

Carlyon Parish Plan



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1. Introduction

Welcome to the Carlyon Parish Plan.

Since its inception in 2009, the Parish Council has been keen to ensure that it understands the wishes and aspirations of the community it serves and one of its first priorities was the formation of a parish plan. We hope these are expressed in this parish plan.

Under the leadership of Cllr Sheehan, a questionnaire was drawn up and sent to all households in the parish at the beginning of 2011. Councillors were very pleased to receive a good response (36% return rate) to this questionnaire, and employed an independent evaluator to analyse the responses. The figures quoted in this plan are from their analysis, details of which are held by our Parish Clerk. A meeting was held in Charlestown School in May to give initial feedback from the survey and was attended by several local residents. At this meeting working parties consisting of residents and councillors were formed. The co-ordination and writing of each section of the plan was the responsibility of these groups.

A simple conclusion from the findings of the survey can be summed up as:

"The majority of residents in Carlyon Parish would like to see an improvement and consolidation of the local infrastructure and services before any further large scale development within the Parish".

A conclusion which seems at variance, even diametrically opposed, to some of the decisions of Cornwall Council's Planning Officers.

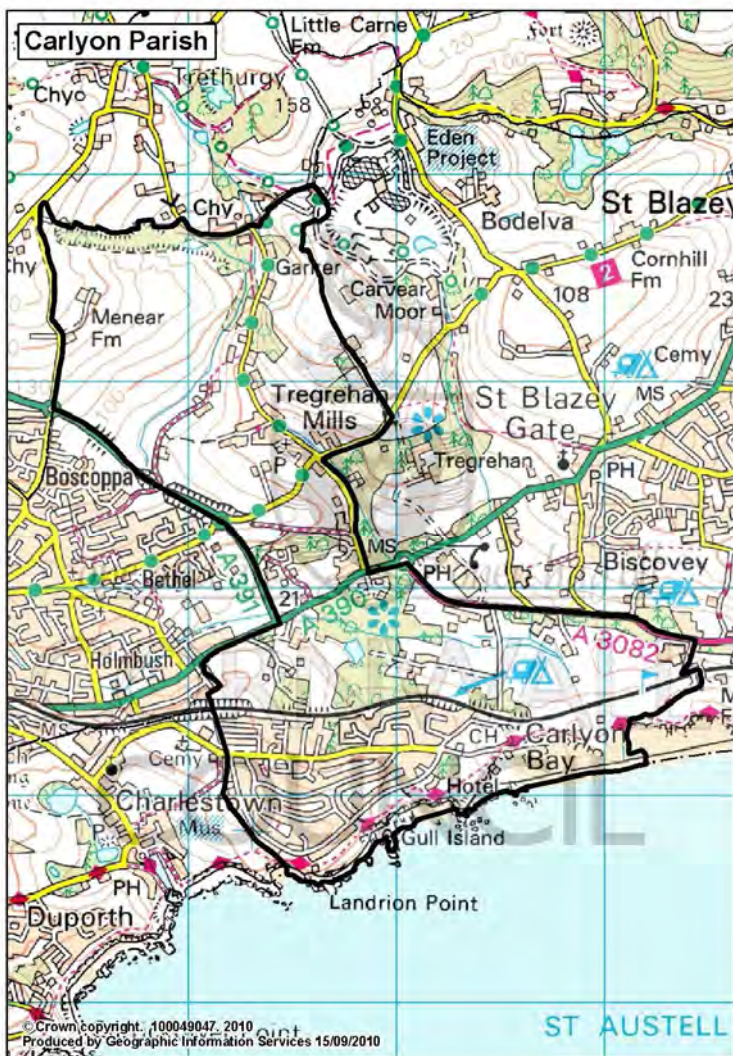
From both the results of this exercise and the many letters, emails, telephone calls and comments made at monthly Parish Council meetings, Councillors have, and continue to represent the majority views expressed in this plan whenever they are consulted by an outside body. The Council is determined to work within the parish to fulfil these aspirations.

We would like to thank the Parish Councillors and those members of the public who have given up a lot of their time to produce this parish plan, and also to record our thanks to Emma Ball of Cornwall Council and Tracey Edwards of Cornwall Rural Community Council who helped us start the process and have given support through to a conclusion.

I hope you find this plan interesting and if you have any comments you would like to make, please contact our Parish Clerk.

J-P Hermes, Chairman, Carlyon Parish Council
August 2011

2. Background to the Parish



With the adoption of a unitary authority in Cornwall (Cornwall Council) in 2009, the former Restormel Borough Council ceased. This left some areas in the former borough with no local community (Parish) councils, so Carlyon Parish Council, together with St Austell Town Council, St Austell Bay Parish Council and Pentewan Valley Parish Council were formed and the first elections for councillors in these councils were held in May 2009.

Parishioners are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and these are held at 6.00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at either Charlestown Primary School or in Tregrehan Chapel (exact details can be found on our Parish notice boards next to the Post Office in Carlyon Bay or at the entrance to the playing fields in Tregrehan). You can also keep up to date with parish developments and contact us through our website at www.carlyon-pc.gov.uk. If you have a matter that concerns you, please contact the Parish Clerk.



3. Transport

Vision

A bus service that serves the needs of the parishioners, with more stops over a varied route through the Parish, connecting realistically with other transport links.

To re-open or establish a public footpath between the two parts of the Parish.

To improve public safety for pedestrians and cyclists by improving and developing cycle routes and pavements.



Summary of Data

- 93% of residents use their own transport
- 15% residents in Carlyon Bay feel that public transport is inadequate, but 29% of Tregrehan residents identified an inadequate service
- There is no public transport link between Carlyon and Tregrehan

Issue	Possible Actions	Consultees/Possible Partners	Suggested Timescale
A bus service that meets the needs of parishioners	Monitor and review bus routes. Identify specific gaps and confirm resident needs to assist liaison with bus operators and Cornwall Council. Liaison with Carlyon Beach developers	Bus companies CEG Parish Council Cornwall Council	Short term
Safety of pedestrians and cyclists	Improvements/creation of safe crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists. Provision of cycle lanes where appropriate.	Parish Council St Blaise Parish Council Cornwall Council Sustrans	Medium term



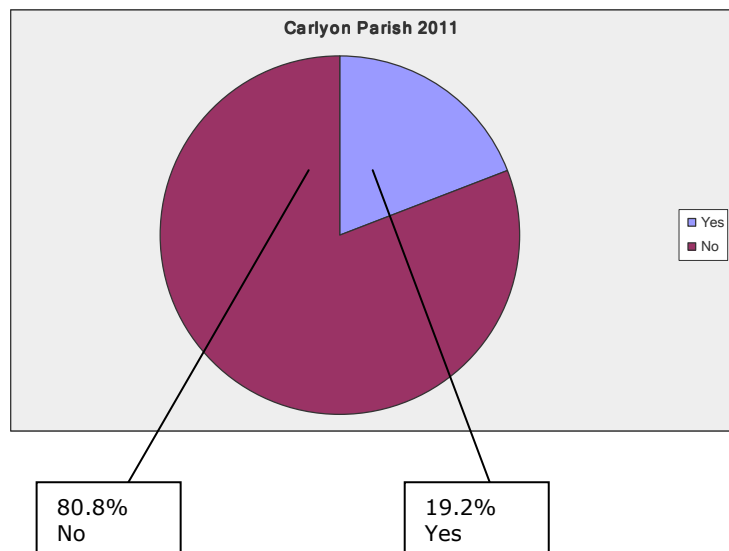
4 Housing

Vision

To maintain the diverse character and nature of the communities.

Summary of Data

Do you think the Parish needs more homes?



- 57% who answered “yes” thought that homes for families were needed.
- 29% thought that sheltered housing was needed
- 34% thought any new houses should be created by extending existing hamlets
- These results and comments indicate a strong opposition to any significant housing development within the Parish.
- There is a recognition that a housing need exists for first time buyers and families but available land that is suitable and affordable for this type of housing is in scarce supply.
- Comments relating to this area show that significant development would seriously detract from the quality of life of the whole community and threaten the countryside.
- Respondents felt that development should only take place by redevelopment of existing sites, especially those designated “brownfield”.

Issue	Possible Actions	Consultees/Possible Partners	Timescale
Effects on infrastructure	To provide the planning authority with information on specific parish needs	Parish Council / Cornwall Council	Medium term
Effects on existing character of the Parish	To provide the planning authority with information on specific parish needs	Parish Council / Cornwall Council	Medium term
Loss of rural identity	To continue to press for the "green wedge" between St Austell and the Parish to be maintained	Parish Council / Cornwall Council / Cornwall Council Ward Member MP Environment Agency	Short term
Affordable Housing	Very little data to support the need for affordable housing. Continue to monitor the need for affordable housing	Parish Council / Cornwall Council	Annually
Beach Development	To continue to meet to share information and continue to build relationship with partners	Parish Council / Cornwall Council / CEG	Short term



5. Community Facilities and the Environment



Vision

To enhance and protect the community and assets of the Parish



Summary of Data

- 62% of respondents think there should be more litter bins whilst 72% think there should be more dog waste bins
- 76% of respondents feel the Parish Council should maintain footpaths, verges and open spaces, with 82% of these thinking there should be financial assistance from Cornwall Council to provide these facilities
- Recycling is important to residents of the Parish, with a huge majority using the kerbside recycling facilities offered by Cornwall Council, but 84% would like an improved green recycling facility
- Whilst the majority of respondents are happy with the Police Service (69%), 62% don't know how to contact their Neighbourhood Police Officer
- 75% of respondents would like a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Issue	Possible Actions	Consultees/Possible Partners	Timescale
Overgrown pathways and hedgerows	Identify areas of responsibility. Set up a mechanism for reporting problems	Parish Council Cornwall Council Landowners (private and business)	Short term
Dog fouling	Provide extra bins where practicable More signage / publicity Ensure bins are emptied regularly	Parish Council Cornwall Council Landowners	Short term
Litter	Provide extra bins where practicable Ensure bins are emptied regularly	Parish Council Cornwall Council	Short term
Green Waste Recycling	Consider purchasing a supply of "green waste" recycling bags to be provided free of charge to residents.	Parish Council	Medium term
Poor disabled access from pavements and to shops	Identify areas of pavements suitable for dropped kerbs and liaise with Cornwall Council to seek to implement a programme of works	Parish Council Cornwall Council Disability Charities/ Sensory Trust Local disability and sensory support groups	Medium term
Lack of Community facilities in Carlyon Parish	Provision of a community "hub" – an informal meeting place possibly with computer facilities. (Either acquiring existing building or constructing from scratch)	Parish Council Cornwall Council Beach Developers Funding Streams	Medium term
Maintenance of pavements and gullies	Ensure that roads and pavements are regularly swept and gullies emptied	Parish Council Cornwall Council Serco	Short Term
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Investigate the possibility of setting up local schemes in the Parish	Parish Council Devon & Cornwall Police	Medium Term

6. Recreational Facilities



Vision

To maintain and develop public open spaces and recreational facilities within the Parish
To preserve all footpaths and Public Rights of Way for future generations



Summary of Data

- 79% of residents are happy with current recreational facilities within the Parish
- 96% feel that Tregrehan Playing Fields are adequately maintained, and 52% felt that there were sufficient play items in the children's playground, although 42% would like to see more
- 59% residents would like improved parking facilities on Tregrehan playing field for village events and courses run at the Chapel, and only 8% would like parking to be stopped there

Issue	Possible Actions	Consultees/Possible Partners	Timescale
Carlyon Recreation Area	This land is owned by Brend Hotel group and is currently leased to Cornwall Council. The Parish Council is currently negotiating to take over a lease on the field to the west of the hotel in order to preserve it as an open space for all to enjoy	Parish Council Cornwall Council Brend Hotels	Short term
Tregrehan Playing Fields	The ultimate objective of the Parish Council is to gain independent control of this area. Whilst this objective is being pursued, the Parish Council will (in partnership with Cornwall Council) optimise a programme of maintenance to ensure the fullest use of the facility. The Parish Council will also research possible additions to play equipment for younger children.	Residents and local children Parish Council Cornwall Council Funding sources	Short term
Parking in Tregrehan	The issue of parking will be addressed with a view to improving the existing arrangements whilst minimising the impact on recreational use.	Parish Council Cornwall Council	Short term
To preserve all footpaths and Public Rights of Way for future generations	To identify and maintain a full inventory of footpaths and rights of way in the Parish. To ensure /there is adequate signage	Parish Council Cornwall Council	Short term then ongoing
Maintenance of footpaths	The Parish Council has yet to decide whether to enter into a Local Maintenance Partnership with Cornwall Council in order to maintain footpaths in the Parish. It awaits details of the funding available to provide this service	Parish Council Cornwall Council	Medium term

7. Issues



Vision

To record the concerns of residents of the Parish not specifically addressed elsewhere in the questionnaire.



Summary of Data

- 57 residents made comments in this open ended section of the questionnaire, some of which were just general comments about the Parish Council and some were repeating concerns raised in other sections of the questionnaire.



Issue	Possible Actions	Consultees/Possible Partners	Timescale
<p>Crinnis Beach. 13 residents commented on the state of Crinnis beach with a variety of solutions ranging from no further development to full scale development of the entire beach area. The need for some sort of improvement was expressed by all these comments.</p>	<p>Continue consultation with relevant parties.</p>	<p>Parish Council Cornwall Council CEG Local residents groups</p>	<p>Short term</p>
<p>Traffic calming measures. "Speed bumps", particularly those in Beach Road, Carlyon Bay and Tregrehan Village were highlighted as particularly awkward, even dangerous. The traffic calming on Cypress Avenue was also considered to be dangerous.</p>	<p>Continue to press the Highways Section of Cornwall Council for an improvement in traffic calming measures.</p>	<p>Parish Council Highways Department</p>	<p>Short term</p>
<p>Planning. Several comments were made about current and future planning decisions. In Carlyon Bay ward the concern is turning family houses into several separate holiday apartments, whilst residents of Tregrehan ward expressed concern about possible future development of green field sites (such as Trenowah Farm) and the effect on flooding in the village.</p>	<p>Continue to represent the residents' views to Cornwall Council's Planning department. Make residents aware of Cornwall Council's on-line planning portal which gives details of planning applications and their progress through the planning system.</p>	<p>Parish Council Cornwall Council</p>	<p>Short term</p>

8. Business and Employment

Vision

To provide guidance for commercial planning applications in the Parish with a view to encouraging professional/web based high value businesses throughout the Parish. We do not believe that house building in itself, other than in the construction phase, creates jobs.



Summary of Data

- 45% of respondents want improved communications
- 32% of respondents want to encourage new employers and create jobs
- 34% of respondents resist commercial development, but 16% want development
- 68% of respondents do not want further caravan/chalet developments within the Parish

Issue	Possible Actions	Consultees/Possible Partners	Timescale
Heavily built up residential area in Carlyon Bay; rural hamlet in Tregrehan	To preserve the nature of the two communities. To maintain the "green wedge" between St Austell and the Parish	Parish Council / Cornwall Council / Local Enterprise Partnership / Enterprise Cornwall	Short term
Employment creation and sustainability	To encourage modest small business development along Par Moor Road in line with our vision. To encourage home working/web based, professional high added value businesses throughout the parish provided they do not lead to more traffic movements	Parish Council / Cornwall Council / Local Enterprise Partnership / Enterprise Cornwall	Medium term
Broadband speed	Continue to press for further improvements in the Parish	Parish Council / BT / Connecting Cornwall / Internet Service Providers	Short term
Consider planning applications carefully, discouraging further caravan and chalet developments in the Parish in the future	Consider planning applications in line with responses to the questionnaire	Carlyon Parish Council in conjunction with Cornwall Council	Short term

9. Young People's Comments



Vision

To encourage younger residents of the Parish to have an input into the Parish Council's plans and give councillors an insight into their hopes and aspirations for the Parish



Summary of Data

- Although there were 46 replies in this section of the questionnaire, 18 were from children under 5, and most of these were filled in by parents on their behalf.
- On the whole our younger residents, who between them attend 17 different educational establishments, did not have any over-riding concerns.
- Many would like to see some sort of sporting facility (including football, judo, swimming, horse riding etc). Some are quite content to use the facilities in St Austell. The Tregrehan based residents would like more "junior" play equipment in Tregrehan park.
- Some younger residents expressed a desire to continue to be able to use Crinnis beach.

10. What we have achieved so far and the next steps

- **Tregrehan Playing Fields:** Councillors are currently putting together a business plan to present to Cornwall Council in order that the asset can be transferred to the Parish Council
- **Affordable Housing:** The Parish Council will be conducting a housing needs survey in October 2011 to determine the precise level of need
- **Footpaths:** The Parish Clerk has a map of all public rights of way within the parish and Councillors have recently decided to enter into a Local Maintenance Partnership with Cornwall Council in order that footpaths can be maintained in a more pro-active manner
- **Carlyon Recreation Area:** It is hoped a lease for the recreation area to the west of the Carlyon Bay Hotel will be finalised shortly and responsibility for its maintenance transferred to the Parish Council on 31 December 2011
- **Flooding in Tregrehan:** A group of residents are formulating a Community Flood Plan and the Parish Council is represented on the Flood Action Group, which regularly meets to review progress on flood prevention measures in the area
- **Broadband speed:** Residents of Carlyon Bay and some of Tregrehan's residents now have access to "Superfast Broadband". It is anticipated that houses served by the St Austell exchange will benefit from the improved service towards the end of 2011. Further information (including details of suppliers) can be found at www.superfastcornwall.org.

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If you have any comments about this parish plan, or would like to speak to the parish council about anything that is of concern to you, please contact our Parish Clerk, Julie Larter. She can be contacted by phone: 01872 501101, email: julielarter.parishclerk@hotmail.co.uk, or by post at Trethella Cottage, Ruanlanihorne, Truro TR2 5NU.

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