



The Lanner Parish Plan

These pages are an on-going, developing programme showing how our community sees itself evolving over the next ten years or so and, in particular, how the Parish Council seeks to respond to those aspirations. It is very much a “live” document. We invite comment, suggestions and criticism from anyone interested in Lanner, whether or not you live or work here. Please do send us your thoughts which will certainly be given serious consideration.

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The Background to the Plan.

The purpose of the Parish Plan is to complement the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Local Landscape Character Assessment and the Emergency Plan. It sets out goals and aspirations of the community with regard to issues such as social inclusion, environment and health and wellbeing which are not covered in those other documents. It should however be read in conjunction with those documents as they all interconnect.

The original Parish Plan was created through a series of public consultations and was presented to and received by the community at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 August 2011. This review and update was affected through a day long community consultation at Lanner Village Hall on 16 November 2019 and adopted by Lanner Parish Council on 28th May 2020.



Climate Change

Climate change affects all our lives and is something considered in all decisions and actions of the Parish Council. We look to reduce our carbon emissions to net zero and encourage others to do the same. We also acknowledge that even if our collective carbon emissions in the parish do fall to net zero we will yet be subject to the extremities of weather (both within and outside our immediate community) associated with climate change and we need to foster resilience and create a plan against those disruptive impacts.



Perhaps the most immediate risk facing residents from climate change is that of flooding. Lanner Moor is officially recognised as an area where flooding occurs, but other areas have been identified, through experience, which may be affected in times of heavy rainfall. These include Pennance Road, Sandy Lane by the roundabout, Tresavean Terrace, Tresavean Estate, Bell Lane, Rough Street, Lanner Square, Church Green, and Bell Veor.

Many, if not most, of these flooding risks are seen as being accentuated by poor planned maintenance of drains, ditches and gullies. Cornwall Council, though, has elected not to operate a planned maintenance policy but opts instead for response-based maintenance.



Combatting the effects of severe weather is one of the aims of the parish council's Emergency Plan. Investment has been made in salt bins, water inflated "sandbags", and emergency equipment and the Plan effected by means of a telephone tree, street warden scheme and identification of public buildings for emergency community use. These local resources will be strengthened and expanded on.



The Environment

Lanner provides a pleasant and valued environment in which to live and work. Whilst always receptive to sustainable proposals for growth, new development must not come at a decline in future standards of environment, biodiversity or landscape quality. Moreover, there must not be undue pressures put on community services nor should their viability be put at risk. These aims are embedded in the principles of the Lanner Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Air Quality

Most of the parish is rural in nature and where housing is concentrated there is little through traffic. The exception is the A393 which bisects the eponymous village where traffic volumes, including heavy goods vehicles, are significant. Air quality is measured by reference to a "normal" score of 1, where a score of below 1 is better than normal. In Lanner, with measurements taken at Lanner Square, the score for 2007 ranged between 0.80 and 0.87: whilst better than the norm, air quality had fallen significantly in the three preceding years from a range of 0.66 to 0.74 in 2004. This could reflect an increase in traffic volume. Readings have not been taken since because "worse" traffic on the same road around the Trefusis Arms traffic lights has consistently shown nitrogen dioxide levels lower than the National Air Quality Strategy standard.

Landscape

As described in the Lanner NDP, the greater part of the parish comes within the Carnmenellis Landscape Area which is described in Cornwall Council's (2007) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Landscape Character Study. A smaller part of the parish lies within the Camborne, Redruth and Gwennap Landscape Area. This Study is being reviewed (2020) to identify areas which may come forward as part of the "Forest for Cornwall" project and, as a result, make significant changes to landscape. This review will be monitored for any impact on Lanner's landscape and its designated areas.



Trees

Trees are important to our wellbeing. They add to a biodiverse environment, sequester carbon dioxide through photosynthesis, provide shelter and are a significant landscape feature. The parish council will regularly survey and manage trees on land under its control and will plant out additional trees where appropriate.



Footpaths and Bridleways

The parish is particularly fortunate in having some 12 miles of footpaths and bridleways. They are very well used – mainly for recreational purposes but with the capacity to act as links to other communities, places of work and shopping. The responsibility for maintaining these paths rests with Cornwall Council but the contracts to keep them trimmed back are administered by the parish council which receives a contribution from Cornwall Council of about two thirds the total cost. The exception is the surface of the Tresavean Trail which, though owned by the parish council, is directly maintained by Cornwall Council as part of the multi-use Mineral Tramways Network and is part of the World Heritage Site.



The condition of the multi-use trails varies both in respect of their surface, signage and their safety where meeting and crossing metalled highways. The parish council, through numerous volunteer walkers, monitors the condition of all its paths and regularly engages with Cornwall Council, pressing for their continued upkeep and improvement.

The safe use and enjoyment of the trails is put at risk from time to time by unauthorised motor vehicles, usually trial bikes. It is unlawful for unauthorised vehicles to use bridleways or footpaths and the parish council, Cornwall Council and police operate a report and fine policy in all cases where identification is made.

Litter is perceived as a problem, particularly dog waste, on the Trails. There is always a demand for more litter and dog poo bins. The parish council is now running a reporting system to Cornwall Council who will issue fixed penalty notices on the strength of those reports. Seating is provided along the Tresavean Trail and this will be made more frequent.



The parish council is working towards adding a further 10 well-used footpaths to the Definitive Map which closes in 2026.

The proper use and good maintenance of the Trails is sought by participation in the Mining Trails Forum (which covers the Coast to Coast Trail, the Great Flat Lode, Redruth-

Chacewater Trail, and Tresavean Trail). Through the Mining Villages Regeneration Group, the parish council has a part ownership in the website www.cornwalltrails.net which seeks to encourage users of the Trails in our area to divert from their route into our villages as well as promote the Trails themselves.



Roads and Speed

There is great concern within the community regarding the speed at which vehicles travel on the A393 and also on some of the minor roads. Not only that, but the volume of traffic is increasing on all roads particularly as Satnav suggests short cuts to vehicles not necessarily well-suited to minor roads.

The A393 is, at the time of writing, under review by Cornwall Highways/Cormac in respect of speed and safety. This is for the whole length of the road through the parish from the Sandy Lane roundabout to the boundary with Gwennap parish.

Matters under consideration include:

- Providing road markings and an island refuge at the top of Lanner Hill to protect pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road between sections of the Mineral Trails.
- Relocating the Lanner Hill fixed VAS to a more prominent location by the junction with Pennance Road.
- Widening pedestrian pavements where appropriate to improve safety.
- Utilising parking restrictions and creating parking bays to create chicanes to slow traffic.
- Reducing the speed limit between Comford and Lanner village from 50mph to 40mph.

Submission has been made to Cornwall Council for increasing parking restrictions around the school on Bell Lane and Lanmoor.

The parish council has purchased a mobile VAS to record traffic speeds and volumes in the parish. Results are fed to the police and to Cornwall Highways to establish behavioral patterns and inform enforcement.

Lanner Speedwatch is supported by the parish council although not organised by council nor are their results monitored or coordinated.

Regarding the minor roads, the nature of vehicles using Pennance Road and their speed is of particular concern. The parish council has erected notices in both directions that "Twenty Is Plenty" on this stretch of road. Evidence suggests that speeds are fairly reasonable over all but traffic volumes are high as are heavy goods vehicles and commercial vehicles generally.

Cornwall Council has ceased controlling weed growth on pavements and, although not obliged to do so, the parish council has undertaken to contract out this work.



Public Open Spaces

Open land within the parish is considered an asset of the community which needs to be preserved and enhanced.

By far the most prominent area of open space is Carn Marth which rises to 771 feet (235 metres) above sea level. It is an Area of Great Landscape Value. The historic quarries of the Carn are, in the main, owned and managed on behalf of the community by the Carn Marth Trust. This long-standing charity now finds it difficult to find the resources to effect its responsibilities as it would wish to and its role may be taken over by the parish council with day-to-day management being effected through a sub-committee of residents and councillors.



There is a desire to see the area of the Tresavean Mine, which is owned by Cornwall Council, improved and with better access. The Parish Council presses for this land to be devolved to allow improvements to public access and biodiversity under a higher-level management plan. A meeting is anticipated during 2020 with Cornwall Council, the parish council, members of Exeter University and prospective volunteers to discuss its future: but, if funds are to be invested by the community, with the freehold or a long lease “on the table”.



There is also a wish for more planting of woodland. A survey of trees on land owned or leased by the parish council has been carried out (2019) and generally the condition of the plants is robust. Several hundred trees will be planted on parish council land during 2020. It is likely that most of these will be planted along the wide verges of the Tresavean Trail. Some maybe planted to provide screening at the Strawberry Fields recreation ground but, as two previous plantings were destroyed by local youths, this may be dependant on sufficient finance available to fund high and strong fencing.

Public recreation areas are described under “Leisure” below.

Litter, Waste and Anti-Social Behaviour

Within the village itself litter is not regarded as a major problem with the Parish Council employing someone to pick up litter in various parts of the built-up area to supplement Cornwall Council street cleansing. It is in the countryside that litter is seen as a bigger problem. There is a continual voice for more litter bins and dog waste bins both in and around the village though the drive must be to educate and encourage people to take their litter home.

Fly tipping is a continuous problem outside of the built-up area. Certain “hotspots” have been identified with Cornwall council. A continuing process of monitoring and reporting takes place to be backed up with covert surveillance and Fixed Penalty Notices with prosecution in the more serious cases.



Dog fouling is rightly seen as the direct responsibility of dog owners and for all types of littering the community overwhelmingly calls for rigorous penalties to be applied. Litter is regarded with zero tolerance and measures will be taken to bring the incidence of littering down as low as possible even if the efforts required are disproportionate to the physical size of the problem.

When it comes to the proper disposal of waste, there is no doubt that weekly refuse collection is highly valued as is the continuation of fortnightly recycling collections. The prospect of fortnightly collections of both “regular” and recycling waste is not considered favourably.

Lanner is a safe parish and recorded incidents of crime are very low. There are both real and perceived threats to safety and security within the community though mainly with regard to anti-social behaviour which shows itself as wanton vandalism and minor property damage. Formal policing tends to be response-based rather than prevention-based. Crime prevention and recording is to a large degree in the hands of the community, notably Neighbourhood Watch, which the parish council supports. Regular police liaison meetings, both formal and informal, are attended.

Village Amenities

Existing village amenities provided by the parish council are widely appreciated and include flower baskets and planters, attractive verges and public seating.

Public toilets in the Lanner Moor recreation ground are managed by the parish council and have been made subject to a charge for use following the installation of new doors and ongoing refurbishment works.

The provision of more street lighting is to be resisted and, where possible, directional street lighting should be introduced to reduce light pollution.

The parish council supports local businesses where possible.

There are a number of amenities owned and/or managed by the parish council on behalf of the community. These include:

Lanner Moor Playing Field.

This is held on lease by the council and includes a wide range of play equipment for all ages but particularly focusing on the under-10s. There is also a “teenage shelter”, small skateboard area and netball basket. The public toilets are located in this playing field.



Strawberry Fields Recreation Area

Owned by the parish council, there is adult outdoor training equipment, an assault course and a junior football area.



The Village Hall

At the time of writing, this is owned and managed by a charitable trust but transfer to the parish council is in the process of legal formalities.

Church Green

Another leased area, enclosed by trees and, to one side, a stream. Suitable for more sedate activity.



Lanner Square Car Park

This is managed by Cornwall Council as part of the highway. The poles for supporting floral and light displays together with other street furniture (including the Maud Pascoe Memorial) are owned and maintained by the parish council.

Minor Areas

Small areas of land within the parish are owned by council or managed under planting licenses. These include grass areas within and at the entrance of Henscol, tar surfaced areas in both these locations, verges at the entrance to Lanmoor and to Pennance Road.

Cemetery

A fitting place to end!

The parish council owns and manages a lawn cemetery off Rough Street with adjoining area for “natural” burials. There is a feature Garden of Reflection for quiet contemplation. The council also manages the closed churchyard on behalf of Cornwall Council.

