

# PORTREATH PARISH PLAN



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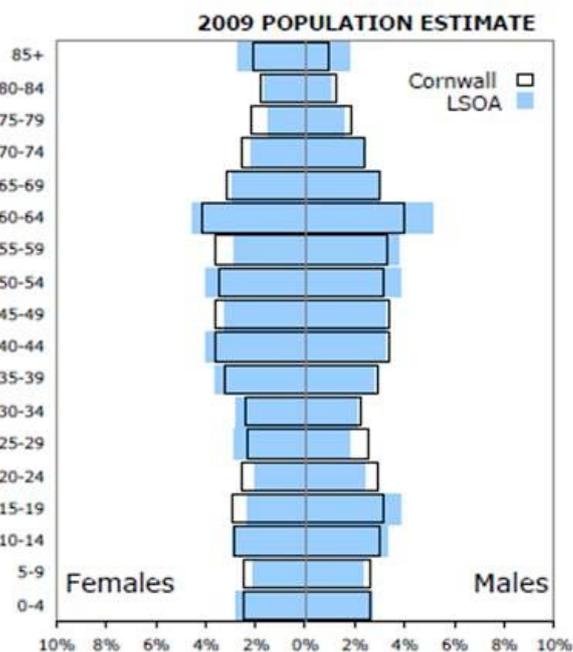
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## Introduction

Situated north of the urban area of Camborne-Redruth the small and compact parish of Portreath lies on the coast between Porthscadjack Cove and Porthtowan. It is made up of two main settlements – Portreath and Bridge, three clusters of dwellings and farms – Cambrose, Nancekuke and Forthvean, Porthtowan as well as a number of isolated farms and RAF Portreath. There are two places of worship, a junior school, three public halls, a small industrial estate, a major holiday site, two camping sites, a cycle hire business, a residential home for the elderly, a surf and life saving club, a small supermarket with Post Office, a village bakery, four restaurants and cafes, two garage repair shops and a couple of specialist shops,. The Mineral Tramway and the Coastal footpath run through the parish and there is a small section of AONB on land owned by the National Trust. The Portreath Stream, (formerly The Red River) runs through the valley collecting water from further inland. There are blocks of woodland at Nance Woods and Illogan Woods and where the valley opens out at the coast is a small bay with a sandy beach adjacent to a small historic harbour. The remainder of the coast is composed of fractured high cliffs pierced by small bays that are mostly impossible to access from the land. Portreath also lies within the Cornwall Mining World Heritage Site designation.

## Population

In 2001, taken from the National Census data, National Statistics indicated a population for the parish of 1,344 and this was estimated to rise to 1410 by 2010. The working population comprises 63% of the total with 24% of state pension age and 13% young people. The graph shows how the population is made up with a large proportion of 60-64 year olds and an incredible number of people over 85.



Both of these figures are well above the rest of Cornwall. The area is seen as attractive as 18% of households appear to be “retirees electing to settle in an environmentally attractive locality”. It also appears that 23% of households are in single occupancy. However there does appear to be high percentages of second homes and vacant dwellings marking the locality as being within the highest 20% areas in Cornwall. Housing is the most worrying feature as the statistics show the parish is within the 20% most deprived areas in England for indoor

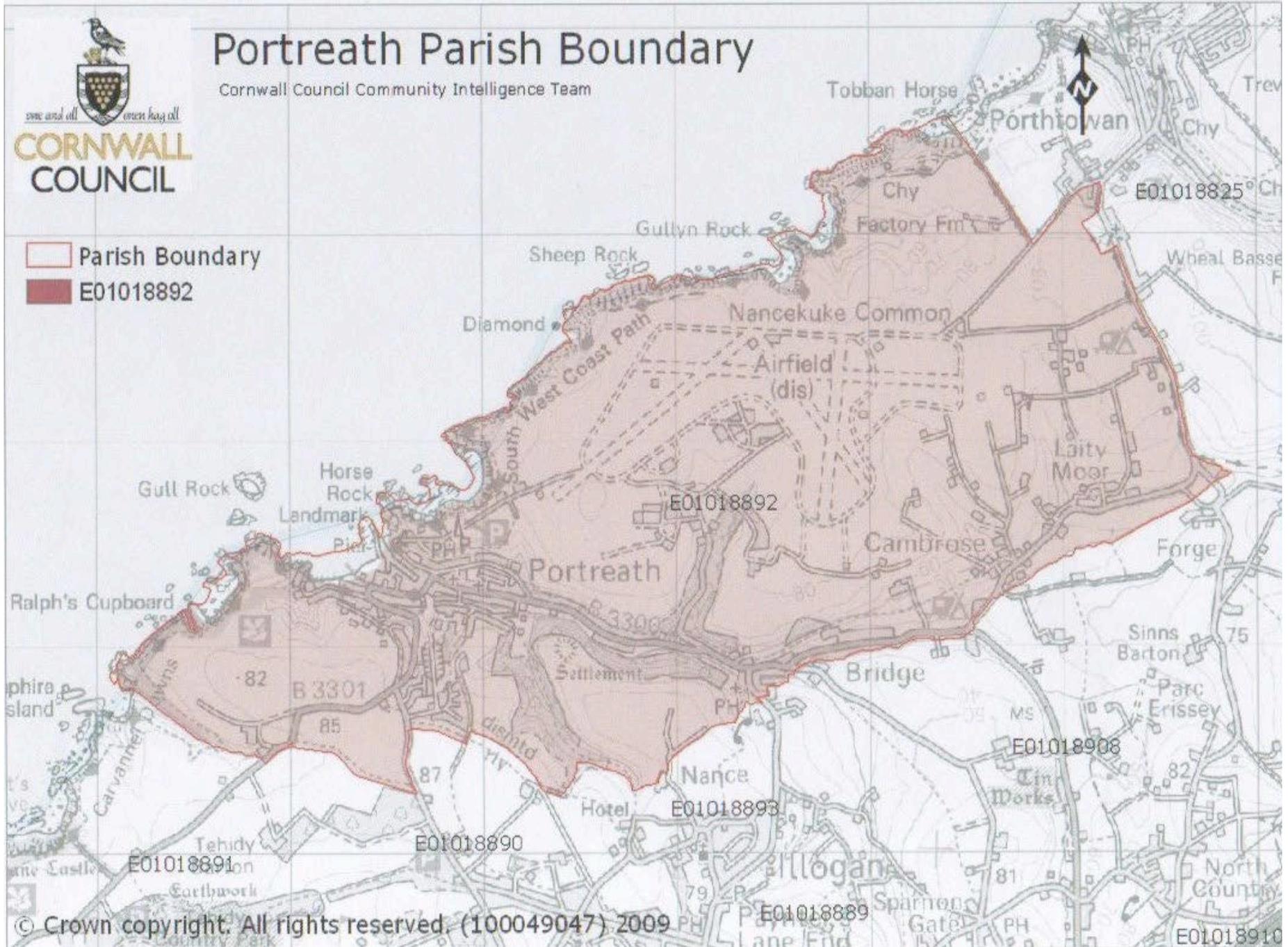


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# Portreath Parish Boundary

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living environment. This coupled with the fact that 18.7% of households are in fuel poverty indicates that heating and insulation of homes is low, thus giving rise to the deprivation factor. The ranking for the outdoor living environment is amongst the highest in the country. Access to services, ie. primary schools, GPs and foodstores, appears to be considered reasonable – within 15 minutes by private transport or walking – and crime is considered low with recorded crime 20% lower than the rest of Cornwall.

## History

### Portreath

Originally a small fishing village first mentioned in 1485, Portreath became an important port during the mining era exporting over 100,000 tons of copper and tin ore to South Wales. As early as 1700 a harbour was built on the west side of the bay but this was difficult to access so in 1760 the new harbour was begun with additions in 1800 and 1824 and the inner basin in 1846. It was fully completed in 1860 with the New Dock. The whole area was enclosed in a high stone wall that besides the harbour and its railways encompassed other activities such as ship building, lime burning, the Portreath Seining Company and fish curing. The site of the Fish Palace is under what is now the Waterfront Inn and the rest of the coal yard and ore bins are covered in housing built in the 1960s and 70s.

Packhorses served the harbour originally bringing ore from North Downs and Poldice, the richest copper mines in the district in the 1700's. However in an effort to increase deliveries a scheme for a canal was proposed but this was dropped in favour of a tramroad running up the valley, a unique project for Cornwall as it was the first railway. The first rail was laid in 1809 and although initially successful the tramway had fallen into disuse by 1855 and closed completely by 1866 when a flooding of the world copper market created a slump in Cornwall. There was a celebration in 2009 to mark the bicentenary of the laying of the line. The tramway also declined with competition from a branch line opened in 1838 that brought ore from the mines around Dolcoath. To get the ore down to the harbour the impressive incline was built powered by a stationary engine at the top drawing trucks up and down the double track bed. The line closed in 1932 but the rails remained until the Second World War when a concrete wall was built across the way to impede any enemy advances.

Not only was there great activity at the harbour but there were a number of streaming works sited down the valley as at Bridge and Portreath Moor with a final one on the beach. Also there were a couple of mines, one on the beach, producing copper ore in the 1850s and a smelting house at Glenfeadon.

### Bridge

The eastern portion of the Parish lies within the manor of Nancekuke which lay on both sides of the valley linked at Bridge. This is the latest name for the

village which originally was called St Julyan's Bridge in 1580, St Gilian's Bridge in 1650 and then Tresillian Bridge West as against Tresillian Bridge East on the road between Truro and St. Austell. The bridge was rebuilt in 1797 when the village consisted of about half a dozen houses together with an ancient Grist Mill. By the side of the bridge was a newly built meeting house of one of the earliest Wesleyan Societies in the Parish of Illogan. When it became too small the current chapel was built in 1816 and has been in use ever since. As the village grew a shop was opened as well as a public house or Kiddywink. Bridge Inn is still open but the shop closed in 1985. There was a tin streaming works with stamps in Rayle Bottoms that worked from before 1850 until 1914.

## RAF Portreath

Situated on the high ground of Nancekuke to the north of Bridge is RAF Portreath covering approximately 1000 acres (222 hectares). The station started operations in 1941 as a Fighter Station with two satellites at Perranporth and Predannack. Between 1950 and 1979 the site became a chemical defence establishment as a satellite of Porton Down but in 1980 the RAF returned deploying radar installations to cover the South Western Approaches. Over succeeding years the responsibilities of the station have diminished but the radar system is still in operation. The future of this area is unknown but as a major land holding within the Parish any new use would be of great interest.

## Why a Parish Plan?

The civil parish of Portreath is relatively new being created in 1985 following a review by the Boundary Commission. Originally it was considered as a ward of Illogan Parish but local inhabitants led by the Portreath Improvements Committee fought to get the area recognised as a separate parish. The Portreath Parish has currently 1221 electors in 728 properties. The council is comprised of 7 members and a clerk who generally meet on the first Monday of the month.

At present the Parish Council

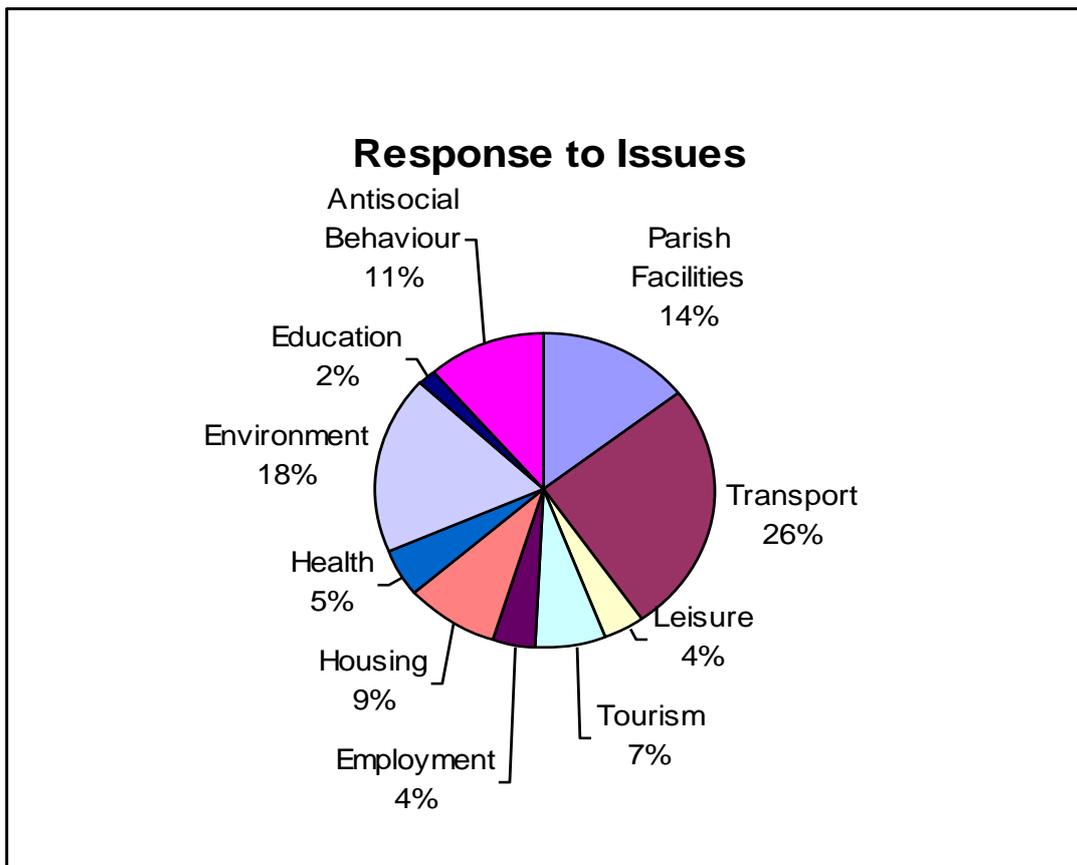
- Responds to planning applications
- Provides a conduit between parishioners and public bodies – Council, EA, water board, etc
- Develops partnerships with other organisations for specific projects
- Deals with concerns raised by outside bodies
- Maintains footpaths
- Collects litter
- Provides street lighting
- Maintains sitting area in harbour
- Owns land alongside the Tram

Services that continue at a cost to the Parish are footpath trimming, litter collecting and closing the toilets at night besides maintaining the Council's property.

In 2007 a "Planning for Real" exercise identified various sites within the village of Portreath that have resulted in improvements made to the Square, Beach Road, Greenfield Gardens and the play area, now Greenslade Park. Now to build on these achievements and embrace the whole parish the Parish Council decided to develop a Parish Plan which involves the whole community in identifying local issues as well as informing outside interests whose activities impinge on the parish.

### The Questionnaire

The Parish Council decided to send out a simple questionnaire (Appendix 1) to find out what concerned its parishioners most. 728 were posted out and 251 completed forms returned with many comments under the various issues:- parish facilities, transport, leisure facilities, tourism, employment, housing, health, environment, education and training and antisocial behaviour. An indication of the ages of people in the household was also requested. The response gave a return of 35% and this can be broken down in the following diagram.



The separate tables show the primary concerns within each topic

In all the survey covered 479 people from all the age groups. By far the biggest age range to reply to the questionnaire were the 30 – 64 group, 53% (258), followed by the 65+ group, 23% (112). 21% of replies showed up as family households (3 persons or more) and 30% as 2 person households. For the remainder, 45%, only one of the boxes was ticked or circled so it is uncertain how many of these are single households or come within the other two categories. However it would appear that at least 55 in the over 65 group could be living alone. 9 replies gave no indication of age range.

## **Digest of Public Comments**

Much of the comment received was focussed primarily on Portreath itself which, although understandable as the largest area of population, was unfortunate as the Parish covers a wider area.

*“ living out of the village this doesn't really affect us”*

### **Community and Development**

On the whole Portreath appears to be considered as a lovely and peaceful place to live

*“Portreath on the whole is a lovely place to live”; “a happy place to live”; “Portreath has always been a user friendly village, a real comfort and close knit community”; “peace is an important part of choosing to live here”*

and the recent changes in the Square not only make it look smarter but will benefit local businesses and inhabitants. Concern is expressed about overdevelopment with “large properties blighting the coastal landscape”

*“a delightful village but too many new developments – not in keeping”*

Similar concerns were expressed about Gwel an Mor as it was felt local amenities would suffer.

### **Parish Facilities**

The existing facilities are considered essential for the wellbeing of the community

*“no facilities – no village”; “if you lose these you lose the real village”*

but others would be welcomed.

*“ need fish and chip shop”; “need banking facilities”; “ doctors surgery”*

In Bridge the reopening of the Bridge Inn was welcomed as it reanimated the community that was perceived to be dying after the closure of the shop. It

appears that neither the Chapel nor the village hall here contribute to the sense of well being.

*“When Bridge Inn closed for a time the village lost its heart”*

Both the state of the toilets and the harbour are considered appalling. Although the site of the toilets is unlikely to change in the short term they are to be improved for the current season. The harbour is run by the Portreath Harbour Association who has plans to improve the facilities and try and address the smell. They have taken away layers of sand contaminated with dying seaweed but the problem remains.

### **Tourism**

Tourism is considered important as it encouraged more people to use the village facilities and thus their viability so reducing the risk of closure.

*“Tourism is important for the health of Portreath”; “Falling numbers causing hardship to local traders”*

Many considered Gwel an Mor should be welcomed as helping businesses within the village as well as offering additional facilities to the village – use of swimming pool for locals in the winter.

### **Transport**

Generally the amount of traffic, the speed limits and parking, especially near the school, were commented upon as well as the harbour, the toilets and dogs and horses on the beach.

Speeding caused much concern especially at Cambrose adjacent to the Mineral Tramway and through Bridge and Bridge Moor. The speed limit has been extended in some areas but more needs to be done. The local Cornwall Councillor is working to improve the situation. The speed bumps in Penberthy Road also came in for comment especially as they were considered damaging to small vehicles. Parking especially on junctions raised a number of comments as well as parking on double yellow lines. The lack of sufficient parking generally is much deplored. The car park is considered too expensive and should be free for locals in the winter. The new barrier system should take away the problems caused by clamping.

Another cause of concern is the bus service. It is felt to be important not only for the elderly but for those have to get to work in the neighbourhood. Information on the bus service appeared difficult to access.

*“better transport would give people access to employment, education and training”*

Currently the service runs hourly both ways to Redruth and Camborne with a through link to Truro by way of St Day and Carnon Downs. It is possible to

change in Redruth for mainline services and the train. There is a service in the summer along the coast between Newquay and St.Ives. Poor links with the train services were mentioned as well as unreliability. Additional bus shelters outside the centre of Portreath were also requested.

### **Environment**

Dog fouling and dogs on the beach were the source of much comment.

*“see no need for dogs on beach after 6 in summer, I go elsewhere in evenings”*

Dog faeces are to be removed by the dog owner anywhere in the public realm within the 30mph limits including public footpaths. The bags can be disposed in the ordinary litter bins as well as designated dog bins.

### **Employment**

Local employment is seen as essential and brings stability to the community

*“should be a drive to provide relevant jobs for local people”*

Most local jobs are perceived to be seasonal or part time and not adequate to keep people in the village throughout the year. Inadequate and unreliable public transport is seen as a reason why many people cannot access jobs in other parts of the neighbourhood.

### **Education**

Portreath School is considered to provide a high quality primary education and is heavily over subscribed.

*“Good local school essential and local adult education necessary”*

For families with young children it is a vital part of the community and a reminder that Portreath is not just for retirees. There would appear to be a demand for some adult education classes. The pre-school is also regarded as an asset and some felt it ought to have more support. Parking at the school raised a number of comments.

*“Dropping off children at school is seriously dangerous, totally appalled and furious, only a matter of time before a child is killed due to ridiculous parking at school”*

The school are encouraging parents to walk to school and the Portreath Arms has offered its car park for short stay so relieve the parking at the entrance to the village.

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

Safety and peace of mind were considered vital to living in Portreath. A clean village, a clean beach and well maintained footpaths and green spaces all contribute to healthy living and reduce the risk of crime. Complaints about anti-social behaviour appear to mirror national attitudes – youngsters to blame, noise from pubs, underage drinking, petty vandalism and perceived lack of police presence. Policing is seen to be the answer with more presence in the summer and a swift response when requested although it was recognised that the current economic state might make things difficult. A lack of activities for teenagers was cited as one of the problems.

## **Housing**

The lack of affordable housing for local people is another point of concern

*“My children cannot afford to live here”; “Young adults forced to leave village as no affordable housing”*

as there appeared to be an over provision of large new expensive properties either as redevelopment of existing buildings or as infill. Much of this new development was seen as being out of character with the area

*“Several inappropriate building schemes aborted ! we need to keep the village feel or too many carbuncles”*

Land is at a premium for affordable housing and Cornwall Council are promoting schemes to encourage land owners to donate land that the local community considers appropriate for affordable housing schemes.

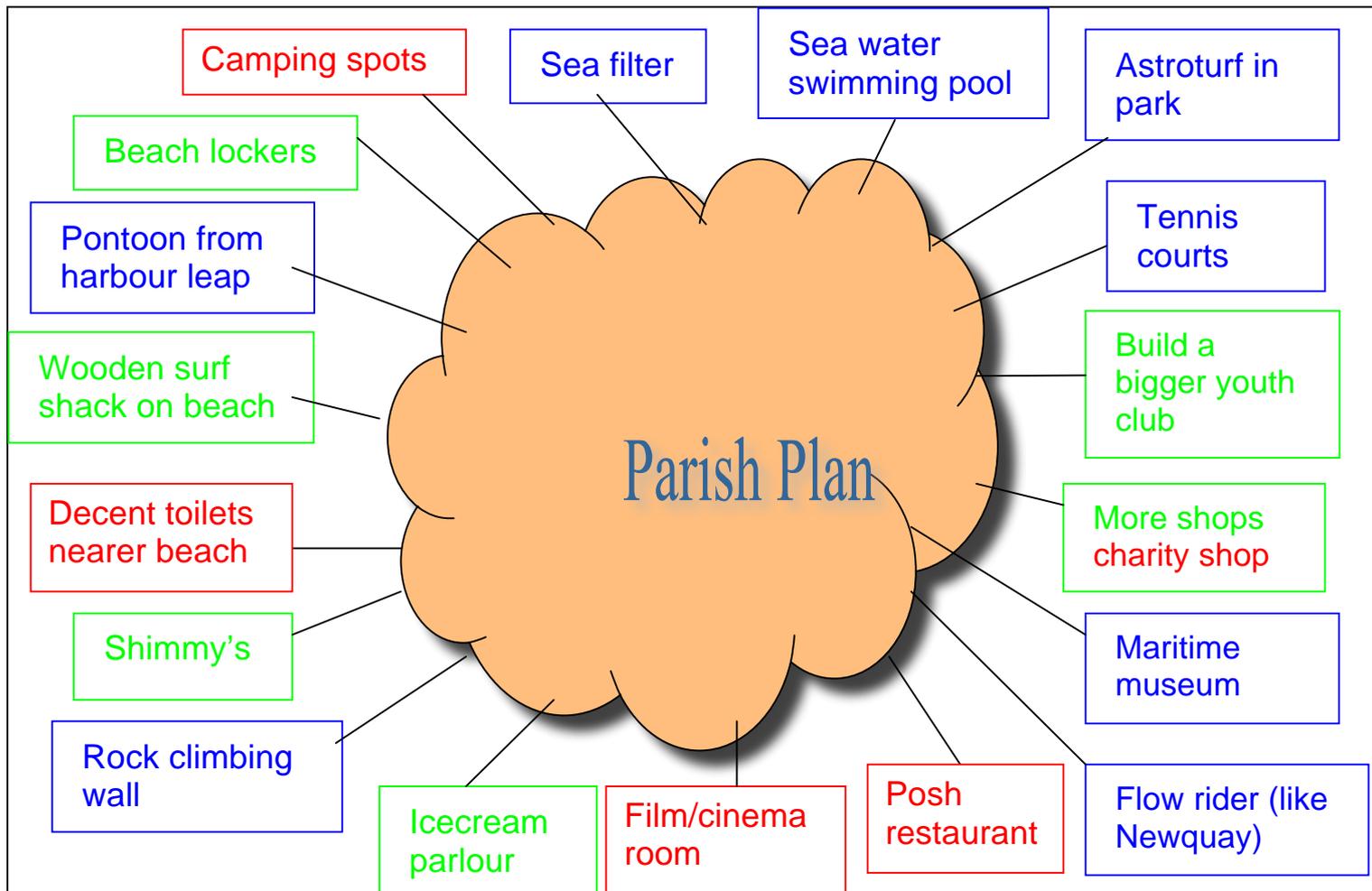
## **Parish Council**

Amongst the comments the Parish Council came in for some support

*“good local councillors, they keep eyes on things going on which is good for future generations”; “would like to note our support for Portreath PC and its role in the community and its encouragement to the children to be part of the community”*

## **Young People**

The young men of the Barn Youth Project produced their own version of a wish list of facilities they feel would add to the attractiveness of the parish. (see over) Their most immediate issue is for improvements to the football pitch in Greenslade Park where it is considered astroturfing would be an ideal solution along with improved drainage.



The Barn Youth Project Consultation Wish List – 14 – 18 year olds  
(red girls, blue boys, green joint)

## Parish Consultation Day

As part of the Parish Plan process a Consultation Day was held on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the Millennium Hall for members of the public to comment on the draft plan. People came from Nancekuke and Bridge as well as from Portreath itself; approximately 100 people in a steady stream from 11.15 until the doors closed at 3 pm. Most people found the exhibition interesting and relished the opportunity to be involved in the plan process. Concerns ranged from speeding through more activities based on the areas heritage to the possibilities of finding work for older teenagers. There was universal condemnation of the state of the harbour, 'Portreath Pong', and the toilets as well as the extent, design and scale of new developments. There were also a number of proposals for a parish website to keep those in the more rural areas and those who appear to read neither notice boards nor the "Tram" abreast of parish activities and events. The exhibition was divided into the different issues as highlighted in this document. All the information gathered promoted a full discussion within the Parish Council and although not all the

suggestions could be taken on board a number of additional projects were added

## ISSUES

### **Development and Housing** – 74 people responded

It appears from the consultation that many feel there is inappropriate and over development within the parish (32) especially in Portreath itself although in Bridge, Cambrose and Forth an Nance, Porthtowan recently there have been some controversial decisions. The Parish Council is a consultee for planning and has tried to maintain a balanced approach to the needs of the area considering all applications on their merits and their value to the area. It is encouraged to engage with developers before large planning applications are submitted so as to be aware of the scope of the proposal and its content. This gives the Council an opportunity to informally object to proposals and/or encourage modifications so that the development is in keeping with the locality. The production of a design guide could help to facilitate sympathetic development. In future the Parish may have to identify areas where it would not be adverse to appropriate development taking place.

#### Objectives

- to maintain a good working relationship with Cornwall Council Planning Department
- To ensure the views of residents are fully represented
- To ensure future development is within keeping and sympathetic to the Parish
- To maintain the separate identity of the villages and hamlets

Project : Continue to monitor and advise on planning applications and contraventions.

#### **Housing**

According to the consultation many felt there were too many houses already with “*building on every postage stamp*” and “*resembles living on a building site*”.(22) The fact that many were large in size, out of character with the area and thus out of reach of local salaries, that many were second homes or holiday accommodation was deplored.(9) Gwel an Mor particularly came in for comment as being of too large a scale for the area. National statistics do show that 8% of the housing stock in the parish are second homes underlining the disquiet felt by parishioners.

However there was considerable pressure for affordable homes (25) so that youngsters borne and bred in the parish could remain and this was borne out in the recent Affordable Housing Survey where 40 households qualified. A mixed development at Gwel an Mor has

## FINDINGS OF PORTREATH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

### SUMMARY

**TOTAL NUMBER OF FORMS RETURNED** **54**

**Respondents with a local connection to the Parish** **46**  
**Respondents in Housing Need** **40**

#### HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

<b>Size Requirements</b>	1 Bedroom	11%	4
	2 Bedrooms	47%	2
	3 Bedrooms	38%	3
	4 or more Bedrooms	4%	1

#### AFFORDABILITY

##### Tenure Requirement

Rent	1
Purchase	34
Either	5

##### Households Earnings & Mortgage ability (3x Income)

less than £15,000	11	up to £45,000	
£15,000 - £25,000	11	£45,000 - £75,000	
£25,000 - £35,000	10	£75,000 - £105,000	
£35,000 +	5	from £105,000	
Declined to answer	3		

##### Household Savings

less than £2,000k	15
£2,000 - £5,000	10
£5,000 - £10,000	4
£10,000 +	5
Declined to answer	6

been approved providing 20 affordable homes but surveys show more will be required over succeeding years.

Objective

- Support initiatives to help residents remain in the Parish.

Project : to search for small scale development sites for affordable housing within the Parish

## **Business and Commercial**

Besides a number of food and retail outlets throughout the Parish there is a small trading estate on the outskirts of Bridge. These together with the tourist trade offer the possibilities of jobs for local people.

### Objective

- Support initiatives that create jobs for local people

Project : support local enterprises and encourage new ones

## **MOD**

As a major land holding in the parish the future of RAF Portreath is of great interest. Although there appears there would be no change at present if the MOD did decide to withdraw the land at Nancekuke might revert to its original owners or their heirs, as was in the original acquisition agreement, or it could be sold off in lots. What ever happens the holding could be fragmented and put to a number of uses that could affect the parish. The Parish Council will be keeping a watching brief on the situation.

## **Transport** – 198 people responded

Parking or lack of it was one of the most important issues (11) with inconsiderate parking on bends, double yellow lines and at the school (18) as well as the car park on the front considered too expensive(3). General road safety was also highlighted with hazardous road junctions (8), extra traffic created by new development (4) and speeding (42). There were numerous complaints about bad parking on bends and road junctions as well as a plea for traffic wardens in the summer to enforce the double yellow lines.

Parking is likely to be a continuing problem as families increase their vehicular ownership. As part of its planning responses the Parish Council does ask for adequate parking provision in any new development. However land for parking is at a premium and it maybe appropriate to encourage day trippers to park in the parking area up Lighthouse Hill. The car park on the front is operated for the Portreath Improvements Committee and the income goes towards improvements to the village of Portreath. The Parish Council liaises closely with the Police over problems with bad parking. The Police have also suggested that part of the limited parking area in Penberthy Road be revised to make parking easier for residents.

In the past the Parish Council have made strenuous efforts to cut the speed on our roads. Speed humps were erected in Portreath, the 30mph limit extended through Bridge and 40mph limits have been introduced in other areas. It is hoped to extend the 40mph limit through Cambrose and towards Porthtowan especially where the road abuts the Mineral Tramway as well as improve the visibility of the Tramway crossing. Other areas of concern were the road junctions especially the one at the top of Tregea Hill and Cot Road.

Here there is a conflict between traffic rounding the bend and the junction into Forth Vean on a blind corner. The Parish Council has asked for improvements and the Highway Authority have painted some white lines as warning and to keep vehicles away from the tight bend but these are proving inadequate. Currently the local Cornwall Councillor is pressing for further improvements.

The other cause of concern was the bus service (50) which is needed to serve the aging population but needs improvement to enable people to get to work and further education centres. Currently an hourly service runs both ways between Redruth and Camborne through Portreath and Bridge but the eastern part of the Parish has no bus services to Redruth or Truro. A coastal service between Newquay and St Ives does run in the summer. Bus shelters have been introduced in the centre of Portreath and requests have been made for others at Bridge and Forth Vean at the top of Treglea Hill.

At the consultation day two problems were identified at Bridge. Even though the area is within a 30mph zone there were complaints about speeding through the village; an inadequate number of repeater signs was cited as the problem. A further problem to do with speeding was pointed out at Bridge Moor where there is a pedestrian access for the Mineral Tramway close to a blind bend. People using this access had to listen carefully to ensure no traffic was coming in order to cross the road. It was felt some sort of warning sign for the traffic on the road would be a good idea. There were also complaints about flooding mainly caused by material washing off the Mineral Tramway onto the main road and blocking the drains. Repeated requests to the Highway Authority for improvements had borne little fruit.

#### Objectives

- Support a comprehensive public transport system
- Ensure good traffic management throughout the parish

Projects :

- Maintain a liaison with Cornwall Council Highways and Planning sections
- Continue to press for adequate parking spaces in new development
- Press for extension of 40mph limit through Cambrose to the bottom of Mile Hill
- Press for improvements to junction at top of Treglea Hill
- Encourage the continuation of an adequate bus service to and from the parish
- Investigate the provision of additional bus shelters
- Look for a volunteer to monitor bus use
- Press for better signing through Bridge and Bridge Moor
- Press for improvements to flooding situation in Bridge
- Press for change in the parking regime on Penberthy Road

## **Parish Facilities** – 108 people responded

Facilities were considered essential for the well being of the community (29) as they provided a meeting place. It was pointed out that there were no shop in Bridge and the inhabitants relied on the public house to keep the sense of community alive (4). There was a strong fear that the Post Office in Portreath might close (45) and the quality and style of the shops commented upon (5). Extra facilities were suggested such as the travelling butcher and fishmonger (there is a travelling fishmonger), a fish and chip shop and banking facilities. Outside the village of Portreath the facilities are limited. Regret was expressed that the shop in Bridge had closed and when the Bridge Inn was closed for some time it was considered the community had died.

Besides the shops and restaurants there are two places of worship, St Marys, Church of England, and Bridge Methodist Chapel. There are four public houses, two camping and caravanning sites, a bike hire facility, the holiday estate at Gwel an Mor and a variety of holiday accommodation. The parish also has three halls - the Millennium Hall and institutes at Bridge and Portreath - as well as halls at the church and Chapel. The school and Surf Club can also provide facilities. There are also two carparks, one close to the beach and privately owned by the Portreath Improvements Committee and the other owned by the local authority up Lighthouse Hill. At the consultation day it was considered that this could be improved and better signposted.

### **Objective**

- Foster the sense of community by maintaining facilities

**Project :** Encourage people to use the facilities within the village  
Consider managing the parking area in Lighthouse Hill

At the request of parishioners the Parish Council has provided 4 street lights as supplementary to the Cornwall Council street lighting. These are in Glenfeadon Terrace and at the bottom of Battery Hill. The Parish Council will continue to maintain these lights. Where requested it may provide street lights in other locations if there is a proper power supply.

**Project :** Continue maintaining the existing street lights  
Meet requests for further lighting where appropriate

### **Allotments**

In 2009 following an article in the Parish Tram a number of parishioners expressed an interest in obtaining allotments within the parish. Councillors took up the search for a suitable location but after numerous attempts have not as yet found a site that meets the requirements needed.

At the consultation day there was a request to keep on looking for a site for allotments.

Project : Continue to the search for a site suitable for allotments

## **Leisure** – 28 people responded

Leisure activities are seen to be important for health and well being as well as helping to keep the community together (13). However there appeared to be a conception that there was little to do in the parish for all ages. The football pitch is considered a mess and the fact there was no other recreation or sports grounds. The fact that there are outstanding natural amenities such as the beach and cliffs together with two parks, four public houses, two churches, a number of halls, the Mineral Tramway and miles of footpaths appears to have been missed.

## **Clubs**

Operating throughout the area are over 30 other clubs and societies from the WI to the Baby and Toddler Group. As most require voluntary organisers both to run clubs and supervise juvenile activities new members are always welcome

*One of the largest clubs within the Parish is the Surf Life Saving Club. Started in 1958 it is a registered charity run by volunteers and boasts 300 plus members. It provides a healthy sport, education and importantly the essential qualifications to all professional and volunteer life savers from the ages of 7 to 70. Besides giving outstanding performances in national and international competitions the members provide an able backup to the professional lifeguards on the beach over the summer season.*

## **Information**

To facilitate the dissemination of information the Parish Council has 4 notice boards throughout the parish and there are others in front of the Millennium Hall, Portreath Institute and the churches. A quarterly newsletter, The Parish Tram is also produced and delivered throughout the parish. It relies heavily on contributions from the local population. At the consultation day it was suggested that parish notice boards and the Parish Tram were insufficient for disseminating information especially to those who lived in the more rural areas and a parish website would be a good idea.

## **Objective**

- To encourage residents to become involved in the life of the Parish

Project : Produce and distribute a digest of the clubs and activities in the Parish  
Encourage activity organisers to submit material to the parish newsletter, The Parish Tram.  
Ensure that the Parish Tram is delivered throughout the Parish  
Consider the development of a web facility

### **Play Facilities**

Apart from the natural assets of the parish the only formal play area is Greenslade Park with play equipment and a small football pitch. Other opportunities do exist locally. RAF Portreath do have some facilities that they may allow use by recognised clubs, eg Chacewater Football Club train on the station's football field and Gwel an Mor has offered its swimming facilities to locals over the winter period. There are no formal recreational spaces in the other main housing areas, Bridge and Forth Nance, Porthtowan. A suggestion that came from the youth group is for tennis courts on the greened area against the harbour wall. The group would also like to see the surface of the football field treated with an artificial medium such as 'Astroturf'. The football area in Greenslade Park is heavily used and becoming worn. As the area is low lying the drainage is difficult and this together with compaction from numerous feet means the grass has died and the goal mouths muddy. Stone from the previous improvement is also rising to the surface.

### **Objective**

- Encourage sport and outdoor activities throughout the parish

Projects : Support the plan to provide an all weather surface on the football area  
Consider the provision of play areas in Bridge and Forth Nance, Porthtowan  
Consider provision of more formal facilities such as tennis courts, swimming pool, activity centre, etc

### **Environment** – 137 people responded to this topic

Under this topic one of the main issues was to do with the cleanliness of the parish (19); in the villages and on the beach. Litter is the main complaint (13) as well as dog fouling (11) together with the fact that it is collected but then left hanging on branches in the hedgerows. Also included is the smell from the Harbour (13) and the state of the public toilets (7). The condition of the harbour and associated buildings was commented upon (11) as were the footpaths and green open spaces which needed maintenance. The football pitch in Greenslade Park came in for a lot of criticism especially from the young people. The risk of flooding was also mentioned (8)

## **Parish Cleanliness**

Currently the Parish Council employs a litter picker once a week in the season and once a month in the winter to litter pick throughout the parish. In addition the Portreath Improvements Committee employs a litter picker once a week during the summer season and organises voluntary picking when necessary. The Portreath Association Ltd cleans the beach every day during the summer and the bagged litter and dog bags removed by Cornwall Council. The Council also empties litter bins in the public domain and the parks. There are a limited number of dog bins in the parish so the public are encouraged to use the ordinary litter bins to dispose of their dog bags. The current problem is that dog owners having collected their dog waste leave the bags in piles outside the litter bins or hanging in branches lining footpaths such as the Tramroad. Recently this has become a tremendous problem at the access points to the beach where dog owners are leaving piles of plastic bags filled with faeces to the disgust of the general public. Dog owners caught depositing the bags in this manner and not putting them into the public bins or taking it home could be fined by the local authority.

### **Objective**

- To have a clean parish

**Projects :** Continue employing a litter collector  
Support local organisations in keeping the environment clean  
Consider providing more dog and waste bins

## **The Harbour**

This is one of the main features within the village of Portreath and is part of the World Heritage Site. The site is owned by the Cornwall Council and leased to the Portreath Harbour Association. The ongoing problem for the general public is the smell generated by the rotting seaweed in the inner basin. Schemes to reduce the seaweed building up have been proposed but it has been difficult to find a solution. Earlier in 2011 the Council spent £30,000 removing seaweed and a layer of contaminated sand and now have an ongoing contract to remove seaweed to local organic farms. The Cornwall Council together with the Harbour Association are working to improve the harbour generally.

Portreath Harbour was developed as a port in 1760 and eventually completed in 1846 serving primarily to export copper ore to South Wales for smelting. The last private owner was the Benyon Shipping Company. Since 1985 it is within local authority ownership, currently Cornwall Council, and the moorings together with two parcels of land are leased to the Portreath Harbour Association.

Various proposals have been put forward for the use of the harbour such as the marina proposal in 2003 but in 2005 the then local authority, Kerrier DC, announced plans to dispose of the harbour offering first refusal to the local community. At the public consultation in the Millennium Hall in 2006 there was an overwhelming desire for the harbour to be taken on by the local community ownership so the District Council gave £5000.00 towards a feasibility study to see if this was a viable option. Unfortunately the study came to the conclusion that the structure was in too bad condition to make the scheme viable. In the meantime the harbour was included in a Living Landscapes bid, Cornish Harbours - a £25 million project for the restoration and improvements to the harbours at Falmouth, Newquay, Looe and Portreath. The bid failed however when the harbour was bought within the unitary authority umbrella, 2010, it became a unit in an engineering survey being undertaken on all harbours in Cornwall Council's ownership to assess their requirements.

The Environment Agency together with Cornwall Council is currently considering work that may be needed to be done in order to provide flood protection for Portreath in the future. In the meantime Cornwall Council continues to have the maintenance commitment and expects to work with the Harbour Association and the Parish Council in order to maintain this historic structure whilst at the same time providing a small harbour compliant with the Port Marine Safety Code for stakeholders to enjoy. Working together short term issues which will be addressed are the seaweed problem in the inner harbour, maintaining the safety railings and opening up some of the areas previously fenced off. The Harbour Association also has an improvement plan that includes building a new workshop and store, removing the black shed and opening up views from the main road by removing the wartime concrete wall.

#### Objective

- To create a harbour worthy of its World Heritage status

Projects : Support the proposals for improving the harbour  
Continue to press for action to control the smell

#### Toilets

The public toilets are a contentious issue. They have recently been renovated but there is a local opinion that this is not to a very high standard. High volumes of traffic are making it dangerous for children, especially, to cross the main road and there is a call for the toilets to be relocated on the beach side nearer the car park. Currently Cornwall Council operates the toilets at a cost

of £16,000.00. The Parish Council is awaiting a decision on the future management of the toilets.

### **Footpaths and Green Spaces**

In Portreath village there have recently been improvements to the public realm, in the Square area and the parks. The new lighting, realignment of the roads, new furniture and planting areas has made the centre of the village less bleak. Greenfield Gardens has also had new layout creating an excellent space for events as well as the playing area, now Greenslade Park. Throughout the Parish are a number of statutory footpaths, the South West Way (coastal footpath) and the Mineral Tramway. The latter links Portreath with the south coast at Devoran and has recently been extended to link with Tehidy Country Park and the mining trails of the Great Flat Lode. The Parish Council is part of the Minerals Tramway Partnership hosted by Cornwall Council.

The Portreath Improvements Committee (PIC) owns various areas of open space around the village such as part of the beach, the Jubilee Gardens and the Pepper Pot and leases others such as Greenfield Gardens and the Memorial Garden. Volunteers from the PIC maintain Greenfield Gardens, Greenslade Park and the other planting areas within Portreath itself such as the Memorial Garden, the Jubilee garden and the new planting areas in the Square.

The Portreath Improvements Committee was originally founded in 1924 as a result of the purchase of the 'Sandbank' - now the car park. Over the succeeding years the PIC gradually took over responsibilities of other committees who had been formed to provide specific services to the village, namely the Memorial Committee, the Lighting Committee, the Literary Committee and the playing field group. The PIC is an independent charity and consists of 24 members, 23 of whom are elected annually at the AGM. Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to stand. As the name implies the main purpose of the PIC is to improve the environment of the village but it does support other village organisations and activities. It's remit covers the village of Portreath and up the valley to Tolticken Hill. There is also a portfolio of property to maintain with the main asset being the car park on the front. Revenue raised from the car park funds the PIC's activities

Cornwall Council cuts the grass in both parks as well as grass areas in Penberthy Road and in Forth an Nance. The Parish Council manages the

trimming and cleaning of statutory footpaths in partnership with the Cornwall Council who provide some limited funding as well as managing the Mineral Tramway routes. The Parish Council owns some of the woodland between Sunnyvale Road and Tolticken Hill and looks after the seating area in the Harbour.

Since 1986 the Parish Council have been concerned about the WAAF site – an area of derelict land owned by Cornwall Council at Cambrose and adjacent to the Mineral Tramway.. Strenuous efforts have been made to have the land cleared and put to recreational use trying to access funding from derelict land or environmental improvement grants but these have been unsuccessful. The Parish Council would like to open a small carpark for the Mineral Tramway and create a green open space suitable for parish activities and events Currently there appears an opportunity for the Parish Council to lease the land from Cornwall Council but the process is protracted

At the consultation day concern was raised about the state of the stream banks where it runs through the centre of Portreath and the need to keep Japanese Knotweed under control.

#### Objective

- Look after the footpaths and green spaces of the parish

Projects : Support the open space management by the PIC  
Continue to maintain the statutory footpath system  
Continue to maintain the harbour seating area  
Continue to maintain public seats owned by the Parish Council  
Continue to seek a lease agreement for the WAAF site  
Keep a watching brief on Japanese Knotweed infestations  
Talk to Cornwall Council and PIC about future maintenance of the stream banks through Portreath

#### **Flooding**

In conjunction with the Environment Agency the Parish Council have produced a Flood Plan which sets out what to do in the event of the river flooding. This followed the event at Boscastle in 2000 as the Environment Agency considers Portreath is one of a number of places in Cornwall likely to be affected in a similar manner. One of the partners is RAF Portreath where the commanding officer has offered assistance including opening the gates of the station at the top of Lighthouse Hill to allow people temporary respite. The flood Plan is to be incorporated in the Cornwall Council Emergency Plan. The environment Agency together with Cornwall Council is currently considering work that may be needed to be done in order to provide flood protection to Portreath in the future.

#### Objective

- Keep Portreath safe from flooding

Project : Keep the Flood Plan up to date

Maintain the liaison with the Environment Agency and Cornwall Council

Liaise with landowners to ensure maintenance of the banks of the river where it flows through the parish to reduce the risk of flooding

### **Health** – 45 people responded to this topic

The main comment under this topic was the fact that there was neither a surgery nor a pharmacy in Portreath or Bridge. It was felt that all age groups need easy access to health care just as it was important to ensure easy access for health care visitors. The other items mentioned were the provision of a dentist and provision of respite care for disabled.

Currently residents attend various surgeries in the neighbourhood mainly making the visit by car or for those without a car getting a lift from a neighbour. Other health services are in the nearby towns. The hourly bus service is not particularly convenient as it takes 20-25 minutes to get to the surgeries in Illogan and Pool and is especially frustrating if the patient misses the returning bus. If the surgery does not provide a pharmacy service a further trip to a chemist is necessary. The bus service only serves Portreath village and Bridge, the eastern portion of the parish has no public transport. As national statistics show 9.5% of the parish population are between 60 and 64 and 4.5% are over 85 it is likely that assistance is needed to pay a visit to any of the medical facilities. A voluntary car service operates within the parish for people who have transport difficulties getting to medical centres.

#### Objective

- Improve access to medical facilities and services in order to promote health and wellbeing

Project :        Investigate the issues more fully  
                      Look for practical and self help solutions  
                      Publicise the voluntary car scheme

### **Education** – 14 people responded to this topic

It is considered that education and training are linked to jobs and health. Seen as essential assets to the community, the primary school and the pre-school should be given support and it is felt quite strongly that local children should get priority. Some requests were made for adult education classes especially Art and it was pointed out that there is poor broadband connection.

Portreath School provides a high quality primary education and is heavily oversubscribed. It was awarded Beacon Status under the former headmaster.

Portreath is a Community Primary School, built over 125 years ago. In 2002, as part of the first wave of PFI initiatives, two new infant classrooms, an ICT suite and a hall were added, which added considerably to the existing building. It is a smaller than average village primary school with a planned admission number of 20 pupils. It continues to be a popular school and is, at present, oversubscribed. It currently has 147 children on roll. The school admits pupils between the ages of 4-to 11. The school is fully inclusive and has, at present, four children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs. All children are taught in mixed age classes and each class utilises teaching assistants to enable children to make expected levels of progress.

All secondary and adult education is in the neighbouring conurbation meaning those without cars have to rely on public transport. Adult education classes are usually provided as outreach by Cornwall College or the WEA. It is unfortunate that adult education classes where offered depend on sufficient numbers to run. Art is of particular interest and there is the local Art Club which offers a haven if courses do not run locally. The internet provides some learning opportunities and this should be facilitated as superfast broadband is now available.

#### Objective

- Foster opportunities for education

Projects : Support the school and the pre-school  
Explore the possibility of providing adult education classes

### **Antisocial Behaviour** – 85 people responded to this topic

The need to feel safe was one of the main concerns coupled with the need for more police presence. Noise and rowdiness especially after late night drinking caused complaint as well as vandalism to property and boats. Boy racers, speeding and scooters up and down Lighthouse Hill also came in for comment

The Parish Council has always been concerned about antisocial behaviour and has developed a good relationship with the Police. The neighbourhood beat manager reports to the Parish Council at the monthly meetings, a boat watch scheme has be implemented in the harbour and a PSCO has been employed on the beach in the summer. Two years ago an alcohol ban was imposed on the beach, the area around the front and in the harbour that has reduced problems of rowdiness and drunken behaviour. Although not renewed it appears to have had a lasting effect. Problems can be discussed with the neighbourhood beat manager at the Parish Council meetings and

members of the public can contact the police service directly using the 101 number. Many residents would like to see a rapid response if the services of the police are called upon.

#### Objective

- To create a safe and welcoming environment for the Parish

Projects : Continue liaison with the neighbourhood beat manager  
Encourage residents to notify the Parish Council of problems or contact the police directly by ringing 101

### **Tourism** – 50 people responded to this topic

Portreath is seen as a tourist venue that brings money into the local economy helping businesses and providing jobs.(8) Some felt there were too many tourists that would swamp the village facilities and that too much housing was used for tourist accommodation.(6) Facilities are considered poor or limited (14) and there were suggestions for more car parking, better toilets, better signing for Mineral Tramway, and craft shops as well as improving the old crazy golf site. Gwel an Mor is generally accepted as beneficial especially by the catering establishments (2) but there was disquiet about it growing any larger.(3)

The beach and coast are the main attraction to Portreath especially with visitors from the neighbouring conurbation. The PIC owns part of the beach and the adjacent car park which makes a good vantage point for more elderly visitors. The other half of the beach and the harbour wall are owned by Cornwall Council. The beach is well used both by members of the public and by organisations as an event base. The Surf Life Saving Club has hosted a number of successful local and national championships. For public safety the beach is patrolled in the season by RLNI lifeguards ably assisted by members of the Surf Life Saving Club who also provide patrols at weekends during the winter months. During the summer months there is a dog ban in place on the beach from 7am to 7pm. Dog owners using the beach must clear up after their pets if necessary and either take the material home or place in a public waste bin not leave it in piles at the access points to the beach.

The coastal footpath passes through Portreath and the village is a hub on the Mineral Tramways trails as two meet here. Cycling is extremely popular and this has encouraged a bike hire business to become established. Holiday accommodation is offered throughout the parish that includes camping and caravan parks at Cambrose and Mile Hill as well as holiday parks, bed and breakfast and self catering.

Part of the attraction of Portreath is its Heritage; history, industrial archaeology, family history. It lies within the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site. The harbour and the links to the main mining areas inland are of prime importance to the history of the area and are capable of interpretation for the interest of visitors

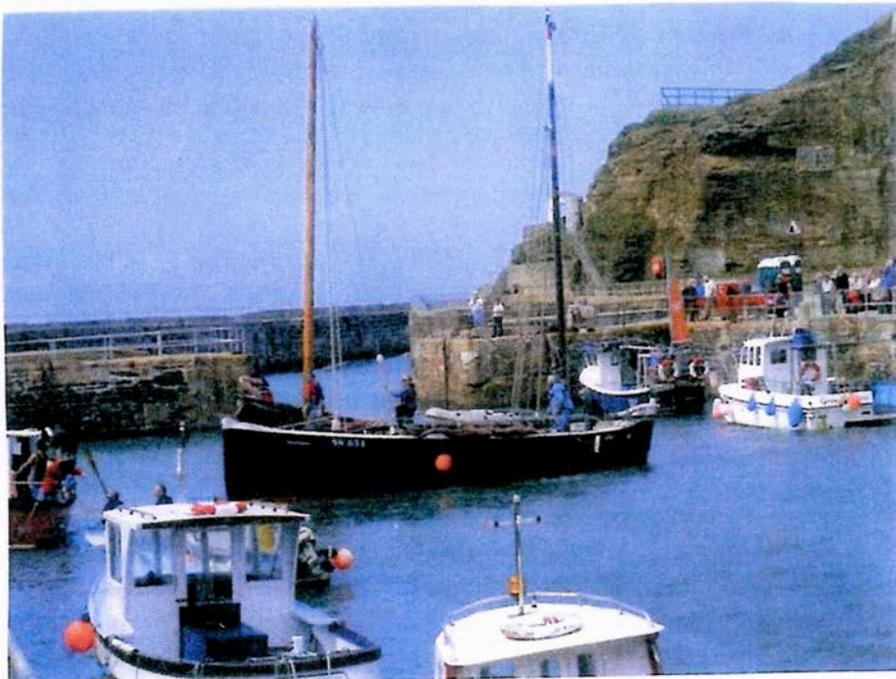
### Objective

- Endeavour to provide a welcoming atmosphere to all visitors to the parish

Projects : Continue to support tourism industry in the parish  
Where possible improve the visual impact of amenities  
Continue to monitor and ensure development is in keeping with the area  
Continue to promote the historical nature to the area.  
Support the World Heritage Site  
Consider developing an outdoor Heritage centre

# **PORTREATH PARISH PLAN**

## **YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE**



## Have your say in the future of Portreath

### Questionnaire for the Portreath Parish Plan

Members of Portreath Parish Council are conducting a survey to find out your opinion on a number of issues that will help with the production of a plan for the future of the Parish over the next 5 to 10 year period. A Parish Plan can assist in getting local government to take into account community opinion and will also help in obtaining future grant applications for various projects throughout the Parish of Portreath.

It would be appreciated if you could help by completing the following questionnaire and by attending one of the community events to be held in the near future to voice your opinion on the development of the Portreath Parish Plan. Your comments and suggestions will be most welcome and will remain anonymous.

#### Which of the following issues give you the most concern?

1. **Parish facilities** – eg post office, shops, church/chapel, meeting rooms, etc.
2. **Transport** – bus services, parking, speeding, access roads, junctions, etc
3. **Leisure facilities** – pubs, sports facilities, playgrounds, social/hobby clubs, etc.
4. **Tourism** - visitor numbers/facilities, problems/advantages, etc
5. **Employment** – local jobs, industrial/business facilities, access to work, etc.
6. **Housing** – sufficient rental property, properties for sale/ future development, existing accommodation
7. **Health** – access to GP surgeries, prescriptions, health visitors, chemists, etc
8. **Environment** – village scene, litter, dog fouling, green spaces, footpaths, etc.
9. **Education and Training** – local school services, access to training, adult classes, etc.
10. **Anti-social behaviour** - drunkenness, rowdiness, vandalism, noise, crime, etc.

Please indicate, using the above numbers, which of the items cause you the most concern and why:-

**1<sup>st</sup> choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **because** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **because** \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **because** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other comments** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(continue on next sheet if necessary)

Please indicate the age of persons in your household:-

under 11 \_\_\_; 11-18 \_\_\_; 19-29 \_\_\_; 30-64 \_\_\_; 65 and over \_\_\_

(This will help identify any issues that affect particular groups or areas of the Parish)

Please do not fill in more than one copy per person of this form as it will distort the results. However you are very welcome to use the 'Any other comments' section to indicate any additional concerns you have not included in your questionnaire.

**Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

**Please keep the front cover as the number shown may win you a prize provided you have RETURNED your completed questionnaire in the enclosed pre-stamped envelope by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**Should you need further copies of this form there are available from Portreath Post Office**

## Appendix2

Topics	Comments from the Public	Existing Situation	Resolution
Facilities	Must keep shops/PO But shops expensive; poor hours; badly stocked Need banking service; better mobile phone cover	Costcutter supermarket with PO, Portreath Bakery, Surf shops, 4 public houses, 3 café/restaurants, holiday facilities, B & Bs. No public phone	Support retention of PO PO offers banking services, cash machine in shop
Transport	<p>Parking inconsiderate; not sufficient; no Traffic Warden; indiscriminate parking particularly at junctions;</p> <p>Buses - more bus shelters; direct services to Truro and Redruth; better info on buses; no bus services in Cambrose</p> <p>Speeding; speed humps bad and mis-used; speed through Bridge and Bridge Moor where speed limit ignored; No speed limit through Cambrose/Tram Road which is dangerous and used by cyclists and horses;</p> <p>Need zebra crossing by shops and toilets</p> <p>Junctions – top of Tregoa Hill at junction with Cot Road/Green Lane very dangerous;</p> <p>Car park too expensive and shut at night.</p>	<p>Parish pressing for additional double yellow lines</p> <p>3 bus shelters in Portreath, none in Bridge Summer service along the coast</p> <p>30mph extended through Bridge with 40mph on B 3300</p> <p>Parish have requested this</p> <p>Carpark belongs to PIC</p>	<p>Seek assistance from Cornwall Councillor</p> <p>Could provide bus shelter in Bridge</p> <p>Press for speed limit beside Mineral Tramway</p> <p>Unlikely to meet traffic criteria</p> <p>Continue to press for improvements</p> <p>Parish has no influence</p>
Leisure facilities	Need more for older children/younger children; need better maintenance; more leisure facilities for residents and tourists; keeps community together	Greenslade Park Play Area, Greenfield Gardens, Millennium Hall, 2 Institutes, church hall available – badminton, line dancing, indoor bowls, art club, WI, table tennis and more. Amusement arcade, Barn Youth Group, Surf Club, swimming pool at Gwel an Mor, cycle track at Parc Erisey, Elm Farm bike hire	Produce list of clubs with contacts for distribution throughout parish Get organisers to write articles in Tram

Tourism	Generates money and business; too many; Gwel-an-Mor too big and not sufficient facilities in village, beach too small; insufficient parking for tourists; Gwel-an-Mor beneficial for numerous reasons; harbour needs improvement and smell eliminated.	Beach, Mineral Tramways, Coastal footpath 4 public houses, 4 restaurants/cafes, 2 caravan sites, cycle hire Beach carpark, Lighthouse Hill parking area, parking in road Harbour leased from CC by Harbour Association	Harbour Association currently working on development plan with Cornwall Council
Employment	All felt more jobs/employment locally essential; need to keep youth in village	Small industrial site at Bridge and neighbouring one at Park Erisey, shops, catering and holiday complex provide some jobs.	Support measures to increase employment potential
Housing	Youngsters have to leave village to find housing; MUST have houses that youngsters can afford; need to keep balance between rental/ownership/holiday lets; too much building; already over-development; putting strain on main sewers, flooding issue; village being spoiled by over-development; continued over-development will ruin village	Housing concentrated in Portreath, Bridge and Forthvean, Porthtowan; scattered properties around Cambrose and Nancekuke Small estate of affordable homes at Chapel Meadows	Parish to indicate levels and types of development; working to provide more affordable homes – need partnership with developer
Health	All requests for GP/chemist	Residents attend various surgeries in the neighbour hood. No surgery or chemist, some repeat prescriptions left at PO	Talk to local NHS
Environment	Dog litter by far biggest comment; no doggy bins in Bridge, smell from harbour close behind; public toilets need moving/upgrading;  footpaths need maintaining;  litter behind Savage Surf	It is an offence to leave dog litter within the 30mph. See above Toilets owned and managed by Cornwall Council. PC lock toilets at night Footpaths cut by PC on behalf of CC  Litter collected throughout parish once a week in summer and once a month in winter	Dog litter can be placed in ordinary litter bins  At considerable cost the PC could take over the toilets but would need upgrading Will continue this but it is a cost to the PC Will continue this service at cost to Parish

	risk of flooding; river could be improved	by PC. PIC collect litter from beach and within Portreath in summer.  River bed in private ownership. Flood Plan been prepared	Flood plan to be incorporated in Community Emergency Plan
Education	School very good; School too big; is the future; should be kept for village children only; need adult courses; too many children in school	Junior School  Adult education courses have been offered at the beginning of autumn term. Church offers courses on religious themes, Art Club	PC has no influence in the running of the school Could have more publicity in TRAM
Anti-social behaviour	Need more police presence; everyone very worried; property damage; drunkenness; noise;	Have neighbourhood beat manager with monthly reports to PC Had a PSCO on the beach over the summer Boat Watch scheme in operation in the Harbour	Closer liaison with the Police
Health	No pharmacy Need G.P. surgery/ chemist – 45 request for these Need dentist  No respite care for disabled  Access to health care and health care visitors for elderly	Residents attend various surgeries in the neighbourhood. Some repeat prescriptions left at Post Office	Talk to local NHS Site for these facilities could be a problem. Not many villages have their own facilities. Possible to improve bus services at certain times of day Talk to local NHS
Roads	Litter and mess on Tregea Hill No pavement to Porthtowan Beach Changes to road links just outside village boundaries are a major concern Pavement so wide at Costcutter, cars parking on it and are too far out Am concerned some parking violates the highway code, ie. access to/from Sunnyvale Road, opposite school very dangerous, parking on double yellow lines on hill Crossing by shops	Porthtowan beach outside parish boundary  PC have pressed for pedestrian crossing but Cornwall Highways declined  PC have been in talks with police over parking problems	Liase with St Agnes Parish Council

Toilets	<p>Public toilets must be upgraded  Environmental quality important  Improved toilets in better location  Hate sight of toilet block and 'shacks' above beach  Public toilets a MUST for improvement/ relocating  Toilets near beach need updating and siting reviewed – it is in a dangerous location  better positioning of public toilets, also toilets in Greenfield Gardens</p>	<p>Public toilets owned &amp; maintained by Cornwall Council, PC  lock toilets at night and open and lock them on Sundays/bank holidays</p>	<p>Under discussion with Cornwall Council</p>
Footpaths and green spaces	<p>Japanese knotweed and illegal tip in Primrose terrace  Footpaths need maintenance  Greenspaces and footpaths provide important leisure facilities  Important that green spaces are not neglected  Too much rubbish in stream  Japanese knotweed spreading  I would like parish to be as litter free as possible &amp; footpaths trimmed  It is outward face of the village and important to demonstrate pride &amp; keep green spaces access for all  Maintenance of paths  Not enough green spaces left  Footpath maintenance not always up to standard  Our environment is deteriorating and footpaths becoming impassable every summer  Footpaths and greenspaces need to be preserved</p>	<p>PC manages trimming and cleaning of statutory footpaths on limited funding from Cornwall Council.  Cutting is usually in late June except for New Walk where cutting is in autumn after rare plants have seeded.</p> <p>PIC volunteers maintain Greenfield Gardens, Greenslade Park and other green garden areas within the village including the newly planted public realm areas.  Cornwall Council cuts the grass in both parks</p>	
Planning and Building Control	<p>Bad planning and building control make bad environment  Too much development/building  Appearance of new buildings  Loss of greenspaces, landscape being raped – skyline already spoilt  Travellers in field near Porthtowan.  Generally a great place to live – disastrous building sites giving the village a bad reputation and lowering value of properties</p>	<p>Planning Authority is Cornwall Council, PC is consultee</p>	<p>PC could produce an parish design guide</p>

	<p>Must stop overdevelopment and spurious planning applications for luxury houses – more housing for local people</p> <p>Very worried about Gwel an Mor size being doubled plus huge tower – intention to develop to maximum degree</p> <p>PC to keep nose out of building plans that have already been passed and started</p>		
Mineral Tramways	Mineral Tramway does not have sufficient maintenance	Mineral Tramway maintained by Cornwall Council	
Flood risk	<p>Risk of flooding from sea/flash floods</p> <p>Possibility of coastal flooding and river flooding</p> <p>Concern re flooding and drainage</p> <p>Risk of flooding due to climate change and overdevelopment at Pool, Camborne, Redruth, Illogan</p> <p>Would like to see the river well cleaned</p> <p>Gwel an Mor causing surface water problems – flooding in lane besides Glenfeadon Castle bringing down rubble and blocking drains</p> <p>Following EA comments that this could be another Boscastle there does not appear to be a plan to stop it happening, only a plan to follow if it does</p>	<p>Environment Agency maintains and monitors flood defence systems &amp; provide a flood warning service.</p> <p>PC manage an emergency flood plan</p>	Monitor the Flood Plan
General	<p>I choose to live here and therefore pay higher rates – harbour, beach, green spaces, parks are important</p> <p>A matter of community pride</p> <p>Quality environment makes quality of life</p> <p>We all like to live in a lovely area</p> <p>Tourism brings in the ££££'s</p> <p>Under pressure despite recent good projects</p> <p>Without tourism the community will struggle economically, three choices are interlinked – provide employment sustain businesses and generate revenue</p>	Parish precept is one of the lowest in Cornwall	

## **Appendix 3**

### **Parish Consultation Day**

As part of the Parish Plan process a Consultation Day was held on November 26<sup>th</sup> in the Millennium Hall for members of the public to comment on the draft plan. People came from Nancekuke and Bridge as well as from Portreath itself; approximately 100 people in a steady stream from 11.15 until the doors closed at 3 pm. Most people found the exhibition interesting and relished the opportunity to be involved in the plan process. Concerns ranged from speeding through more activities based on the areas heritage to the possibilities of finding work for older teenagers. There was universal condemnation of the state of the harbour, 'Portreath Pong', and the toilets as well as the extent, design and scale of new developments. There were also a number of proposals for a parish website to keep those in the more rural areas and those who appear to read neither notice boards nor the "Tram" abreast of parish activities and events.

The exhibition was divided into the different issues as highlighted in the document and all were commented on although invariably some of the comment applied to more than one topic. All the information gathered promoted a full discussion within the Parish Council and although not all the suggestions could be taken on board a number of additional projects have been added.

#### **Development**

There appeared to be general agreement that new builds were too big and out of character and development was changing the face of the local area. It was also agreed that more affordable housing is a necessity and it was questioned why the whole of the 40 units on the Gwel an Mor site could have been affordable in light of the extensive permissions for the leisure park. Back garden development and living in chalets and caravans should be better regulated as this was not the answer to affordable housing. The lack of control of new development and enforcement generally was criticised with the idea of a parish design guide being approved. Under employment the possibilities of part time work for older teenagers was discussed.

Projects : Consider developing a parish design guide  
Support initiatives for part time work for older teenagers

#### **Transport**

Parking on double yellow lines was a major concern especially close to the corner on Tregea Hill. People being blocked in by thoughtless parking by visitors especially near the Chinese Takeaway and the fact the carpark on the front is empty at night was commented upon. However the new barriers were commended as they meant no clamping.

The bus service is considered the best we've had in 25 yrs but it is underused and there is a lack of confidence on its reliability. Better coordination with the train and main road bus services would be appreciated. The retention of the bus service is seen as important and in light of current economics the Parish Council asked for a volunteer to monitor the use of the service so it can press for the necessity of the service when the new round of talks with Cornwall Council come up. One member of the public was prepared to carry out the survey.

Speeding through Bridge was a major topic of discussion where it was considered there are not enough 30mph signs or that a flashing sign could be installed. Some form of Slow signs should be erected in Bridge Moor to warn traffic of the hidden pedestrian crossing point onto the Mineral Tramway. Similarly more should be done to slow down the traffic when turning left to Park Bottom from Tregea Hill in order to reduce the risk of accidents for those exiting Forth Vein and Gwel an Mor. The other problem raised in Bridge was the amount of material being washed down from the Mineral Tramway and blocking the drains on the main road.

Projects : Press for better signing through Bridge and Bridge Moor  
Press for improvements to flooding situation in Bridge

### **Facilities**

The toilets were regarded as poor and needed to be relocated closer to the beach. Some facilities for teenagers such as a skate park and tennis courts were proposed as well as a retail seafood outlet on the harbour. Besides the need for allotments and there was a request for an extra street light in Sunnyvale Road.

Project : Meet requests for extra street lights where appropriate

### **Leisure**

It was suggested that compared with many villages there are a lot of clubs/groups/events but active support is not widespread. There seemed to be an opinion that the school could be a focus for after school activities but there was also a lack of knowledge about the youth club and the extent of its activities. A safe cycle route to the TRACK from all parts of the parish was requested along with a skateboard park and tennis courts.

A web site to inform people of what is going on was also proposed. This was discussed by the Parish Council who felt that currently there were insufficient resources within the present council to host and maintain an active web site. However it would remain as a longer term project.

Project : Consider development of a web presence

### **Environment**

The 'Portreath Pong' caused a lot of comment as well as the lack of recycling facilities especially on Battery Hill. There is a need to have more dog/litter bins

around especially near the beach and on the Mineral Tramway. The banks of the stream running through Portreath as well as the carpark up Lighthouse Hill needed to be tidied up and the Japanese Knotweed infestations kept under control. There were also some ambitious suggestions such as making the Parish a “Fairtrade” area and assisting householders with saving energy schemes including renewable energy projects.

Projects : Consider providing extra dog bins  
Maintain a watching brief on infestations of Japanese Knotweed

## **Health**

There were mixed feelings about whether a surgery/chemist would be viable and it was pointed out that the local surgeries are accessible by the 543 bus. A car sharing rota via the website was proposed and there should be more local campaigning to improve the facilities of the Community Hospital.

Project : Publish information about the voluntary car scheme within the parish

## **Education**

Support for the school appeared universal especially in the present economic climate. It was also questioned whether the school could be enlarged to meet the demands of further development. Requests for pupils to walk to school and to reduce parking outside the school were broached as was a suggestion that the pilot study by Falmouth University College with St Agnes to deliver further education in rural areas be investigated.

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

There were reports of vandalism in the parks and a suggestion that members of the public be encouraged to ring the police direct on Tel No 101

Project : Encourage public to use direct police number 101 to report problems immediately

## **Tourism**

Tourism was considered important although there was a debate about the benefits of large events such as the Surf Life Saving Championships. Urgent repairs were needed for the pier and signs for Lighthouse Hill carpark and access points to the Mineral Tramway were required. As the area is part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Heritage should have a higher profile with walks, talks and leaflets promoted by local businesses

Projects : Promote the World Heritage Status and the history of the area  
Consider providing directional signs to Mineral Tramway and the Lighthouse Hill car park  
Consider development of an outdoor Heritage centre



