

Otterham & St Juliot Parish Plan

Introduction

What is a parish plan?

It is a plan for the future of the parish, finding out what things are important to the people so that we work together to improve our area

Who takes part?

The people of both parishes through the questionnaire, the steering group, stakeholders and other processes

Why a parish plan?

To bring local democracy to our area and bring about real change



How the parish plan was created

- A steering group was formed from the local community and stake holders to lead the process
- Various meetings discussed the plan and created a questionnaire
- A questionnaire was sent to every residence in the parish
- 51% responded to the questionnaire which is exceptionally good
- A further prioritisation meeting commented on the results of the questionnaire
- The steering group published the plan and this summary document

The full parish plan is available from the Parish Council or online at otterhamandstjuliotplan.org



Achieved So Far...

Otterham Station A39

Significant improvements have been made through low key traffic calming measures although the community clearly indicates it would like to see more achieved on this issue.

Otterham and St Juliot Village Hall

Building upon the strong support evident in the appraisal and subsequent prioritisation, planning permission has been granted for a new hall and a funding application to the Big Lottery is going well.

Fund raising has been very successful and some grant funding has also been obtained

The Team

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SOME THINGS WE LIKE ABOUT OUR PARISH

"Peace and Quiet"

"Beautiful scenery and landscape"

"Lack of crime/graffiti/ anti-social behaviour"

"Good local facilities : shop, post office, school, hall, pub, church and chapel"

"Wildlife"

"Plenty of Trees"

"Proximity of beaches/coast"

"A small part of heaven"

"Near to moor and coast"

"Diverse socio-economic groups"

"The sea and coastline—fuel for the soul"

"Easy access and not on main road"

"Community spirit and friendliness/helpfulness of friends and neighbours"

TRANSPORT & ACCESS

We live in a rural area: a large proportion of residents drive to get around.

- 84% said that public transport should be improved
- 22% said that lack of transport is a restriction to them
- 20% use public transport
- If Corlink was made available in the area, people would be interested
- There was a lack of knowledge about the Age Concern minibus
- Most people were satisfied with the parking provision

ACTION PLAN

- Publicize the Age Concern minibus
- Explore a shared lift scheme
- It may be possible to initiate a new group of volunteers via a Parish meeting
- Article in the 4 Parishes News
- Approach Carshare Cornwall.

HOUSING & KEY FACILITIES

- 50% have lived in the parishes for over 10 years
- 14% knew someone who had to move away from the parishes in the last 5 years
- 39% say that there is a need for housing trust/publicly owned housing
- A need for affordable housing was expressed
- Recognition that there is no problem with Second/Holiday homes
- More than a third of residents wished to be buried in the parishes

ACTION PLAN

- Investigate possibilities for affordable housing

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Speeding vehicles are a major concern, 44% listed Marshgate as a problem, 27% Otterham Station and 23% Tresparrett
- 86% said that crime and antisocial behavior is not a problem
- 80% have not had contact with the police in the last 5 years.

ACTION PLAN

Parish Councils have made some progress with extension of the 30 mph speed limit .

- Aim for Otterham Station speed limit
- Aim for traffic calming
- Use "Community Speedwatch" Scheme
- "Good Neighbour Scheme"

PEDESTRIANS, FOOT-PATHS & CYCLISTS

- Over 50% use public footpaths
- Many said they would use footpaths more if they were in better condition
- 35% want more dog litter bins

People called for pavements from:

- Tresparrett to Marshgate
- Marshgate/Tresparrett Junction to the Post Office
- School to Marshgate

ACTION PLAN

- Parish Councils continue to maintain and improve public access in partnership with Cornwall Council.
- Review provision of dog bins/notices

JOBS & EMPLOYMENT

- 55% support building light industrial units to create jobs
- Farming and tourism are main industries
- 59% agreed that tourism should be encouraged

Weekly mileages driving to work were:

- 44% over 100
- 16% 50-99
- 13% 20-49
- 11% under 20

Various factors were seen as barriers to economic growth:

- 36% Transport Links
- 30% Planning Controls
- 22% Lack of suitable premises

Many people work from home, some providing goods and services worldwide.

ACTION PLAN

- Investigate a support network for home workers
- Consult upon light industrial units
- Encourage and promote tourism

OUR PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

VILLAGE HALL

- The hall is used by many people from the parishes and outside
- A structural survey of the ageing hall found that building a new hall would be the best way forward
- 97% of residents who responded, supported the principle of building of a new hall

Top uses of the hall were listed as:

- Auctions
- Lunches
- Garden Club
- Dancing
- Women's Institute
- Keep Fit

The hall committee has worked tirelessly towards funding and building a new hall.

The Big Lottery grant process is progressing well. The future looks bright.

ACTION PLAN

- Parish councils and parishioners to support the hall committee in the grant and the building process

ENVIRONMENT & RENEWABLE ENERGY

- 89% of residents recycle using the roadside scheme
- Significant numbers were not aware of the facility to recycle garden refuse
- Important conservation issues identified were countryside, wildlife and sustainable farming.
- Solar panels and private wind turbines were the most favoured sources of renewable energy.

- 38% would like a drainage survey
- 32% would like a traffic survey

ACTION PLAN

- Publicity for recycling via 4 Parishes News

HEALTH SERVICES

Various issues were identified

- Access to NHS Dental Services
- Distance to hospitals
- Poor transport to hospitals
- Lack of accident and emergency cover locally
- Long waiting times for Doctor's appointments
- Difficulty with access to Chemists attributed to parking problems

ACTION PLAN

- Work with partners towards ensuring basic facilities are available for residents of the parish
- Investigate a car sharing scheme
- Promote healthy living initiatives

Work will need to start as soon as possible, but these actions are long term and will need multiple agencies involved to make a difference.

ROAD ISSUES

- 50% said that 'muck' on specific roads was a serious problem
- Insufficient dog mess bins and warning signs
- 36% Were not happy with the state of the roads in the parishes
- 29% Were not happy with standing water on roads.
- 40% did not think that facilities for pedestrians and cyclists are satisfactory

ACTION PLAN

- Encourage greater understanding of difficulties from both sides of the problem of 'muck' on the roads and explore ways to alleviate it
- Aim to improve provision of dog mess bins and signs

YOUNG PEOPLE

Calls for a Youth Club and Play Area were considerable

Other suggestions included: A football field, Cinema, Bowling Alley, Snooker Club, Cubs/Beavers, Modern Choir, Dance Group/Classes and Park Rangers.

Several activities for the new village hall had young people in mind. These included Education, Young Farmers' meetings, Youth Dances, Bands and Drama.

The most popular pastimes for children were board games, pets, with friends, computers, watching TV and making things. Other more active interests included, riding, BMX, surfing, judo, trips, kayaking, cycling, riding a bike.

Our vision is to improve facilities for young people, to engage them with the community, help them learn what is going on around them and provide them with the means to influence their future.

ACTION PLAN

- Consultation regarding a range of youth projects