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Mawnan Parish Plan 2006



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Mawnan Parish Plan 2006 is a document that sets out how the community sees itself developing over the next 5-10 years. This leaflet provides a summary of the key issues that are highlighted in the Plan. To view a full copy please contact Mawnan Parish Council.

## Why did Mawnan produce a Parish Plan?

There are many reasons why Mawnan Parish Council decided to undertake a Parish Plan:

- > First and foremost it enables the community to have a say in how their Parish develops in the future.
- > It can be used to attract funding for projects, as it can prove demand for facilities and activities.
- > It can be used to influence planning policies. Appropriate elements of the Plan have the potential to be included within the District Council's Development Plan Documents in the Local Development Framework, thereby giving them more 'weight' in planning decisions.
- > It is also useful in providing the Parish Council with a clear framework of actions to be taken, based on what residents see as important.
- > Community groups and residents can use information in the Plan too, as it provides an invaluable tool to help them lobby for change.

## How was the Plan developed?

Via an initial enquiry form and a questionnaire; the questionnaire was produced by a steering group and delivered to every household in the Parish by a team of volunteers. Out of the 660 questionnaires delivered, 488 were returned, giving a very high response rate of 74%. An analysis of the replies in the questionnaire was then produced by the Cornwall Rural Community Council.

'Mawnan Hedhyw, Mawnan Avarow', Cornish for 'Mawnan Today, Mawnan Tomorrow', was the next stage of the process. Linked with a local produce market, the event was held at Mawnan Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th March 2006. It gave residents the chance to view the results of the questionnaire and make comments on the proposed actions that could be taken to help tackle the key issues. Residents were also asked to prioritise the issues. A total of over 269 residents attended the event.



# Key Issues

Below is a list of the key issues that were raised through the consultation, placed in their order of priority. Please refer to the relevant pages for information on each issue.



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**Vision:** *To provide an adequate supply of affordable homes for local residents in housing need (ie. first time buyers, young people, and families), allowing young people to remain living in the Parish. Any development needs to be small scale and sympathetic to the local environment.*

Affordable housing is considered the most important issue in the Parish. 80% of respondents stated that Mawnan needed affordable housing for local people, mainly young individuals and young families. Many comments were made stating that if extra housing was going to be built in the Parish, then the size of development should be limited and houses should be designed to fit in with the style of the older, existing buildings.

**What** can be done?

- > Monitor the need for low cost housing of all tenures via the District and Local Needs Housing Surveys.
- > Investigate potential sites and form working relationships with housing providers.
- > Work with the District Council to ensure number of new properties are limited and in keeping with area.
- > Meetings to be held with planning officers and residents to discuss plans for future housing. Meetings should be set up early on in the planning process to ensure residents' views are taken into consideration.
- > Infrastructure will need to be considered, including sewage system, local facilities and parking.
- > Parish Council to be responsible for leading on this project, liaising with Kerrier District Council Housing Enabling and Planning Departments. Housing providers, such as Housing Associations and private developers, also need to be worked with closely.
- > Liaise with local landowners.



# Traffic, Safety & Accessibility

**Vision:** *Parish roads as safe as possible for all users, with appropriate traffic speeds throughout the Parish. Road signage to be sympathetic to the surrounding environment. Ensure adequate parking in summer months, easing problem of dangerous, illegal and inconvenient parking.*

Both the questionnaire and the prioritisation event highlighted road safety as a key priority for the Parish, with many residents stating unsafe areas for pedestrians and problems with speeding traffic. While most residents were in favour of lower speed limits and the introduction of a pedestrian crossing, there were mixed feelings regarding traffic calming measures, with some residents stating the need to protect Mawnan Parish from becoming cluttered with speed humps, excessive signage and lighting. There were also mixed views on cars parked on the roads in the village with some residents stating that they helped to slow traffic down, while other residents arguing that parking caused congestion and was a safety hazard. The majority of residents, however, did agree that more parking was needed in the summer months. Speeding buses in the Parish was another issue raised by many residents.

**What** can be done?

- > Set up working group to explore various traffic management solutions, locations for pedestrian crossings and traffic law enforcement issues.
- > Contact the local County Councillor, as Councillors also hold a budget for small local improvements.
- > Using consultation data, and further research if necessary, identify locations and times (eg. beginning and end of school day) where speeding traffic is a major concern.
- > Report bus speeding incidents to bus operators (date, time and service information will be needed).
- > Research locations that could be used for temporary parking in the summer months.
- > Educate and encourage people to park more considerately through local publications.
- > Investigate initiatives such as a 'walking bus' to school to cut car congestion at the beginning and end of the school day.
- > Promote car sharing initiatives (eg. Carshare Cornwall) to help cut numbers of cars travelling through the Parish.

# Enhancing the Environment



**Vision:** *An attractive, well maintained and accessible built and natural environment, protecting the Parish's unique character.*

Both the built and natural environment are key assets of Mawnan Parish, with its unique Cornish village and an attractive surrounding landscape. The two most popular measures to improve the attractiveness of the village are to preserve the Forge and the Reading Rooms and to encourage households to keep pavements weed free. Recent improvements have recently been made to the public toilets, and the District Council has now handed the ownership of the facilities to the Parish Council. Mawnan has also recently entered the Calor Gas 'Best Kept Village' competition.

In terms of natural environment, a number of residents voiced their concern about the spread of Japanese Knotweed, the need for electricity cables to be put underground, the need to reduce littering, fly-tipping and vandalism, as well as the need to keep street lighting to an absolute minimum. The majority of residents thought that existing footpaths were well maintained and signposted, and generally sufficient for the Parish. There was however support for an additional footpath from Mawnan that would lead to Glendurgan, Trebah and Helford passage.

**What** can be done?

- > Set up working party to undertake and investigate projects in the built environment including identifying locations in the Parish where there is litter. Looking into installing more litter bins, and encouraging residents to keep pavements outside their property weed free.
- > Look into feasibility of employing a village cleaner and/or enlisting the help of volunteers.
- > Set up a working group to focus on issues in the wider Parish/natural environment.
- > Involve local school children in planting and maintaining green areas in an environment/educational project.
- > Set up a project to ensure the preservation of the buildings such as the Forge and Reading Rooms.



## *Shops & Amenities*

**Vision:** *A wider selection of shops and amenities within the Parish.*

Highlighted as a key issue, residents made comments about how they would like to see services such as a butcher return to the village. Other suggestions included a cafe/coffee shop and shops selling more fresh and local produce. In terms of the existing shops and amenities, suggestions for improvements included increasing opening hours to better suit residents' needs and increasing the range of produce on offer locally.

**What** can be done?

- > Continued support for local businesses to ensure they are sustainable.
- > Work with local businesses and the Rural Shops Alliance to explore possibilities of increasing range of products/amenities available to local people and extending opening hours.
- > Continue to promote and host local produce markets within the Parish, advertising through the Parish website and notice boards etc.



## *Youth Activities*

**Vision:** *Appropriate youth activities and facilities in the Parish, with the possible creation of a drop-in youth centre/cafe.*

Both adults and young people thought that there needed to be more for young people to do in the Parish. Many young people were in favour of an internet/social cafe in the village. Accessing facilities outside of the Parish is also an issue for young people, with the bus service being inadequate.

**What** can be done?

- > Investigate the feasibility of a drop-in centre/cafe.
- > Obtain youth input and encourage involvement.
- > Identify volunteers to help arrange and be involved in activities.
- > Encourage young people to attend the local youth club, seeking advice from Cornwall County Council Youth Service.
- > Investigate transport issues regarding young people accessing facilities.

# Energy & Waste



**Vision:** *Promotion of energy efficiency and recycling throughout the Parish.*

Solutions favoured by residents for reducing fossil fuel consumption included cutting the need for traveling by encouraging more local businesses, supporting local facilities, creating more employment in the Parish and promoting car sharing. Increased recycling and less pre-packaging of goods was favoured by most residents to help reduce waste.

**What** can be done?

- > Encourage more local business (see 'Shops and Amenities' section).
- > Investigate feasibility of extending and improving the kerbside recycling service, increasing the types products collected.
- > Lobby local businesses to champion eco packaging/products.
- > Promote car sharing initiatives (eg. Carshare Cornwall).
- > Investigate and promote energy efficiency measures within the Parish.
- > Contact Community Energy Plus for advice on projects.

# Public Transport



**Vision:** *An efficient, viable public and community transport system.*

Many residents stated that the bus service was too expensive and needed improving. There was a moderate demand for both a community taxi and community bus service.

**What** can be done?

- > Further identify transport needs not currently met by existing public and community transport, researching whether any existing bus services could be extended or adapted to meet some of the Parish's needs. Investigate realistic improvements identified by residents, such as improving the bus service information.
- > Public Transport Operators and CCC's Passenger Transport Unit should be contacted via West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership and involved in discussions as how to improve the service.



## *Sport & Community Activities*

**Vision:** Residents to have access to a wide range of activities, events and facilities, along with increased promotion and advertising of activities within the Parish.

Many residents suggested that publicity for activities and events could be increased through measures such as the creation of a Parish Magazine, as well as the provision of a list of activities taking place in the village hall being placed on the notice board outside the hall and being updated regularly.

**What** can be done?

- > Build on existing data to identify additional recreational requirements and educational needs of the Parish.
- > Promote existing activities and groups e.g. through developing a Parish magazine, and through advertising on the Parish website, notice boards and in local shops.



## *Engaging Residents*

**Vision:** Parish Council to further increase amount of public participation in decision making, to take actions suggested in Parish Plan forward and keep the Parish Plan up-to-date with residents' help.

The majority of residents stated that Mawnan Parish Council were aware of issues within the Parish, and the Council has already achieved 'Quality Status' for its efforts. The success of the Parish Plan will rely on the continued review of issues/actions being taken, along with the further engagement and involvement of residents.

**What** can be done?

- > Better publicity of Parish's Council meetings to encourage more residents to attend.
- > Work towards maintaining the Parishes 'Quality Status'.
- > Review and update plan when necessary.

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