

Workshop Event Tuesday 8th July 2008

Introduction

Building upon the enthusiasm shown by the Community for the Parish Plan Process at the very well attended parish meeting held in April. The Chairman/Vice Chairman of Otterham and St Juliot Parish Council have written a letter posted to parishioners and other stakeholders. All comers were welcomed to a Workshop session of the Parish Plan Steering Group on the second Tuesday in July. Households in the two parishes, organisations, Clubs, Village Hall user groups, and others were identified as being “Stakeholders” associated with the Parish and included the School, Little Otters, tourism and other local businesses.



Vital Statistics

More than 50 parishioners being about 10% took part in the Parish meetings held in April and agreed to support a joint Plan for Otterham and St Juliot. The Workshop meeting attended by 25 members of the community carried forward this

momentum. Those present came from an astonishingly wide variety of parish organisations and interest groups.

Including: Otterham Parish Council – 3 Councillors

St Juliot Parish Council – 3 Councillors

- Otterham and St Juliot Village Hall – Chairman Treasurer, Web master and Committee.
- “Juliotters” Garden Club
- 4 Parishes Newsletter Editorial Committee
- Kernow Levy – Re-enactment Society
- St Juliot Darts Team
- Horseshoe Inn – Publican
- B & B’s /Self Catering Holidays
- Age Concern Bus
- Farmers
- Locomotive Supporters Club
- Marshgate Women’s Institute
- Camelford young Farmers Club
- Cornwall County Council – Cllr. Janey Comber for Otterham
- North Cornwall District Council – Cllr. Janey Comber for St Juliot
- Monday Whist Club
- The Community Lunch Club
- Parish Church Newsletter
- St Juliot PCC
- Otterham PCC
- Small Businesses on the Internet
- Post Office/Village Shop
- Just Parishioners

The population of Otterham and St Juliot estimated to be 545 in 2001 (Census).

Workshop

Facilitator: Cllr Julian Elson

Guidance : Parish Clerk Linda Packer BA (Hons) Local Policy

The Hall was prepared with:

Flip chart, paper and pens.

NCDC Display Board.

A3 Display material from the booklet “Creating a Parish...Plan”

- What is a Parish Plan
- Common Issues
- The Benefits
- The Plan Process
- Methods of Consultation

6 Tables and chairs arranged in a horseshoe across the room

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.

Welcome and introductions

The session began with a welcome and introductions round the room. It emerged that many of those present held many “hats” by belonged to a number of interest groups and/or clubs with for many being actively involved in two or more roles.

Julian presented the “What, Who, How, Why” of Parish Plans

What? A Parish Plan is the plan for our community, listing what is good and bad about our parishes, what the community wants and needs.

Who? The community produces the plan, aiming to involve everyone in the two parishes.

How? By involving the community reaching as many people as possible, young to old, Otterham and St Juliot, the outspoken and the quiet. Inclusion is the Key.

Why? A parish plan has a lot of power, because it reflects the views of a large proportion of the people in the two parishes, it is listened to by the District and County Councils, grant providers and many other bodies. It is a tool for helping to achieve real positive change.

Without it, many doors are firmly closed and locked in terms of grants. It focuses on what needs to be done in the area.

“Buzz” What do we have in our parish?

PEOPLE HALL PUB COUNTRYSIDE

PO/SHOP NEWSLETTER SCHOOL

CHURCHES (3) CAFÉ FARMS AONB

AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS HORSES

CLUBS IT BUSINESSES PLAYSCHOOL BUS

SOUTHERN TRACTORS CASH POINT REPAIR GARAGE

CARPENTERS BUILDERS HOLIDAY ACCOMODATION

CORNWALL FARMERS MOBILE LIBRARY BEEKEEPER

People bring their skills. There is only one bus a day.

It's not just a Post Office, the shop provides a lot of other facilities such as Lottery, cash point (no bank for 7 miles).

“Brainstorm” What do we want and need in our Parish?



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Community Facilities, Transport and IT emerged as issues of particular importance in the minds of those present.

All five Tables had similar views on

- Transport – Traffic Calming, Pedestrian safety, condition of roads
- Access to public transport – More and reliable bus services.
- All want to re-build the Village Hall

2 Tables raised the importance of keeping the Post Office /Village Shop and the need for fibre-optic Broadband..

Other issues highlighted related to: **Education and Employment, Environment, Children & Young people, Communications and Housing.**

“BUZZ” How do we reach as many people as possible?



NEWSLETTER WEB PAGE NOTICEBOARDS

QUESTIONNAIRE PERSONAL CONTACT

EVENTS VIDEO/FILM

Need to be aware of the need to reach less obvious people in the community such as those

- **WORKING IN PARISH**
- **SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP**

not just parish children and parents or parishioners.

“Themes”

BETTER ACCESS TRANSPORT

HOUSING

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

RECREATION AND LEISURE

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

OLDER PEOPLE

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

COMMUNITY SAFETY

ENVIRONMENT.

“Next Steps”

- **Set up a web site linked to other parish websites as soon as practicable.**
- **Invite a Guest speaker to the August 12th Meeting with experience of working on Parish Plans.**
- **Aim to have decided upon which consultation methods to use with this community and start collecting information before Christmas.**
- **Advertise future meetings on the web, Parish and Church notice boards and through personal contacts.**
- **Decisions reached via inclusion and consensus.**

Thanks to NCDC for use of the display boards.

Web address OtterhamandStJuliotplan.org.

Appendix 1 - What do we want and need in our Parish? The details

Table 1

CORNWALL FARMER'S TRAFFIC CONTROL.

BETTER SIGNAGE ON THE APPROACH TO WARN TRAFFIC.

DOUBLE WHITE LINES.

BETTER BUS SCHEDULE FOR GREEN TOURISM TO REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT.

POLICY ON WINDFARMS –CAN THEY BE SEEN IN THIS AREA?

FUNDING FOR VILLAGE HALL TO REBUILD

ROAD SURFACES NEED RE-DOING

The poor road surfaces are causing undue wear on tyres.

SEWERAGE TREATMENT – WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE?

Although this may not be in either parish it will have an effect.

FLY-TIPPING – CAN SIGN GO UP AS WARNING? No-one wants to know. There is great difficulty having the problem addressed unless the waste is contaminated.

Table 2

MORE REGULAR AND RELIABLE BUS.

TRAFFIC CALMING -

- **A39 OTTERHAM STATION / CORNWALL FARMERS.** More houses will increased the problem. Speed limit?
- **MARSHGATE / SCHOOL ROAD**
- **A39 OTTERHAM OFFSET JUNCTION**
- **HEDGE VISABILITY**

NEW HALL

LONG TERM POST OFFICE SECURITY –Marshgate PO should be retained as it is a special case.

NEGATIVE – WIND GENERATORS

POSITIVE – AID FOR MAINTENANCE OF ANCIENT /& MORE MODERN PLACES OF WORSHIP.

CLOSER ACCESS TO MEDICAL CENTRES AND TRANSPORT TO THEM. We are becoming more isolated from services.

Table 3.

YOUTH CLUB SPORTS FIELD

There is nothing for the youth in either parish.

BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY PARTICULARLY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS –

- **Heavy transport vehicles are very large for country roads.**
- **Traffic calming is needed.**
- **Chicane system for Marshgate.**

NEW VILLAGE HALL

GUARANTEED FUTURE FOR PO & SHOP

FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND essential.

MORE GRASS VERGES TO BE CUT FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

KEEP HEDGES ON NARROW ROADS CUT BACK FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. – Excessive growth on hedges and verges are a problem for pedestrians on narrow country roads.

Table 4

A NEW HALL

KEEP PO & SHOP OPEN

KEEP PUB

BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- **People need to get to work and back.**
- **One bus a day is not enough.**

TRAFFIC CALMING

PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH Along road from centre of Marshgate to the School and Hall.

ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE OF VERGES

PUBLIC WASTE BINS

MORE EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES IN CAMELFORD.

USE OF NEWSLETTER TO PROMOTE LOCAL FACILITIES/EVENTS

ACCESS TO FURTHER EDUCATION Camelford closing the 6th Form.

PLAY AREA FOR KIDS

BETTER BROADBAND

Table 5

NEW HALL

- **Film night/Dance/Re-enactment/Theatre groups/Panto/Gardening Club/sports/Adult Education/WI etc.**
- **FOCUS ON THINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE/PARENTS.**
- **ALL AGES**

BUS SERVICES

- **More regular/ reliable.**
- **School busses also for public use?**

TRAFFIC CALMING - BUMPS IN ROAD by School.

TO KEEP RURAL ASPECT / CHARACTER OF AREA

HOUSING.