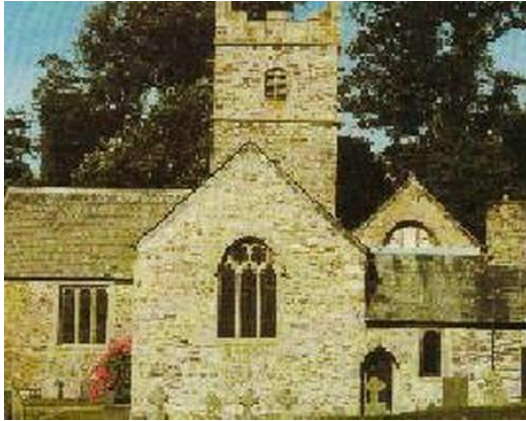


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Rev'd Philip Sharp



The parishes of Looe and Morval are currently without a priest, as Philip Sharp left this post at Easter after nearly ten years. Many have grown to know Philip as a friend, valuing his genuine warmth and humour, and his interest in and knowledge of so many and varied things. As a priest, Philip has inspired congregations with the wisdom and enthusiasm of his teaching, helping people to find a new and deeper understanding of their own faith. He has brought comfort to many families at times of anxiety and bereavement, and has shared the joy of couples getting married or families bringing children for baptism. We all wish Philip and Mandy all the very best for the future.



Meanwhile, our parishes are putting together the information needed to advertise for a new priest. The new appointment will include responsibility for the parishes of Duloe and Herodsfoot. Once services can safely resume in our churches, they will be largely lay led until a new priest is appointed, though there are some retired priests in the local area who can be called upon for Communion services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan April mailing



The NDP Steering Group is extremely grateful to all those who took the time to respond to our latest mailing, and we are very pleased that two people are interested in joining the group. All comments have been read and collated and will help to add detail to the developing plan. Some of the areas covered will

not contribute to planning policies; some will be referred to the Parish Council, some to Cornwall Council Highways and some will inform future projects associated with the NDP. Some areas covered in the Cornwall Local Plan will appear only briefly in Morval's NDP, with reference to the detail contained in the CLP.

What follows is a brief summary of the responses to last month's letter.

Vision and objectives

Most respondents were very supportive of the main priorities of the NDP, set out broadly in the Vision and Objectives. There was some criticism regarding the lack of detail given; there will be opportunities to see the full policies, which do contain very detailed planning guidelines, when the project reaches the next stage. It is worth clarifying, for any residents who were not involved in the earlier stages of consultation, that all policy areas covered by the NDP are being investigated in response to community feedback. The first open questions were distributed via 'Outlook' magazine in August 2019. and the detailed questionnaire, which was professionally created in response to issues raised by the open questions, was distributed by hand in January 2020 and the very encouraging feedback fully analysed. All consultation information is available at: <https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-ndp.html>

Public transport

The general consensus of the responses received is that people would use more public transport if it were available, particularly routes linking all of the parish to Looe and Liskeard, ideally co-ordinating with trains, with the opportunity to return in the evening. A few people are interested in using a community bus, possibly in collaboration with a neighbouring parish. One respondent pointed out that, without more housing and work opportunities, increased public transport was hard to justify.

Dark Skies

For the majority of respondents, the dark sky is crucial to the rural nature of the area, and is valued not only for their own enjoyment and wellbeing, but also for the protection and conservation of wildlife. Some, however, would prefer to have street lighting for safety and security, while others would welcome limited lighting provided by downlighters. The point was raised that, statistically, more crime is committed where street lighting is present. Another observation was that there is a proven out of season boost to accommodation businesses in areas where dark skies policies have been adopted.

Trenode field

Numerous ideas were put forward for future uses of this area. The most popular idea was to keep it as an open green space for the community, with trees, maintained and accessible paths, wildflower areas, a pond, picnic benches etc. Some suggested included a dog walking area, and several mentioned the possibility of allotments, should there be sufficient local demand. The overall wellbeing of residents of all ages was mentioned several times. A play area for children was also popular, including suggestions for an adventure playground and a skate park. Other ideas for retaining the open space included holding community events, perhaps with a pop up café. Another popular idea was to use part of the space to alleviate parking issues at the school, particularly at the start and end of the day. It was also suggested that the agricultural use of the land be retained.

Suggestions for building on the field mostly mentioned a new community hall, though there was also the suggestion of an indoor and outdoor sports facility and the possibility of some affordable housing.

Several respondents, however, pointed out the significant gradient, which might make any building project difficult. Some respondents suggested selling all or part of the field in order to fund other community projects. The NDP Steering Group is currently considering designating this area as a Protected Green Space, which would, if accepted by Cornwall Council, preclude significant building projects, so all the evidence provided by this consultation will be carefully considered.

Footpaths and Rights of Way

There is clearly a great deal of interest around the parish in the accessibility of designated rights of way, and frustration over some unauthorised closures and a lack of signposting. The Parish Council is also currently undertaking work on this, so please also refer to the Parish Council's website. In addition to concerns around existing rights of way, many respondents expressed a call for more paved footpaths, with several specific mentions of a safe footpath to Tredinnick Farm Shop.

Traffic/road safety

This is clearly another area of concern for many residents. Many people suggest the use of speed bumps/sleeping policemen and other speed reducing measures, particularly through Widegates, where the recently installed flashing 30mph sign is often ignored. There are also suggestions that speed limits throughout the parish be reduced, and mirrors installed at hazardous junctions.

Housing

There were many comments about housing developments, most expressing the view that Widegates in particular is already overdeveloped, with unsightly unfinished parts, and that some of the new building is not in keeping with the area. However, there is continuing support for new homes to be made available to meet local need.

Other issues raised

These included concern over the condition of unadopted roads, objections to the Pheasant Shoot, the problem of dog fouling, a need for more community activities including support for the existing village hall, and suggestions for brightening up parts of the parish.

What happens next?

The NDP policies are nearing the point where they can be passed to Morval Parish Council for submission to Cornwall Council, who will ensure that they do not conflict with the Cornwall Local Plan. They will also be scrutinised by an independent examiner to ensure that they comply with legal requirements. Once the document has been approved at this level, a period of public consultation will follow, during which we will do all we

can to make it available to the community. At the end of the consultation period, Cornwall Council will conduct a ballot to decide whether or not the community wishes to adopt the NDP. This is why it is so important for members of the community to engage with the plan as it progresses rather than wait until the final vote to express an opinion.

Please continue to follow developments and add your comments using the public Facebook account "Morval Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan", by email to morvalparishndp@gmail.com or by phone to any of these numbers: 01503 241064, 240518, 240218, 240482, 240363

And finally... If you have any photographs of any part of Morval Parish that you would be happy to see included in the online version of the NDP, please get in touch. All photographers whose pictures are included in the final document will be acknowledged.

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