

# SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY PRIOTITIES

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## Menheniot Parish Community Engagement Report *Recreation Field and Open Spaces Visioning Process*

The consultation produced a rich set of ideas, concerns, and aspirations for both the Menheniot Recreation Field and the Merrymeet green spaces. Across all engagement phases, residents demonstrated a strong appetite for improvement tempered by realism about cost, maintenance, and the importance of preserving the Parish's rural character. The findings can be grouped into short-term, medium term, and long-term priorities. Each category reflects the balance between community demand, deliverability, and the level of planning or partnership required.

### **IMMEDIATE AIM to complete within 0-3 MONTHS**

**Comprehensive Recreation Field Masterplan created by MPC/Community Project Group to guide the decision making process and to inform project delivery costs and time line**

## SHORT-TERM AIMS to complete within (0-12 MONTHS)

Priority	Description	Why this matters	Potential Lead / Delivery Route
Seating, shade & social areas including perimeter walking/running route	Install benches, picnic tables, and shade structures in key locations. Commence work on all weather exercise route	Responds to the most frequent survey request; supports parents, older residents, and inclusivity.	Parish Council / community volunteers; potential smallgrants funding.
Dog management signage and exercise field	Introduce clear signage, dog bins, and communication of shared-use etiquette. support provision of dedicated field	Recurrent barrier to use cited by families and older residents.	Parish Council; community "Friends of the Field" group.
Communication channels	Relaunch Parish website section, noticeboards, and Facebook updates to report progress. Launch info sheet of facilities available	Builds transparency and trust; keeps momentum after consultation.	Parish Council / Communications Working Group.
Community volunteering events	Organise clean up or planting days linked to visible "quick wins".	Converts "possible" volunteers (54%) into active participants; reinforces ownership.	Volunteers / local groups with Parish support.

SHORT-TERM AIMS to complete within (0-12 MONTHS (Continued)

Priority	Description	Why this matters	Potential Lead / Delivery Route
Initiate and implement project plan for Merrymeet land aquisition /lease	Secure long-term tenure to enable community-hub build and grounds improvement.	Ensures sustainability and eligibility for capital funding.	Volunteer club partner or external operator. Parish Council / CIC partnership; legal support.
Produce a phased, costed design, integrating play, sport, access, and landscape improvements.	Plan to facilitate delivery	Provides a single strategic vision; required for major funding bids	Commission landscape architect / designer; adopt via Parish Council.

## MEDIUM-TERM AIMS to complete within 1-3 YEARS

Priority	Description	Why this matters	Potential Lead / Delivery Route
Play-area upgrade (Menheniot)	Expand and modernise existing play zone with inclusive, age-appropriate equipment (0–12 yrs).	Most consistent request across all engagement methods; key to family use.	Design concept, costings, supplier quotes, and safety certification.
Perimeter walking / running track	Complete low impact path around the field with seating and lighting as appropriate.	Supports all weather, low cost exercise for all ages.	Feasibility on route, surfacing type, lighting design.
Low impact lighting	Solar or motion activated lighting for key paths and gathering points.	Enhances safety and usability without compromising dark-sky character.	Technical design, energy feasibility, environmental surveys, planning permissions.
Youth recreation features	Identify space for teenage play (e.g., climbing, zip wire, small bike element).	Addresses current gap for 11–17 age group; reduces anti-social behaviour.	Co-design with young people; noise / siting assessment.
Friends of the Field / stewardship group	Formalise volunteer group for light maintenance, events, and liaison with Parish Council.	Builds local ownership and capacity for future projects.	Terms of reference and volunteer induction.
Merrymeet community hub concept	Develop concept and outline design for a small community building or modular space near existing play area.	Addresses clear community aspiration and absence of shared indoor space.	Land agreement, site surveys, planning consent, early-stage feasibility study.

## LONG-TERM AIMS to complete 3-5 YEARS+

Priority	Description	Why this matters	Potential Lead / Delivery Route
Formal youth sport provision	Evaluate small scale junior football pitch or shared use area if demand and volunteers align.	Create a sustainable model combining Parish oversight with community delivery (e.g., CIC or Friends Group).	Design integration at capital stage; grant funding (e.g. SPF).
Renewables / energy efficient infrastructure	Integrate solar lighting, waterharvesting, or EV ready cabling into new facilities.	Aligns with Cornwall's Net-Zero objectives and reduces operating costs.	Legal advice, capacity-building, and governance training.
Long-term maintenance & governance model	Create a sustainable model combining Parish oversight with community delivery (e.g., CIC or Friends Group).	Ensures continuity, transparency, and manageable volunteer load.	