

Introduction

The proposed 2nd stage of footway along Higher Lane was shelved as CCC axed all planned schemes due to cuts. As a result of the flashing speed check camera installed for a month; enough evidence of speeding was collected to justify a permanent flashing 30mph sign at Garras School. This cost £10k and was paid for out of Cornwall County Cllr Mrs Pam Lyne's member highway budget. It cost her whole year's allocation that covered other parishes as well as Mawgan, so Mawgan is especially grateful for this expenditure.

The proposed landscape park behind Glebe Close was objected to by Glebe Close residents when Council started to look into the matter, as was the provision of a bus shelter outside Langweath Estate.

The Recreation Hall has been extensively refurbished including solar panels and an enlarged kitchen, the latter of which now enables Mawgan Lunch Club to meet in its own village, whereas before it was meeting at St Martin. Goonhilly Windfarm has been re-powered and as a consequence a fund set up to distribute grants to projects only in the TR12 area. This provides excellent opportunity to access funds without competition from Helston and beyond.

Traffic

22 car parking spaces created in Glebe Close Nov/Dec 2011.

Any suggestions for parking, speeding, etc

- Complete footway
- 40mph speed limit down Gweek drive as North Helford conservation zone has 40mph everywhere so why not have same speed limits on South Helford roads?
- 40mph down Gweek Drive
- 40mph along St Keverne road should be reduced to 30mph
- Skyburriowe Lane fingerpost conservation urgently required
- Langweath Estate turning area – double yellow lines
- Sleeping policemen Higher Lane
- Dog warden as lot of dog mess
- More repeaters of speed limit required on Higher Lane and Rosevear.
- Sign for Langweath Lane entrance/exit
- 30mph down Rosevear Hill
- 20mph outside school for say, 20 mins twice a day at school time (as at Penponds school, Camborne)
- Zebra crossing on St Keverne road and Higher Lane to provide safer crossing to playground and school, for use by children/elderly/disabled

Environment

Litter and dog bins have gradually disappeared/been removed and not replaced by Cornwall Council. Re-cycling banks were installed in the Recreation Hall car park and the Hall was benefiting from the income they generated. However, with the introduction of the Unitary Authority, blue box doorstep collection service and cuts in services; the bins have now been withdrawn. The Hall would have to pay to have them emptied rather than gain any income from them.

Any additional suggestions for the environment

- Consideration of cycle track to school and Recreation Ground
- Fines for dog mess – dog warden telephone number
- More litter/dog bins required

Litter collection needs addressing. Some of litter could be falling off re-cycling lorry. See above.

Better basketball nets – addressed

Leisure

A mobile skate park facility was tried on two occasions during Feast Weeks, however it cannot work if the ground is slightly damp as boards/bikes would skid, so was not continued owing to uncertain weather. The first time it was a great success and extremely popular. The second time it did not turn up due to the weather. There is still no youth club; however a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has been running for 12 months, which may meet some need. The Recreation Hall is used for circuit training and square dancing. There is no longer a Mums and Toddlers group that used to meet in the Hall.

There is no youth group as such and currently the older group of children resident in the parish are small in number, insufficient to have a group of local young people. This has been well explored and has not prospered mainly due to the lack of suitable volunteers willing to organise and manage a group.

Suggestions

- Application for Langweath Lane to be a bridleway
- basketball court + MUGA (Multi User Games Area)
- Consider garden facility in Rec Ground
- Village planting to enhance visitor experience
- Leisure facilities for teenagers in village

Community Facilities

The Recreation Hall Committee has addressed many of the suggestions for the hall and field in the 2004 plan, namely:

- Solar panels on the roof
- The kitchen has been made larger and has full cooking facilities plus crockery etc for 40 people.
- New improved seating
- New showers, lighting, heating and insulation.
- The footfall of the hall users was not mentioned in 2004 plan but it was taken in 2004/5 and had increased by 60% in 2012.
- No football group has played on the field since 2007 but the facility is to remain at the present time.
- The hall funds provide insurance and a maintenance budget for the play equipment.
- There are 6 new pieces of play equipment designed to cover a broad age range. These were chosen from consultation with the young people of Mawgan.
- A new Asphalt path has replaced the old rubble path around the field where the play area is established.

The Owl's Oracle is no longer produced by Mawgan Church (due to lack of personnel to produce and distribute) but the Meneage Messenger covers the parish, together with good coverage in local press, posters, etc. The shop has been greatly improved sourcing local produce and includes a free cash machine and Lottery. Garras School has had another extension in 2011 and solar panels installed for green energy production. Garden space has been created at the School. The Owlets pre-school started in 2008, which is proving successful and feeding into Garras School to increase numbers to an acceptable level. Broadband now covers the whole parish and new superfast broadband is awaited with anticipation. The two new BT cabinets have been installed in readiness, near to the telephone exchange.

More suggestions for community facilities

- A path/running track around the field – under consideration
- Broadband in Rec hall – to be reviewed

Housing

4 Local Needs houses have now been built in Higher Lane and two open market houses built in Lower Lane, with planning permission for two more open market houses in Langweath Estate. Four open market houses have been built in Garras and several farm barns converted. Discussions are on-going with respect to further affordable housing on exception sites. 2 sites have been nominated for further investigation with the landowners – site 4 next to Langweath Estate and site 6 next to the Recreation Hall. Site 6 is currently being looked at.

Does anyone have a preference for a particular site?

- Out of 13 comments on site preference, 8 were in favour of site 6

Is anyone in housing need at present?

- Affordable housing to provide for disabled
- Long term rental properties
- Smaller homes for downsizing to

Play Facilities

Skateboarding – dealt with under Leisure – does not currently seem to be an issue. Recreation Field equipment has been totally replaced with £52k worth of new and exciting equipment, including a zip wire, which is proving very attractive to local children and others passing by.

Any further suggestions/ideas on what should be provided

- Adult play/exercise near the play area - done
- Something for teenage children in village – fitness equipment and running track will help address
- A fence is needed along the edge of the grass near the Rec car park. Being looked at.
- A bigger kissing gate large enough to take pushchairs and wheelchairs at exit of Rec onto B3293 & school
- Glebe Close playground too out of sight. Focus on developing Rec facilities. Being addressed
- Fence/gate at bottom of tarmac path to stop kids running onto car park – being considered.
- 2 mini football pitches instead of one large one – being addressed.

Crime

Foot patrol by Police has been very sporadic and there is no likelihood of Police being stationed within the parish. Disappointingly the Parish Council have also noted little enthusiasm to follow up reported crime by way of identification and questioning of witnesses. As an example, the theft of a granite stone that represents a third of an ancient clapper bridge on a footpath is causing a lot of consternation as people know who the offender is and have taken photographs, yet the Police still say they have no evidential proof. Police cover is less and less due to more and deeper cuts.

Suggestions on how to tackle crime

- Neighbourhood Watch (x2) There were two before

Health

No additional provisions have been implemented since 2004. The parish continues to be provided for by the surgeries at Mullion, Helston and St Keverne and the East Lizard Helpline continues to provide transport services for the elderly and disabled. There is no likelihood of a village room for health workers to be stationed or even drop-in within the parish. A previously run service of the surgery dropping prescriptions off to various village shops for local collection, has been dropped due to safety issues with drugs being handed around and confidentiality for the patient involved.

Would the new doctors at St Keverne entertain this now, as they want to bring as many services as possible to St Keverne, or if that is not possible then at least to Helston Hospital?

Any other health suggestions

- First Aid courses at the Rec hall (x2) – Hall Committee
- Defibrillator held (in shop or kiosk as originally suggested) (x2) under consideration
- Use Rec hall as an outpost surgery to St Keverne/Mullion/Helston surgeries on a regular basis – Devon & Cornwall Housing Association looking at

Work and Training

A 3-year public transport grant was acquired in conjunction with St Keverne Parish Council as the route included St Keverne. The grant enabled a new service to be run at 6.30pm weekday evenings, to enable people to get home from work and a 10.30pm service on Saturdays to enable people to get home from an evening out. However, once the grant ran out the 10.30pm service was withdrawn due to lack of use. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is now being run in the Recreation Hall and this may help towards employment if seen on peoples CV's. Adult Education is still available in Helston and some villages on the Lizard Peninsula, but not in Mawgan.

Suggestions for any adult education classes

- Broadband in the hall to enable business meetings or presentations and increase hall viability – see community facilities

Community energy

Solar panels fitted to Recreation Hall and School. However, these are not community projects per say as the energy goes into the National Grid and although the Hall benefits from the payments the school probably does not, as it will all go to Cornwall Council. A group communal energy project such as a wind turbine needs to be investigated; the income/benefit from which would be shared by all those who get involved/contribute. Schemes to get whole towns or villages running on green energy have been achieved in other areas.

Suggestions for community energy