ST. CLEER PARISH
Parish Plan - March 2003

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LOCATION & STATISTICS
The rural parish of St. Cleer broadly encompasses the settlements of St. Cleer, Tremar, Darite, Common Moor, Crows Nest and surrounding hamlets and countryside – including Sibleyback Lake and Golitha Falls. St. Cleer itself is the largest of the villages. The settlement name of Common Moor rightly suggests that this is a moorland parish, part of the Bodmin Moor expanse!

The parish is located in East Cornwall, and falls within the Caradon district. Its parish boundary adjoins that of Liskeard town, as well as the parishes of St. Neot, Linkinhorne, St. Ive and two North Cornwall parishes. Liskeard is, of course, the nearest major town and, accordingly St. Cleer forms part of Liskeard’s “Travel to Work Area”.

The parish is 4427 hectares in area and has a population density of 0.74 people per hectare. The population increased at the rate of 26.7% between 1981 and 1988 - figures have been obtained from the Cornwall County Council / Office of National Statistics socio-economic statistics.

HISTORY – LANDMARKS ….
As briefly mentioned, St. Cleer parish is in the Bodmin Moor area – a considerable area of moorland. St. Cleer parish is on the southern section of the moor. The parish has contrasting landscapes of moorland in the north and enclosed farmland to the south. The high moorland, which is underlain by granite, offers distant views both to the south coast and into the heart of Bodmin Moor.

Bodmin Moor is a wonderful area of raw moorland beauty, which has historical and scientific value as well as being rich in archaeological remains. The remnants of a multi million pound 19th century tin and copper mining industry still dot the landscape and this is to be included in the bid for World Heritage Status for Cornish Mining. The mine chimneys and such, although no longer in use are part of this landscape. Granite tors are also prevalent. The Moor has been classified as an:

♦ A.O.N.B.
(Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

There are 37 A.O.N.B’s in England, and within Cornwall this is a heavily fragmented area, covering coastal areas, moorland etc.

♦ The parish is also within the A.G.L.V.
/Area of Great Landscape Value/.

Ancient monuments, such as Trethevy Quoit (a burial chamber), King Doniert’s Stone and holy wells can all be found within this beautiful parish. Off the moor the landscape softens with fields enclosed by Cornish hedges. Hidden here are the two granite cross bases that make up King Doniert’s Stone which are inscribed and decorated in late 9th Century style.
It is thought that Doniert was, in fact, Dungarth – King of Cornwall and the Stones commemorate his death in 875.

A short journey into St. Cleer village will bring you to the granite hooded holy well of St. Clarus, whose water was used to cure madness. Looking back towards the moor, the Stone Age burial chamber or quoit stands on the skyline at Trethevy.

The church in St. Cleer was rebuilt towards the end of the 13th Century and the church tower is 15th Century.

Expanses of moor sweep away from the villages offering a unique and stunning scene to both local residents and visitors alike.

**Amenities**

**St. Cleer:**
- Post Office & store with cash point
- St. Cleer CP School
- Pre-school playgroup
- Vegetable & produce shop
- Blacksmith
- Hair stylist
- Two public houses
- Church
- Car park
- Public toilets (under threat)
- Memorial Hall
- Play equipment
- Sports club/field
- Bus stops and shelter
- Recycling facilities

St. Cleer is a village and as such does not have a full range of facilities, although it is better catered for than the outlying areas within the parish e.g. Tremar.

**Common Moor:**
- Methodist church
- Church car park (approx. 4 cars)
- Bus shelter
- Mobile Post Office & shelter
- Telephone kiosk

**Darite:**
- Village Hall
- Darite Primary School
- Post Office/Store
- Bus shelter
- Recycling facilities

**Tremar/TremarCoombe area:**
- Telephone kiosks
- Post boxes
- Bus shelters
- Recycling facilities.

**Crows Nest:**
- Public house
- Bus stops
- Telephone kiosk

However, as expected for such a rural area there is a necessity for travel to main services such as day care, respite care, GP surgery, hospitals, dentists, cinema, shopping centres, etc which can either be accessed in Liskeard or towns further afield.
VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

To enable everyone within the community to have a voice in how their parish should develop within the realms of legitimate aspirations. To preserve, enhance and develop the parish, ensuring a better quality of life for all.

PURPOSE OF PARISH PLAN

♦ The Parish Plan is part of the process by which St. Cleer Parish Council wish to achieve their “vision”.
♦ The Plan gives a voice to the community – identifying and prioritising parish needs. Indicating what is needed, what is achievable, feasible and relevant.

THE PARISH PLAN – A TOOL FOR PROGRESS

♦ This document should be thought of as merely a tool, to achieve the long-term vision for the Parish.
♦ Each of the sections highlighted within the Plan, whether housing, health or other issues indicate the priorities, identified by the community.
♦ Actions and partners have been identified within various sections of the Plan.
♦ It is important that the Parish Plan links to Caradon District Council’s Local Plan. The Countryside Agency who are funding the Parish Plan (and many others across the country!) envisage that issues contained within such Plans may be adopted by local authorities as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) – complimentary and integral to the Local Plans. SPG’s supplement specific polices and must be cross-referenced.
♦ However, to progress and achieve the long-term vision, issues must be taken forward. It will be necessary for the Parish Council to keep the momentum going, although work needs to be shared with members of the community e.g. Steering Groups working on the various Action Plans within the sections. The Parish Council must be supported by the community

THE LEAD UP TO THE PARISH PLAN – THE NEED FOR AN APPRAISAL

In January 2000, a Public Meeting was held in St. Cleer. The meeting decided that a Parish Appraisal would be undertaken as part of the Bodmin Moor Programme funded by Caradon District Council and the Countryside Agency.

The aim of the Appraisal, which would take the form of a survey, was to find out how residents feel about a number of local issues.

St. Cleer Parish Appraisal Group was formed – 6 local residents willing to give their time and effort to ensure that the Appraisal would take place.
The Appraisal Group consisted:
Ross Kemble (St. Cleer)
G.C. Linton (Higher Tremarcoombe)
Brenda Nutbourne (St. Cleer)
Derick Solt (St. Cleer)
Tracey Underwood (St. Cleer)
Derris Watson (Higher Tremar)

And were assisted by
♦ the CRCC (Cornwall Rural Community Council)
♦ and Caradon District Council’s Countryside Service.

THE APPRAISAL – ISSUES

The questionnaire encompassed a range of issues such as housing, education, employment and roads.

A number of these issues had been raised at the Public Meeting:
♦ Traffic & transport (speeding, parking, school transport, bus shelters, access, lack of public transport etc).
♦ Memorial Hall – support & maintenance issues
♦ War Memorial – maintenance.

♦ Amenities (Shops, Post Office, facilities for young people, public telephones).
♦ Emergency Services – access issues related to parking problems.
♦ Community policing.
♦ Cattle control/grids
♦ Healthcare – including access
♦ Flooding in Coombe
♦ Dog fouling, litter, fly-tipping
♦ Lighting
♦ Road gritting
♦ Environment
♦ Pre school & toddler group
♦ Caradon District Council – attitude to Consultation.

THE APPRAISAL

A survey was designed and the survey process undertaken between June and July 2000, with every household on the St. Cleer Parish electoral role being sent a questionnaire and covering letter. In total, 1200 questionnaires were distributed, which although on a household basis, gave the option for up to six people in that household to indicate their views on a range of topics.

THE APPRAISAL – RESPONSE AND RESULT

Of the 1200 questionnaires distributed, 478 were completed and returned. The return date stipulated was 24th July, 2000.

The response rate was therefore 40%, which can be considered a good rate for such a consultation.

The Appraisal results supplied the Parish Council with both quantitative and qualitative data on a wide range of relevant topics and issues. This information enables the Parish Council to voice the concerns of residents, by using the document as a tool for negotiation and discussion.

The results were collated and a summary version of the resulting report posted to each household.
THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE APPRAISAL
THE GREAT EXHIBITION

Although the Appraisal was completed in 2000, and is of use in it's own right, it was decided to look, in more depth, at some of the important issues arising from it and to produce a Parish Plan.

Therefore after much work by the Steering Group and parish, a "Great Exhibition Event" was arranged.

The Exhibition’s purpose was to:

1. Reinforce the Appraisal
2. Allow local groups to publicise their existence.
3. Allow organisations/groups to undertake their own consultation exercise.

Information obtained from the Event to be collated with the Appraisal results, making the production of a Parish Plan possible.

The event was held on Saturday 26th January 2002 at The Memorial Hall, St. Cleer. The event took place over a period of 6 hours and was attended by over 250 people (estimation).

As with the questionnaire itself the majority of people were from St. Cleer, although also good representation from Darite, Tremar Coombe, Higher Tremar, Lower Tremar, Common Moor etc. This probably reflects the fact that the largest settlement is St. Cleer.

The Steering Group asked questions of the attendees to reinforce the opinions gained during the Appraisal.

Maps and question boards allowed the attendees at the event to reiterate their opinions on a number of issues.

A number of organisations/groups also took part in the Great Exhibition to gauge views on specific issues.

At the event, there appeared to be particular interest in several issues;

♦ St. Cleer Memorial Hall – redevelopment plans.
♦ Gas supply for surrounding villages.
♦ Parish Council plans for the sports field.
♦ General issues such as dog bins, bus shelters and cattle grids.
THE GREAT EXHIBITION

REPRESENTATION

Representation at the event included:

♦ Parish Council
♦ Parish Appraisal Group
♦ Caradon District Council (Agenda 21 Officer, Dog Warden, Health Action Officer)
♦ Darite Village Hall
♦ St. Cleer Memorial Hall Committee
♦ St. Cleer Primary School
♦ St. Cleer Playgroup Pre-School
♦ St. Cleer Carnival Committee
♦ Bodmin Moor & Camelford Partnership
♦ Common Moor & Friends
♦ Horizon Farm
♦ Robert Emuss - Interest In Gas?
♦ South West Lakes Trust
♦ Women’s Institute
♦ Colin & Liz Gates

OUTCOME

♦ Having undertaken the Appraisal and followed this up with the Great Exhibition, the next stage was the production of this, the Parish Plan.
POLICY STATEMENT

POLICY H3: HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN VILLAGES

No housing development beyond existing allocations and commitments will be permitted within village development limits identified on the proposal map except where it:

(i) comprises infill (one or two dwellings) or the restoration, conversion or redevelopment of properties, and
(ii) is on a site wholly within the village development limits, or
(iii) comprises affordable housing in accordance with policy H12 of the Local Plan
(iv) is considered acceptable in terms of its effect on infrastructure, road traffic conditions and education provision.

St. Cleer, Darite, Common Moor are included in list of villages which are subject to a range of infrastructure, amenity or conservation constraints which restrict ability to accept new development. Development therefore restricted – as set out in Structure Plan Policy H10.

Local Plan currently being reviewed and will result in some amendments.

JUSTIFICATION

- IN THE APPRAISAL, WHEN ASKED THEIR VIEW ON THE NUMBER OF HOUSES BUILT IN THE PARISH OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, 41% OF RESPONDENTS (OVER 400 PEOPLE) THOUGHT TOO MUCH HOUSING HAD BEEN BUILT.
- 73% OF RESPONDENTS (OVER 600) DO NOT THINK THAT THE AREA CAN ACCOMMODATE MORE HOUSING.
- AT THE EXHIBITION, 62 ATTENDEES AGREED THAT THE AREA COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE FURTHER HOUSING AND 5 ATTENDEES DISAGREED.

THE ISSUES

- NO FURTHER HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WANTED.
- IF HOUSING NEED BECOMES ESSENTIAL, THEN FAVOURED OPTION IS TO CONVERT REDUNDANT BUILDINGS.


**COMMENTS MADE BY RESIDENTS OF ST. CLEER PARISH:**

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<td>IF DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE AVOIDED, FOR EXAMPLE, IF LEGISLATION DIRECTS THAT SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING MUST BE BUILT; THEN EXISTING REDUNDANT OR DERELICT PROPERTIES SHOULD BE UTILISED.</td>
<td>ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT PARISH VIEWS ARE REFLECTED IN CURRENT POLICY (H3) THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY E.G. AFFORDABLE HOUSING DIRECTIVE H10/H12.</td>
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<td>HOWEVER, IF LOCAL PLAN IS BEING REVISED, THEN PARISH SHOULD LOOK TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS REFLECTED, PERHAPS BY USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE.</td>
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“Please safeguard our lovely countryside by careful planning regarding developments. Planning restrictions i.e. agricultural seem all too easily lifted.”
“Stop putting up houses for those not born in Cornwall.”
“Suggest full rateable tax on all holiday lets.”
“St. Cleer is a nice village to live in, but must not get any bigger as I feel this would be detrimental to St. Cleer.”
St. Cleer Parish is a rural area and as such there is a need to travel to amenities. This may involve travel within the parish, to the amenities already mentioned, or travel to Liskeard or other towns for a range of services and facilities. As such there is a high level of car use – in the 2000 Appraisal, 86% of respondents indicated that the car is the major means of transport. A further 11% use the bus, 3% use a bike and 1% some other means of transport. There is a public bus service operated by DAC, previously Liskeard & District Omnibus Company operated this. This serves various parts of the parish: Crows Nest, Darite, Higher Tremar, Common Moor Turn, St. Cleer, Lower Tremar between Mondays and Saturdays (inclusive). This is a fairly regular service that residents can use to access Liskeard and Looe and various village locations en-route. However, there are difficulties for some residents wishing to use the bus, as the vehicles are not all fully accessible, therefore wheelchair users and those with prams etc., cannot always use the service.
From the 2000 Appraisal, the bus service was generally deemed to be reasonable in respect of route planning, timetable and cost. Whilst the majority 29% of respondents thought the reliability of buses was reasonable a further 24% rated it as poor. Access for those with disabilities or those with pushchairs were again rated poor. However a number of respondents did not express an opinion on the bus service – it may be considered that they have no experience of bus travel, insufficient information or knowledge of bus travel or do not hold strong views on the subject. At the follow up exhibition, lack of bus information was raised and the need for bus stops to encourage travel. Funding for a bus shelter as part of a wider initiative may be possible through the Countryside Agency’s Vital Villages Programme if it cannot be obtained through Cornwall County Council. Whilst access to health facilities is not a stand alone transport issue, public transport impacts on this and needs to be reliable and information easily available to those who do need to travel for health appointments etc.

15% of respondents want to see improvements in bus service reliability.

For 40% (approximately 175 respondents) school transport provision to Liskeard is very important and if withdrawn over 80 respondents said their children of secondary school age would need to pay fares, but over 100 respondents indicated they would drive their child(ren) less than 20 respondents said their child(ren) would walk or cycle to school. 53% (over100 respondents) said that their child(ren) would not walk or cycle even if a safe walking/cycling route was provided!

Interestingly in the Appraisal, both walking and cycling (as well as horse-riding etc) were thought to be appropriate visitor activities for the area.

There was concern in the Parish regarding street parking, car park provision and speeding cumulating in “danger spots” in the Parish – identified through both the Appraisal and the mapping exercise at the Great Exhibition. Some danger spots were identified, such as the main road between Sibleyback Lake junction and Liskeard, Fore Street at St. Cleer, Egg Farm road, top of Well Lane, near St. Cleer School and Lower Tremar Corner. Although roads may be classed as dangerous for a number of reasons, there was concern at the Exhibition that speeding is one factor that needs to be considered, with a variety of roads highlighted, Crow’s Nest (West Darite Terrace – public house), main road from Liskeard to Common Moor plus sections of St. Cleer village and Tremar. It should also be said that although street parking was one area of concern highlighted that it can, in fact, also act as a traffic calming measure in some localities and therefore consideration of any restrictions on street parking would need to include some thought on this aspect. Another area of concern is the cattle and sheep wandering onto roads (and on to private property). The issue of animals loose in the parish receives a mixed reaction as although this is an issue and many feel very strongly that cattle/sheep need to be confined to the common land, there is also the opinion that if you live in such a area (i.e. on the moors) then such can be expected. This issue can be seen as an environmental issue that touches the area of transport because of the risk of accidents and, perhaps, inconvenience.
Street Parking: Car use is the main transport mode and therefore parking is a major concern within the small village streets and hamlets within St. Cleer Parish. Over 250 respondents indicated that they park their vehicle in a garage and a similar number park “off road”. According to the Appraisal results only 50 respondents park their vehicle on the road. However, over 400 respondents feel that street parking in the parish is a safety risk. Areas highlighted at the Exhibition were Fore Street, St. Cleer, by St. Cleer school, Darite (school/post office area), main road near Chapel at Tremar Coombe, Lower Tremar and the bend near St. Cleer water depot/Poultry houses.

Car Parks: This is, of course, a natural link to the problem of street parking. However, in addition, a strong view was expressed at the Exhibition that better parking facilities were needed both generally in the Parish but also it was a main issue for Common Moor. The Chapel at Common Moor is not fully utilised because of the parking issue as organisations were deterred from using it without adequate parking facilities being available. In general, a car park in the area for residents would lessen the danger of parking on the roads which hampers access in general.

Bus Information, Reliability and Shelters: The bus service received a mixed review but although 29% of respondents thought the reliability of buses was reasonable a further 24% rated it as poor. At the Exhibition there was also concern that residents are unaware of bus services and that there is a need for bus shelters. Bus shelter location was also important to approximately 100 Appraisal respondents. Obviously if proper bus shelters erected then information can be displayed appropriately. Suggestions for bus shelter locations were Venland Cross (Lower Tremar crossroads), Crows Nest, Darite (by junction), Higher Tremar Coombe crossroads (Common Moor end of village), St. Cleer memorial hall.

Danger - Speeding: There was concern over danger spots on the roads within the parish. Obviously the danger could be due to a number of causes – narrow roads, speeding, parking issues. In respect of speed, there were general comments in the appraisal concerning drivers ignoring existing limits rather than a need to lower them further and therefore this points to the problem of enforcing speed limits.

Cattle Grids/Fencing Preventing Livestock on Road: In the Appraisal over 400 (75%) of those who responded to the question of confining livestock, felt that the installation of cattle grids is necessary to confine livestock to common grazing land.

Cycling: 53% of Appraisal respondents (over 400) think that cycling facilities are poor. It is also considered that cycling is one of the attractions for visitors to the area.
“Access and parking for school”

“A direct bus from Liskeard to Derriford and a return service”

Parking outside schools very bad at school times, double-parked, Darite in particular. Should be a speed limit through villages especially Crows Nest (a bad road) and Darite near school.

“I think the car park in Tremar Coombe (opposite converted Chapel on main road) should be available to visitors of people who live in the Coombe”

“Remind drivers of speed limits. Standard of driving in Cornwall is a disgrace.

“The problems of on road parking should be addressed. There has been a huge increase in this in the last few year – causing loss of road width and visibility on beds.”

“On many roads around the area 30mph limits are totally ignored. Speed of some vehicles is horrendous. Sleeping policemen should be placed in these spots before an accident rather than after.”

“In spite of the fact that cattle grids have been put in place at Common Moor some individuals leave the gate open allowing cattle & sheep to move freely along roads. Farm animals are now a serious hazard to lorries, buses and other road users”

“Traffic is a huge problem in St. Cleer – speeding is a major problem.”

“Traffic speed ramps at Lower Tremar wanted. Maximum speed control 30mph.”

“I feel that there are enough cattle grids in St. Cleer Parish. When you live in our area, cattle are part and parcel of village life.”

“A car park at Common Moor, local residents have nowhere to park.”

“Bus shelter at Higher Tremar.”

“More obvious bus timetables.”

“The bus service is unreliable, expensive and routes are run to suit the bus company, not the passengers.”
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<td>To provide a safe road system for pedestrians and vehicles by improving car parking facilities, restricting animal access and ensuring that speed restrictions are adhered to.</td>
<td>Look to make roads safer by use of various road safety measures. If feasible to reduce on-road parking by improved car park facilities need to identify new site or negotiate with existing car park owners, although some on-road parking can act as a form of traffic calming.</td>
<td>Parish Council, CDC, Land Owners, CCC (Road Safety Unit)</td>
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<td>Bus shelter funding and feasibility to be looked at in conjunction with transport information project.</td>
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<td>Bus service to be monitored in respect of reliability issues.</td>
<td>Community, Parish Council, CCC (PTU), Bus Operator, ECRTP</td>
<td>3 bus shelters have already been erected in various locations and another is in hand. If assistance needed to obtain more, or help with information, organisations such as CRCC and ECRTP need to be contacted by group.</td>
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<td>Cattle grids to be installed where appropriate.</td>
<td>Land Owner, CCC, CDC, Parish Council</td>
<td>Cattle grids – these have been installed since appraisal/exhibition and no further action is necessary.</td>
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<td>Steering group to look at speed limit enforcement through use of speed cameras, rumble strips etc. – sites and method to be identified</td>
<td>CCC (Road Safety &amp; Transport Dept), Devon &amp; Cornwall Constabulary, CDC, Parish Council</td>
<td>New bus service in place Liskeard to Derriford two days per week. A 30mph speed limit is now in place at Crows Nest.</td>
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<td>Parish council to liaise with police and CCC regarding speed enforcement and safety issues. Public meeting to consult community and/or a specific transport survey could be carried out to highlight trouble spots.</td>
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<td>On-going liaison to ensure situation kept in spotlight and appropriate measures put in place.</td>
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From the Appraisal, an idea of current employment status of parish residents was obtained. 35% are employed, 33% are retired, 10% are self-employed, 8% in education, 6% unwaged housewives/husbands, 4% are sick/disabled, 3% unemployed and less than 1% in government training schemes.

Barriers to finding employment tend to be ill health, lack of transport, childcare costs, lack of information, qualifications, experience or need for alternative care for an adult dependent. General research by CAT also indicates that other barriers such as lack of self-esteem and confidence are also contributory factors, this can for instance be the case if a person has not been working for some time. Training often helps individuals gain confidence and raise their self-esteem.

With regard to various types of employment opportunities there were several questions concerning this. Suggestions included:

- Tourism developments/attractions to provide more jobs in and around St. Cleer. 36% were in favour, 26% were against, 21% had reservations, and 17% had no strong opinion.
- Small business developments – 47% were in favour of small business developments to provide more jobs in the area. 20% had no strong opinion, 18% were against, and 15% had reservations.
- Small-scale industrial workshops – 33% were in favour, 31% were against, 19% had reservations and 17% had no strong opinion.
- Overnight tourists – 39% do not feel this should be encouraged, 34% feel that it should be encouraged and 27% had no opinion.

**JUSTIFICATION.**

- As is shown above, most types of employment opportunities received a mixed reaction. However, small business developments received a favourable response from the parish residents.
- At the exhibition 67% of attendees indicated that they are in favour of small business development and local jobs as long as site not highly visible and traffic problems considered. 17 attendees (33%) were against.

**Whilst there is justification for small business development this encompasses a range of employment opportunities and further consultation will be necessary to decide on the type or types of business and the facilities needed for such to take place.**
**THE VISION**

To improve job opportunities for local people whilst ensuring that any developments within the parish are small-scale and sympathetic to the surrounding area and amenities.

**ACTIONS**

- Investigate job training opportunities and venue for those people who find this a barrier to obtaining employment.
- Investigate types of small businesses — i.e. some may be mobile businesses, work from home, small units etc.
- Identify possible sites for small-scale development, and identify ownership.
- Should suitable land be available consult CDC regarding any current restrictions on the plot etc.

**PARTNERS**

- Parish Council
- CDC
- CCC
- Adult Education Hall Committees
- Local Businesses
- Employment Service
- BEAST
- Objective 1 Officers

**TIMESCALE**

**MEDIUM TERM**

Consult with Adult Education officials, colleges and venue committees regarding training opportunities.

Consult with community regarding needs.

Liaise with CDC to negotiate supplementary planning guidance regarding restriction on developments.

**LONG TERM**

Further consultation and project for new development to be worked on and liaison with partners.
Both St. Cleer Primary School and St. Cleer Pre-School (playgroup) were represented at the Great Exhibition. Although Education in itself was not part of the original Appraisal, there are several issues regarding the buildings that have an effect on the community and the facilities provided within the parish.

**STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

COMMUNITY SERVICES INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH CARE, NURSERY SCHOOLS ETC., THESE ARE PROVIDED MAINLY BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE AND AN EXTENSIVE VOLUNTARY SECTOR. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY ARE, TO A LARGE EXTENT BEYOND THE POWERS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO CONTROL. THE LOCAL PLAN, THEREFORE, CONTAINS FEW POLICIES WHICH RELATE DIRECTLY TO “COMMUNITY SERVICES”.

**Policy Statement**

**Policy CO2**: The district will safeguard from development sites identified and reserved by the County Council for future new schools, extensions or playing fields.

**Policy CO3**: Playgroups and nursery schools will be permitted provided that the proposal:

(i) Contains adequate and safe means of access

(ii) Does not generate undue noise levels.

St. Cleer Primary School had a stand at the Exhibition to explain and display plans for a planned new extension to the school to allow for three classes and a library. At this time Elliot Buildings were in the school grounds and these formed a boundary with neighbouring residential properties and there was concern regarding this. However, the majority of residents appeared to support the extension.

The Pre-School is currently housed in the Memorial Hall, St. Cleer and there is concern that the present building is not suitable for such a facility. Should the Memorial Hall be rebuilt, an issue currently being looked at, it would need to take into consideration the needs of the Pre-School as improved facilities may affect the cost of a re-build. The Pre-School is subject to OFSTED inspections/standards and therefore the facilities provided have to meet required standards, something which it is felt is increasingly hard to do because of the limitations of the current building (Memorial Hall).

Another option is for the Pre-School to move onto the Primary School site and be housed there, perhaps in an Elliot Hut. Financial considerations of the pre-school need to be considered as it is staffed by volunteers but obviously needs to pay for premises which is a major financial consideration. In the appraisal the most popular site for the pre-school was near the Memorial Hall which 47 respondents mentioned. 16 respondents suggested near the school. It should be noted that the school site is almost opposite that of the Memorial Hall.
As well as St. Cleer Primary and Pre Schools, there is, of course, a primary school situated in Darite, which has recently been extended. For secondary education, the appropriate and nearest school would be Liskeard Community School. For those wishing to then proceed to College, the appropriate college may not necessarily be the nearest as some courses may only be offered in a college further afield.

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**THE VISION**

To ensure adequate school & pre-school facilities within the parish.

**ACTIONS**

Pre-school location to be found and agreed.

Primary school extension project

Investigate PFI implications. Both Darite & St. Cleer, under PFI, have excellent sports facilities and should under new management agreement be available to outside groups during out of school hours.

**PARTNERS**

CCC

Parish Council

St. Cleer Primary School

St. Cleer Pre-School

Memorial Hall Committee

**TIMESCALE**

**COMPLETED**

Primary school extension built in September 2002.

**SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM**

St. Cleer primary school is planning an IT suite in the extension, which would be available for parish use.

**MEDIUM TERM**

It has been agreed that the pre-school will move to the primary school premises as Memorial Hall not sufficient for their needs and re-build too far off for pre-school to delay.

St. Cleer primary school governors have agreed to plan.

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“We really need a lollipop person to ensure safety”.

“Ideally with all the children in the village, a building just for pre-school (away from main school) will be the better option. This would mean not so much traffic all in one area at drop-off/pick up times.”
At the Exhibition, there was considerable response regarding Play facilities. In particular, this was one of the main issues in the Common Moor area, where there is play equipment but there are concerns over the location of the playground in relation to safety and access to it. There is also play equipment located in St. Cleer, by the Memorial Hall. Caradon District Council inspects the play equipment on a weekly basis and make a charge for this to the Parish Council.

As well as play equipment for young children, there is concern that there are not enough facilities for those aged between approximately 10 and 17 years of age. Suggestions include a youth club and skate facilities, as there is concern that at present road skateboarding takes place which is dangerous to both the person and road users.

Sports facilities are improving at the Playing Field, but this does not cater for all the youth in St. Cleer Parish, as more of a diversity of activities is needed to both occupy them, relieve boredom and hopefully expand their interests. The young are part of the community and are the future of the parish.

“Skateboarding area needed before a child is killed on the road.”
“More children’s play area and for teenagers”
“Skateboard, half pipe/ramp put by park or sports field, would keep children off roads and pavements and give safe area for their skateboarding”
“Playgrounds needed also a youth club.”
“The young people need more than a bus shelter to hang around in”.
“I would like somewhere to go with my friends when they come home for tea, I would like some monkey bars like in St. Cleer”.
“We want to play on the swings again”
“What is needed is a play area for kids”.
“I have a 11month only baby, I would like to have somewhere safe for her to play as she grows up.”
“Bring Darite into the 20th Century for young kids, babies and animals. We need Youth Clubs, playgroups and fields for dogs to run in safety, without the worry of being shot. We also desperately need a playground for our kids.
“Somewhere for young people to gather in the evenings, coffee bar with music, something to gather around to stop young people from hanging around outside the pub at night. Somewhere safe and warm, perhaps the old liberal rooms by the car park”.
**THE VISION**

- Play equipment to be available and maintained for the young of the parish.
- Appropriate facilities for youth of the parish.

**ACTIONS**

- Location of Common Moor play facilities to be assessed. Also investigate alternative sites and relevant factors such as land ownership, planning policy, costs, equipment type etc. Also any funding opportunities in conjunction with local fundraising.
- Older youth facilities and venue to be identified, together with possible volunteers, parents, organisations who may help.
- Investigate possibility of recruiting a dedicated youth worker – in partnership with adjoining parishes.
- Investigate any PFI implications.

**PARTNERS**

- CCC (Youth office).
- CDC
- Parish Council and Neighbouring Parish Councils.
- Playwise project clubs/organisations
- SAZ
- CPFA
- Funding bodies
- Local businesses (sponsorship)

**TIMESCALE**

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<td>Short Term to Medium Term</td>
<td>Work with organisations and neighbouring parish councils to establish a youth worker with some responsibility in the parish who can help with projects listed.</td>
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<td>Medium Term to Long Term</td>
<td>Where funding required for a youth club may be part of another project (e.g. memorial hall), which is a long term project. If youth worker established this could become one of their projects.</td>
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<td>Medium Term</td>
<td>On-going liaison to establish new site for play facilities.</td>
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**JUSTIFICATION.**

- Common Moor and Friends stand at the exhibition identified play equipment as one of the three issues most affecting their settlement. The other two being carparking and footpath maintenance.
- The recognition of open space and play areas based on NPFA recommendations.
The Parish of St. Cleer has several places where meetings or church activities are currently held. Current venues within the parish include:

- St. Cleer Church
- Common Moor Methodist Chapel
- Memorial Hall, St. Cleer
- Darite Village Hall
- St. Cleer Sports Pavilion & sports field

**Memorial Hall, St. Cleer.**

The Memorial Hall is used on a daily basis. From the Appraisal results it was shown that of the three halls/meeting places (not churches) the Memorial Hall was used the most often. The primary user is the Pre-School (playgroup) but it is also well used for other uses. For example, kickboxing, line-dancing, private functions, meetings, guides, gardening club, over 50’s club etc. In the Appraisal and Exhibition there also appears to be demand for other types of activities within the parish e.g. luncheon club, youth club, bingo, training etc.

The Memorial Hall is currently in a poor state of repair – in particular concrete cancer – and does not have adequate facilities to cater for some activities and to ensure that the standard is appropriate to today’s expectations. The Memorial Hall committee wish to rebuild the Memorial Hall on the same site but to an improved standard and of a larger size. This would enable the Hall to include a kitchen (large enough to cater for luncheon club, catering for meetings etc), a larger meeting room as the Hall Committee state that this is a real requirement, and IT facilities. The Memorial Hall would also be upgraded sufficiently to meet the needs of the pre-school, although since the original plans this may now not be part of the overall plan if the pre-school are intending to move to other premises. The cost of such a rebuild is likely to be in the region of £350,000 of which £200,000 plus would need to be obtained from funding bodies.
Sports Pavilion & Sports Field, St. Cleer

The Sports Hall is currently in the process of having an extension built – primarily funded through Sports England. Whilst some meetings are held in the sports hall, such as WI, there is no large meeting room and in fact the extension will give the opportunity to have better changing rooms and physiotherapy area. The primary use of the Sports Hall is, of course, to cater for the needs of the sporting community, ensuring that all the necessary facilities are provided. Sports development enabling sports such as netball, hockey and basketball, together with an all weather pitch for training and hard surface sports.

Darite Village Hall

The Darite Village Hall is not in conflict with St. Cleer Memorial Hall as it caters for the residents of Darite and area rather than St. Cleer village and is quite small. The hall is over 100 years old and has been undergoing major renovations over the past 6 years. Already improvements have included; installation of new heating system, new guttering, relocation of the kitchen, retiling, toilets with facilities for those people with disabilities. It is hoped that improvements will continue and, in particular, the next stage is hopefully to have a new floor fitted and a new roof. The hall is fairly well used considering the low population level in the area, but the Hall Committee would welcome new use. The hall recently housed an art and craft exhibition that was very successful – raising £650.00.
Common Moor Methodist Chapel

The Chapel has a hall, small meeting rooms and a kitchen but is not in use as often as either St. Cleer Memorial Hall or Darite Village Hall. This may be due to a combination of factors including the size of the hamlet itself. However, at the Exhibition, one of the main issues is the lack of car parking available. It was indicated that both the WI and Liskerret Choir would use the chapel if adequate parking were provided and in general more meetings would take place there. The current car park is small and probably only accommodates 4 cars fairly comfortably (2 cars wide and 2 cars depth).

Picture: COMMON MOOR METHODIST CHURCH

Of the churches and chapels, 59% of respondents in the Appraisal attend St. Cleer Parish, 14% attend Common Moor Methodist Church and 3% attend Liskeard Methodist Church. 23% ticked “other”. 28% of respondents attend church or chapel regularly.

Common Moor
“Car park much needed”.
“Car park essential then we can use the Methodist Chapel for many more meeting of all sorts to our mutual help as well as a thriving Methodist fellowship”.
“A car park for the village hall”
“WI St. Cleer would like to hire the village hall but find parking inadequate.”
“Car park at Chapel desperately needed, Liskerret Choir would like to use the Chapel but cannot because of the parking”

St. Cleer Memorial Hall.
“Main hall seems too small for parish of this size – plus 20%”
“Kitchen – large enough for luncheon clubs and catering standards for functions.”
“Youth club – teenagers hang around the street as nowhere to go”.
“Recreation Area: Skateboard, basketball, kickabout cage urgently needed”.
“Use local builders and traders. They would be cheaper and have pride in their work”.

SERVICES: BUILDINGS / FACILITIES
JUSTIFICATION.

MEMORIAL HALL
- 178 respondents to the appraisal feel that St. Cleer Memorial Hall needs improving. 82 respondents think Darite Village Hall needs improving and 43 respondents think Common Moor Chapel needs improving.
- 66 attendees at the exhibition (97%) think the Memorial Hall should be rebuilt, on the same site. Only 2 attendees disagreed.
- There is demand for more community activities particularly youth club, luncheon club etc. 40% of respondents in the appraisal wanted a youth club, youth activities or a café.
- The hall is already well used but a new building would offer more facilities and be of more use to the community.
- All age groups rated social facilities within the parish as poor.
- A larger meeting room is required within the parish.

COMMON MOOR CHAPEL CAR PARK.
- Poor parking facilities within Common Moor and certainly very restrictive carparking for chapel activities and community events held at the chapel.
- Was in the top 3 priorities identified by “Common Moor and Friends” at the exhibition.
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| To encourage the provision of facilities which will enable all residents to develop their full potential. | **Continued maintenance of parish facilities.**  
Memorial hall needs to be rebuilt.  
Fundraising needed towards projects, plus investigation of other funding possibilities and uses for hall – such as health, internet (broadband), cab, training etc.  
Investigate options for common moor car park. Need to check whether land available, cost and ownership, planning regulations etc. | CDC  
Parish council  
Memorial hall committee  
SAZ  
Sport England  
CCC  
CA  
CRCC  
BEAST  
Health authority - primary care trust  
Common moor chapel committee and residents | LONG TERM  
Obtaining funding for the memorial hall is in itself a major task and a lengthy process. Funding will be dependent on the project demonstrating that it will provide a range of services & facilities identified by research as essential to the well-being of the community. If this stage is successfully completed there is then the process of actually rebuilding and furnishing the new hall to accommodate the needs identified.  
The long term goal for improved carparking in common moor will also require considerable work and research with the aim of resolving this problem. |
The Cornwall & Isles of Scilly District Health Authority is responsible for purchasing health care services for the whole of Cornwall.

Justification.
- The appraisal results indicated that 40% of respondents would find a doctors surgery extremely useful if held in the parish. A further 33% indicated it would be useful. In total 73%, equating to over 400 respondents. Only 11% (just over 50 respondents) did not feel it would be of use and the remaining respondents did not know.
- During the last year 518 respondents had needed a doctor.
- 46% of respondents (over 400) are registered with a private dentist, 31% (over 250) are registered with an NHS dentist but 23% (200) cannot find an available dentist.
- 25% had at times experienced difficulty accessing hospital treatment, 20% accessing a GP, 16% accessing a dental surgery and 16% an optician.

“This area could do with better hospitals than those that currently exist. Derriford is too far away and too awkward to get to by 8.30a.m. for appointments”
As well as the main issues highlighted by the Appraisal, there are a number of broader based health initiatives that are available to the parish. Caradon District Council employ a Community Health Development Worker who is able to advise on the wider issues which may for instance be:
- A walking club (both social & healthy),
- A befriending scheme, which could be quite diverse. For example coffee mornings or visits to people who may be isolated, lonely or suffering from depression. Or, helping those who have physical or mobility problems and would benefit from someone accompanying them to the church/shops or tasks around the home. Factors such as loneliness, restrictions on mobility as well as practical problems such lack of heating due to financial constraints can all be detrimental to health.
- Support groups

Different training is available on broad based health topics and a range of health networks are operating which the parish may benefit from attending or alternatively there is scope for setting up a local group that feeds into the network.

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<td>To encourage healthy lifestyles and to ensure that basic health facilities available for residents of the parish.</td>
<td>Investigate possibility of doctors surgery (mobile e.g. held in memorial hall) Also look at outreach health clinics, run by nurses – primarily for the elderly and mother &amp; baby.</td>
<td>Health Authority CCC Local Doctors HAZ Social Services Parish Council &amp; other parish councils Health Clinics</td>
<td>Investigate dental surgery facilities &amp; options. involvment with healthy living forums &amp; promotion of walking clubs. Obtain further advice and ideas.</td>
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Shops

- The majority of residents shop outside of the parish.
  - The main reasons for shopping elsewhere is to obtain more choice, because goods are cheaper, ease of parking.
  - Other reasons include convenient to work, delivery service availability, nearer to school or nursery, or unspecified reasons.

**Reasons Given for Shopping outside the Parish.**

- Goods are cheaper: 666
- More choice: 665
- Convenient to work: 120
- Nearer School/Nursery: 80
- Easy to park: 53
- Delivery Service: 22
- Other: 28

**JUSTIFICATION.**

- Caradon District Council wish to close the toilets at the rear of St. Cleer Church. The strength of feeling is that the toilets should remain open. Of those who attended the Exhibition and expressed an opinion 54 attendees (87%) think it is very necessary that the toilets remain open and 8 attendees (13%) think it is fairly necessary. No-one at the event, thought the toilets were unnecessary and should be closed.
Post Office usage.

- The main reason for using the Post Office is for the postal services e.g. posting packages, buying stamps etc.
- Other reasons include paying TV Licence or other bills, collecting pension or allowances, obtaining information leaflets, to use girobank or savings facilities and other unspecified reasons.
- Tourist Information

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<td><strong>To ensure that the shops within the parish remain and are supported.</strong></td>
<td>Liaise with post office &amp; shop owners to investigate how best they can best be supported.</td>
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<td><strong>Also, to ensure that public toilets are kept open within the village of St. Cleer</strong></td>
<td>Obtain advice from P.O. &amp; shops advisor</td>
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<td>Present CDC with findings of event and plan. Lobby to keep toilets open.</td>
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<td>Parish Council</td>
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<td>PO services</td>
<td>Enlist help of County councillor and/or MP.</td>
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<td>CDC</td>
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<td>Consider local petition &amp; put article in local press.</td>
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SERVICES: SHOPS & AMENITIES
Of those utilities available, most residents are satisfied with the service they receive.

In the 2000 Appraisal,
- 86% of respondents rated the service provided by the electricity company as good or reasonable,
- 76% rated the service provided by the water company as good or reasonable.
- 86% rated the service given by the telephone provider as good or reasonable.
- 88% rated the refuse collection service as good or reasonable.
- 77% stated that gas supply service not applicable to them.

Over 64% of the respondents would like to be connected to mains gas if it were available.
At present, gas installation within the parish is limited and currently ends near Tokenbury Corner. In general there is no coverage, in St. Cleer, Darite, Common Moor and other hamlets within the Parish. A local resident, Mr. Emuss took up the case and contacted Transco. Transco required names and addresses of at least 70 householders to initiate an estimate for the gas supply. Mr. Emuss’ wife, a Councillor, also made some attempts to get Cornwall County Council to fund the main pipe into the villages, with a view to reducing the cost to householders – who would then fund the section from the main pipe into their homes. Mr. Emuss had a stand at the Great Exhibition and was approached by many residents. Within a relatively short time over 80 people had signed the petition to bring gas into the parish. Considering around 250 people attended the event this is approximately 33%.

Mains gas is the only economic answer for those on low incomes in the parish who suffer from “fuel poverty”. Action Caradon is pressing Government for the right of the residents to access mains gas.

### JUSTIFICATION.

- The appraisal results indicated that 64% of respondents would like to be connected to the mains gas supply.
- At the exhibition over 80 respondents (over 30%) signed the gas connection petition
- From the above figures, it can be seen that this meets the minimum of 70 required by Transco.

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<td>INFORMATION, ADVICE &amp; SUPPORT FROM ENERGY WATCH, COMMUNITY ENERGY PLUS &amp; ACTION CARADON.</td>
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<td>INVESTIGATE WHETHER A “GAS ROADSHOW” CAN BE HELD IN THE PARISH – AS HELD PREVIOUSLY.</td>
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In the Appraisal, respondents were asked to rate the police service, fire service and ambulance service and the results are shown in the chart above. However, when asked to rate police coverage of the area 53% rated this as “poor” and additionally there was concern over vandalism (37%), theft (26%), drunkeness (15%) and mugging (5%). Only 10% of respondents had no concern regarding crime or anti-social behaviour.

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| To provide a safe environment for residents of the parish. | To investigate involvement in initiatives e.g. mobile liaison, neighbourhood watch etc. | CCC
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary - mobile liaison service & community liaison officer
Community
Parish council | On-going
Continued communication with all partners to promote and support the parish. |
Environmental issues are of major concern to the residents of St. Cleer Parish. They are concerned about litter, dog fouling, pollution and interested in recycling, maintenance of footpaths. Respondents to the Appraisal feel that the most important things that could be done to make the countryside more attractive would be to remove litter, enforce dog fouling laws, stop vehicle damage to verges, repair gates, stiles and bridges, and signpost paths and bridleways.

Sibleyback Lake

South West Lakes Trust had a stand at the Great Exhibition to promote and discuss Sibleyback Lake. The lake offers a range of activities or facilities, such as wildlife, events, water sports, fishing, interesting walks and café with a gift shop. The Trust wanted to find out what was important to people and gave out a questionnaire for completion. From this, it was noted that the important issues were that people are in favour of improvements but do not want to destroy the peace and tranquillity of the area. Footpaths are important to them and these should be linked into the local networks. People also want more information about events and facilities at the lake and these need to be publicised locally. It should also be noted that realistically, people have different views on the lake and not all expectations can be met, but that there should be a balance.

Footpaths

This was a particular issue for Common Moor. There is concern that the streams are flooding the paths and washing them away. Even where granite stones border the paths there are problems as the stones erode and get washed away as well, leaving the paths in danger of merging with the stream itself. A representative, Linda Perrett of Common Moor & Friends has written to Cornwall County Council but was informed that any work on the streams to safeguard the paths would be the responsibility of the Environmental Agency. Linda Perrett is aiming to follow this up with the Environmental Agency but there appears to be a need for closer working between Cornwall County Council, Environmental Agency and possibly the Wildlife Trust to achieve a solution to this problem.

St. Cleer Parish Council receive a grant from Cornwall County Council, under the Parish Paths Partnership, to help maintain the footpaths and this work is sub-contracted out.
Two particular footpaths in Common Moor are of concern.

- South Trekeive along to Brookside house and
- The path that runs between Homecroft House & West House.

The second footpath is often under water, but hikers and walkers often wish to use this particular route, but find it in very poor condition.

"Footpaths are a disgrace"
"Footpaths maintained, is essential"
"Why don't we dredge the streams anymore & build up the footpaths"
"I have jogged around the village for about 3 years now, but since the footpaths became almost completely eroded, I have had to jog along the road and up onto the moors".
"I often walk my dog along the footpath between Brookside and the Sibleyback road, I have often stumbled and feel a little uneasy about walking along it, as if I were to fall there is the chance that no-one would find me."
"I enjoy walking my dog out to the lake, but I feel I can no longer do this as in winter the stream overflows and in summer the potholes are too dangerous, some are over a foot deep".

Comments from the Great Exhibition.

However, it should be noted that Common Moor residents are not the only ones concerned with footpath maintenance or signposting. This is also an issue for the parish as a whole. 62% of respondents in the 2000 Appraisal felt that signposting paths and bridleways would make the countryside more attractive and also there were various comments on aspects of walking the footpaths in the parish e.g. accessibility.

Flooding

Was also identified as a problem at the Great Exhibition with locations identified as Higher Tremar Coombe, between Shortacross & Poultry Farm, Halbathick Cottage, Near Tremabe Bridge and the road between Common Moor & St. Cleer.

Recycling

Caradon District Council’s Local Agenda 21 Officer, Alex Lochhead, was involved in the Great Exhibition and overwhelmingly was asked for kerbside recycling. It appears that people do want to recycle and protect their environment but that good facilities need to be in place to help them do this.
Litter & Dog Mess

Litter and dog mess problems were identified in the Appraisal as the major barriers to making the countryside more attractive. 83% of respondents want litter removed and 79% want dog fouling laws enforced. These issues were also identified at the Great Exhibition with the Dog Warden from Caradon District Council also in attendance. Attendees were asked to indicate on a map various locations that dog fouling is a particular problem – locations included: Tremar Lane, St. Cleer Downs, St. Cleer village particularly in the main street and near the school, on the road to Trethevy Quoit. This echoes some of the locations identified in the Appraisal as areas where litter and dog fouling is a problem. The location that was named the most being Tremar Lane. However, in general, residents feel that this a problem throughout the area and not confined to one area or one street. Residents would like cleaner pavements, roads, footpaths and environment as a whole. Additionally, well over 600 respondents thought a campaign against litter and rubbish is needed to protect wildlife.
Other Environmental Issues

Other issues raised by residents of St. Cleer are noise pollution from motorcycle scrambling and low flying aircraft. Animal noise issues are also linked to keeping livestock on the moors away from residential properties – with residents suggesting cattle grids (as previously mentioned in the traffic section) and also fencing. This is however a contentious matter as the other train of thought is that if you live in a moorland parish, you expect animals to be part and parcel of your lifestyle.

The low flying aircraft were thought to be a problem by approximately 300 residents. Other disturbances were traffic noise, and light pollution.

Common land maintenance is also a concern. There is a need to ensure it remains open and is managed appropriately to prevent the moorland becoming choked. This will require co-operation and communication between the land owners and those that graze their livestock on this land.

"If large sums are available, please use them to improve roadside footpaths (not necessarily paved & kerbed, but at least there!)".
"Information points on local points of interest & selling O.S. Maps (as does village store in St. Cleer)".
"Footpaths & footpath hedges should be trimmed to stop them becoming overgrown and allow more people to use them"
"Doorstep recycling a.s.a.p."
"Recycling facilities badly needed".
"Flooding too often after rainfall on road from egg farm to Shortacross and on bend at Tremabe Cottage".
"Booo to the fencing"
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<td>Check whether paths identified as problematic are defined as footpaths – O.S. maps</td>
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Environmental issues

Community, in conjunction with parish council, to take note of any environmental issues that need action or monitoring.
The publication of the Parish Plan is not the end of the process, but the starting point for implementation of action proposed within. It is the responsibility of St. Cleer Parish Council and the community to take the actions forward.

Some issues will have some “quick fix” solutions that can be implemented. However, other actions will require lobbying and on-going work to achieve a satisfactory resolution. The Parish Council will need to monitor and review the Plan and update to ensure that it moves with the changing of the parish and reflects the views of the parish community.

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The Parish Council would like to thank:
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For their assistance now and in the future.

The Parish Council look forward to working with all those previously mentioned, as well as Cornwall County Council, Environmental Agency, Health providers, Employment Service and others who can help achieve the vision for St. Cleer.

THE VISION
To enable everyone within the community to have a voice in how their parish should develop within the realms of legitimate aspirations. To preserve, enhance and develop a better quality of life for all.
Following the completion of the Appraisal in 2000, the Parish Council and Appraisal Group have worked to achieve solutions to some of the problems that were identified.

Whilst there is no intention of becoming complacent, it is important to note that issues have been acted upon and that the Parish Council continues to work to enhance the parish and meet the needs of the community.

Details of the Parish Council are on display on the notice board by St. Cleer Church.

The list below indicates some of the changes that have taken place since the start of the consultation process.

- Kerbside recycling introduced in many parts of the parish and Caradon District Council are still in the process of “rolling out” to other parts of the parish.
- Bus shelters erected
- Cattle grids in place.
- Introduction of bus service between Liskeard and Derriford Hospital following widespread demand in the Caradon district.
- 30mph speed limit at Crows Nest introduced.
This Parish Plan has been designed and produced by Cornwall Rural Community Council for St. Cleer Parish Council in accordance with their requirements.

GLOSSARY:

AGLV      AREA OF GREAT LANDSCAPE VALUE
AONB      AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
BEAST     BODMIN MOOR EMPLOYMENT ACTION SUPPORT TEAM
CA      COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY
CAB      CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
CCC      CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL
CDC      CARADON DISTRICT COUNCIL
CPFA      CORNWALL PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION
CRCC      CORNWALL RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ECRTP     EAST CORNWALL RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP
HAZ      HEALTH ACTION ZONE
PFI      PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE
PTU      PASSENGER TRANSPORT UNIT (CCC DEPARTMENT)
SAZ      SPORTS ACTION ZONE

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