

## **ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015**

Seven members of the Parish Council, led by Chair Dowler, and Grounds Manager Smart, Project Manager Parsons, CC Hall and 1 other, met in the Bolventor Reading Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

Cornwall Councillor Hall gave a brief reprise of his activities during the preceding month including attendance at the ANOB Conference, Planning Sub-Committee meeting and various pre-Christmas gatherings. He mentioned that it was expected that the Bodmin Moor Commons Council would be up and running in the New Year.

The visitor, a representative of Peninsula Properties, had come along in support of the application for outline planning permission to develop the disused reservoir site at Trewint as a residential dwelling. In response to the APC's preliminary comments on the Cornwall Council Planning website he advised the Councillors that discussions were in place with representatives from SWW and the Senior Development Officer at Land Charges & Commons & Greens in CC's Planning & Regeneration Service to address the sewage and common land access points raised. He stated that there was sufficient land to incorporate a stand-alone treatment unit on the site, if necessary, as well as surface water soak ways. He also said that the 2 storey dwelling plan was indicative only. A full planning permission application could see modification in both the building design and building regulation details. After an exchange of views and further discussion, the Chair thanked him for attending the meeting.

The Parish Council went on to consider the following planning applications:-

**\*\*PA15/09792:** Outline planning permission to erect a single dwelling with parking for 2 vehicles on the brownfield, disused Reservoir site at Trewint, Launceston, PL15 7TG. The Council noted that there was a need to resolve the civil matter of access across the common land, and the viability of a mains sewer connection. These matters aside, it determined that it was not opposed in principle to outline planning permission being granted subject to building regulations ensuring that there would be no risk of flooding from excessive surface and/or foul water run-off onto the adjacent common/nearby properties. A single storey building/dormer bungalow would be in keeping with the immediate neighbouring properties which were bungalows.

**\*\*PA15/10433:** Formation of an agricultural access @ New Hay View, Altarnun, Launceston raised NO OBJECTION.

**\*\*PA15/11502:** Permission for works to trees in a tree conservation area on the banks of Penpont Water near Altarnun Village Green and the Pack Horse Bridge, Altarnun raised NO OBJECTION.

**\*\*PA15/10500:** Permission for the removal of agricultural occupancy condition 3 attached to planning approval 91/1251 (17/7/91) at Polglaze, Altarnun, Launceston PL15 7RN raised NO OBJECTION.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the Planning Office were considering the refusal of application **PA15/09808** for the change of use of part of a stable block to create the Bodmin Moor equestrian retail outlet because the proposed location was felt to be too remote for a retail unit. Various Councillors commented that there was both need and local support for such an outlet within the Parish and they did not consider the site which sat on a main through road to be too remote for the purpose proposed. Similar outlets were cited for comparison purposes. After discussion the Parish Council determined to reaffirm the support they gave in November 2015 for the outlet & press for reconsideration. Assistance was also sought from CC Hall.

The Clerk reported back on responses from SWW and various teams in the CC planning office to comments raised by the APC about application **PA15/09360** by Wain Homes to build up to 37 dwellings on land to east of Fairfield Park, Five Lanes, Launceston. The Parish Council agreed to press for site meetings with the agents' concerned and again sought assistance from CC Hall in achieving this.

After consideration of the monthly financial transactions, the Councillors reviewed the status of the 2015/16 financial budget and then considered and approved the preliminary 2016/17 budget outline produced by the Clerk. This was followed by consideration of the scale of the 2016/17 Precept submission. After a full and frank discussion, the Council agreed not to raise the Precept for the coming year.

The Council then reprised correspondence received through the month and the status of various matters arising. There was a discussion about possible training and community consultation options and the Council enquired about plans to remedy recent delays to several parish projects due to recent filming & inclement weather (new Cemetery turning circle); ill health & lack of information on the SWW's sewage treatment plant upgrade (new public toilet block); and the need for an assessment of the impact of recent planning applications in Five Lanes (the original A30 spur road modifications). Arrangements were in hand to kick start them all again in the New Year. The Clerk confirmed that bad weather salt & grit had been ordered and the road inspection tour arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Subject to confirmation of approval by Cornwall Council to the proposed tree replacement scheme, work to remove the dead trees was also expected to start in the New Year. Finally, the Council authorised the renewal of the Altarnun, Five Lanes and Trewint highways weed spraying contract with Cormac Solutions. This was for work previously undertaken by Cornwall Council.

The Chair then took the opportunity to thank the Parish Council members for all their support throughout the year with a seasonal mince pie.

On behalf of the Parish Council, he went on to wish everyone in the Parish a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The first Parish Council meeting of 2016 will be held in the Altarnun Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. All parishioners are welcome to come along.