

**STOKE CLIMSLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES**  
**ON-LINE SURVEY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2014 (22 RESPONSES)**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOOD ABOUT OUR PARISH?**

- Local people are trying to "protect" the local parish which might mean NIMBY in some people's language but it also gets results. Just look at the monstrosity of a solar farm up the road - we don't want that in our village thank you very much !
- Sense of community. Facilities at Old School. Location. Old fashioned feel.
- There is a strong community spirit across quite a wide geographic area. The Old School news is an excellent publication and communicates news, activities and events across the parish. The village shop is a very important resource for the parish. The social club, village hall and old school and the church provide a range of venues for different activities within the parish. The Duchy College and, to a lesser extent, westcountry Rivers Trust, are employers in the village. The school is an important asset. We are fortunate that there are a relatively low proportion of second homes.
- The community, Stoke Climsland School, especially with the prospect of Ducklings moving to school campus.
- It's geographical position
- Good location, many facilities, good community spirit.
- Community Spirit and beautiful location in unspoilt countryside.
- Strong community spirit
- Everyone is friendly and welcoming through all the clubs that are going on within the village. This is enhanced by the great school and pre-school which attracts people from all over the parish...and beyond.
- Location
- There is a good local community spirit, always things going on, in and around the village
- Facilities. Location. Community. Friendliness.
- The large range of activities and clubs, the Old School, and the rural tranquillity.
- Great community. Has an old fashioned charm.
- Lots of active groups.
- busy community in an unspoilt rural setting
- The people who make our parish a happy community must come first. I think we have almost everything, social community, amenities, communication, transport links, albeit irregular, stunning scenery and the Old School which has so much going on.
- Community involvement
- Community spirit
- Great social programmes and Social Club
- Green provides good facilities for younger children Through traffic is limited because we're not on a main road Plenty of foot paths and bridle ways Friendly and lively community
- Sense of community Village feel maintained Mostly safe and secure Good facilities- old school, social club, post office, number of groups
- It has a good sense of community and is in a beautiful location. For its size, the facilities are very good. It would be nice to keep it this way but.....

**WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE BETTER ABOUT OUR PARISH?**

- Well, despite the NIMBY appreciation on question 1, the converse to that is local people are probably being restricted in achieving other things. For example, we have too many street lights now. The school is too big for the village. We need a pub rather than a social club. The decision to re-site Ducklings pre-school to an over-crowded primary school where there is traffic chaos was a shocker.
- Transport. Better range of housing. More for the young to do.
- More job opportunities would be beneficial. Housing is expensive relative to salary levels so more affordable housing would help young people. There is a reasonable bus service but it would be much improved if the two companies would coordinate their timetables instead of running services within 5 minutes of each other.

- Stoke Climsland playground could be vastly improved, take a look at Golberdon where the fencing makes it much safer for children to use.
- If it was freed from all the bureaucratic interference and restriction that comes from such "organisations" as English Heritage, Tamar Valley AONB, Cornwall conservation areas, listed buildings, Duchy of Cornwall, SSI's, AOGLV's, nature reserves, East Cornwall Mining Association etc.
- Houses at the affordable end of the ladder are obviously needed. Not a lot to do for the younger age groups which means they have to travel. Public transport is poor. Not many public footpaths.
- A pub would be nice, I know we have a social club, but both Stoke Climsland and Downgate suffer from the fact that the pubs shut due to Methodism a very long time ago. A pub would make a very good place for the community to gather and socialise.
- School parking
- I think the park could do with some improvement in terms of equipment and maybe be enclosed to keep active toddlers from making a dash towards the road. More often than not we will go to Golberdon park due to its enclosed nature and smaller sized play equipment. The slide at Stoke Park always makes me nervous as with no sides at the top of the slide and an open side where the pole is, it can get pretty hair raising when lots of children crowd in at the top and are trying to push past each other.
- Better planning control
- Affordable housing,
- Coordination between various groups. Needs a modern community centre. More for the young to do or better transport links to take them to where there are.
- Broadband - it's terrible. Bus services to outlying hamlets are poor to non-existent.
- Facilities biased towards the older elements - more is needed for the young (all ages up to around 18). Could do with a single modern community building. Affordable housing is also needed.
- serious control of speed through the village, and on all roads, ie mandatory 40 mph max, and 20 mph max in sensitive areas. a pub refurbish and enlarge parish hall, or old school to provide modern space for events and functions
- More affordable housing. There is no chance of new blood coming to live here, it is just too expensive. Without younger families the village will become a retirement home.
- Linkages between groups
- Extra School parking at Peak times . Shaded seating on the green .
- I think it's coping just fine
- It's a shame teenage children who are resident in the parish aren't allowed on the play area, even if there are no small children there. There are no facilities for young people and it was a good place for them to go and chat. Our own teenagers have lost this facility because of abuse by the Duchy College Students and that is unfair. The population is getting older and older as young people can't afford to live here. The Primary School is fantastic but should put aside some of its land at the front for a drop in and pick up driveway to reduce congestion on the road. The area of grass in the front of the school is not used for anything else and is wasted space, yet the road is congested. The green is a great facility but really needs a power supply in order to support the broader community.
- Proper pub
- I think we suffer from not having a purpose built community centre. We have the Parish Hall and the Old School but neither are modern enough for what is needed. More facilities for the young (children and young adults) are essential.

## **WHAT PRESSURES DO YOU THINK AFFECT OUR PARISH NOW OR IN THE FUTURE?**

- Being the cynic that I can be, I sometimes think the pressures come from within the council hierarchy - i.e who scratches who's back. Is local government any different to Central ? A few years back when we had "Chickengate" someone put a parish map up on the web with the locations of all the councillors. What a surprise that was to see such "big" addresses and so far away from the centre of Stoke. Do they really care about the traffic problems when they live so far out ?
- Increased population. Keeping a balanced population.
- Housing for young people is and will be an issue. It is important that public transport links are maintained. There will be pressure on land for housing so wherever possible our green areas should be free of development. Once they are built on they can never be recovered. Infill and use of redundant buildings are preferable for development.

- I think that pressures inflicted from the organisations I referred to in question 2 affect the Parish now and are driving people away.
- Increasing population. Maintain a balanced population. Keeping its character when there are pressures to change.
- Like everything else which is partially or wholly dependent on Central or local government for support, the village will suffer from the knock on effects of there being no funding available to help support it. I also think over development, particularly of housing at inflated prices will potentially damage the community, leading to local people having to move elsewhere.
- Further expansion development
- There will be an increased number of cars as the school remains popular and no doubt will have to expand if the government decide on it. Something to help with the parking would be great such as marked bays on the green which would open up more spaces on a daily basis and allowing parents to park at the old school. Allowing parents to park by the scout hut would also help. I imagine that affordable housing will also become an issue as children from the village grow up. However, I've seen 'affordable housing' before and usually only one or two properties turn out to be for locals while the rest have a higher price to pay for the development. This would have to be carefully controlled.
- Over development
- Funds for improving the parish
- Increasing population. Building houses for the young without destroying the character of the parish. Maintaining a mix of ages so that the parish is sustainable. Accommodating change in an acceptable manner.
- Lack of funding, remoteness, poor connections with the rest of the country.
- Increased population. Traffic. Providing a place to live for all who live in the parish - affordable housing. Making sure that the infrastructure supports the population.
- loss of habitat caused by insensitive farming practice creeping industrialisation of green field sites lack of social housing, especially for local families
- Housing, without a doubt the biggest issue facing us and most of Cornwall. It is such a shame to see properties being bought by people who will not live here, used for renting or holiday homes. Secondly lack of employment.
- Speeding through the village at key times such as school drop off
- Dangerous and or excessive HGV traffic from proposed Chicken units
- The ideas that they want to change the layout inside the church & take away the pews. This is wrong. The thing that makes our church great is the pews and the floors. If you take that away you're taking away the history of the church. Taking away people's memories. Yes, new is good sometimes but in this case old is best
- An ageing population Growth of the primary school - but more will come in from outside because young families can't afford to live in the village - this will add more pressure to the road congestion problem in the morning and afternoon. Renewable energy will become increasingly important and should be encouraged. That said, there should be clear planning guidelines. We need to encourage the growth of small businesses and tourist businesses in order to grow the local economy.
- Building of housing developments Threat of Chicken sheds Growing thriving Primary school
- The main problem will be maintaining its character in the face of population growth.

#### **ARE THERE ANY TOPICS YOU THINK WE'VE MISSED?**

- Bus links as opposed to the generic term "transport" Duchy College - they seem to be building like crazy. What planning rules do they come under and where does all their money come from? We used to share their facilities; be able to take a walk through their grounds - but not any more. The "Get off my land" attitude has arrived in Stoke! PS: There is no point doing a survey if THE ANSWERS ARE CENSORED" or nobody acts upon the voice of the real Stoke residents
- Pool resources and have a single modern community centre
- No you have been thorough.
- I look forward to the next stage.
- No.
- Community cohesion events that bring together the different groups

- relaxed covenants on Kyl Cober development.....like putting up fences, a new shed or summer houses and to enjoy the environment
- If they do build new houses. The people buying them have to either come from this or neighbouring area or have parents that do.
- Facilities for the young are mentioned but I think we should seriously look at facilities for young people (11-25)
- It needs to be addressed that there is some diversity in the parish and the opinions will differ greatly on community issues and this needs to be reflected in the plan.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS MADE**

- Blah blah blah blah blah !
- We need to get better at sharing the pressures and issues as well as co-developing solutions. We all play a part in our future.
- I would not like to see a housing development in the parish, the roads couldn't support this and it would lose the essence of being a village