re the play area.
5. Obtain youth input and encourage involvement in the earliest stage of any project. Ensure young people have the chance to continue living in the parish when they are older through working with planners in developing affordable housing.

Partners

Parish Council

School

Youth Club

Local residents

NCDC (now Cornwall Council)

Cornwall County Playing Field Association

Rospa

Cornwall County Council (now Cornwall Council)

Village Halls

Play Equipment Fund Committee

Timescale

Medium term – supporting facilities for young people and involvement by young people in projects.

Long term – looking at feasibility of a permanent dedicated meeting place.



FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

At the Parish Plan Event on January 14th 2009, Mr Wilson kindly provided copies of the proposed Village Hall Extension for St Issey Hall, which addresses the problem of the disabled access/ toilets and the kitchen area. This was displayed and there was an opportunity to add further comments. Suggestions made were:

- a small meeting room would be useful,
- A designated small room for the youth club, where the older children could meet during the week for an evening. Would make organising volunteers to help out there much easier, equipment could be left set up for use each week. The children could get together on a regular basis on a weekday each week.

The Traffic and Transport section prompted further comment on the High Lanes junction – it is felt that this now much more dangerous. Comments on the dangers of the new junction are continuing to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council so this situation will continue to be monitored.

THE FUTURE

The overall goal of this plan is to try and ensure a future where the quality of life is improved yet where we still retain those aspects of our parish that we value. This means enabling everyone in the parish to have their voices heard on how their parish should develop and trying to involve people right at the start of any projects that are undertaken.

The Parish Plan should be viewed as a starting point for implementation of the actions proposed within it. These must be monitored reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis to ensure that the plan is in step with the needs and views of the parish and its community. As changes to the parish and its people take place then the plan must reflect these changes.

It is now up to the Parish Council, groups and Partners to work together to try and bring the plan to life. Some projects and actions will have quick and easy solutions; many will require hard work, lobbying and persistence in order to be achievable.

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St Issey



Little Petherick