

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

Seven Parish Councillors joined Chair Dowler for the meeting in Altarnun Village hall on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. Also present were Cornwall Councillor V Hall, grounds manager P Smart and two parishioners.

After a brief update on the issues addressed by Councillor Hall over the previous month, the Parish Council considered two planning applications – PA15/04220: seeking approval for the construction of a garden room at Gwaynten House, Trewint. The other - PA15/04387: seeking permission for the felling/tree work on trees (Abies/Holly & Copper Beech) covered by a Tree Protection Order at St Nonna's Church. APC raised NO OBJECTIONS to both.

The Council re-considered an application to convert two existing stables into an annexe at Penny Bray, Bowwithick Road, Altarnun. This appeared in May with No Objections raised. It had subsequently been withdrawn and resubmitted. The fresh application – PA15/04995, received on 9<sup>th</sup> June (day before the meeting) once again raised No Objection.

The Parish Council were notified on 10<sup>th</sup> June (date of APC meeting) that application PA14/12064 for the installation of an Endurance E-4660 wind turbine with tip height of 36.6m including control kiosk and temporary crane pad on land NE of Higher Tregunnon, Altarnun, had been referred to the Cornwall Council Planning Committee for it to decide. Altarnun Parish Council had raised No Objection to the original application. The Parish Council discussed the notice and in line with previous actions, agreed to send a representative to the meeting scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at the Council Offices, Luxstowe House, Liskeard to represent the Parish Council in support of the application.

The Clerk stated that she had received acknowledgements from the Forestry Commission and Devon and Cornwall Police wild life unit to the Parish Council enquiry prompted by community reports and concerns that there had been a breach of the Wild Life Act on the land behind Fairfield Park, Five Lanes after residents saw the hedgerows and trees being cut/felled/removed during late April/early May 2015. There was no further information to hand at this point in time.

The Clerk said that the Cornwall Council's affordable housing team had replied to the Parish Council challenge of the numbers quoted by builders/developers and Planning Officials for people/families with local connections to Altarnun Parish currently registered on the Home Choice register. The response failed to answer the Parish concerns and the Clerk was asked to go back restating Parish concern that the current practices are misleading and expose individual communities to the risk of over stating demand and over providing affordable homes. There had been no response from Wain Homes to the Parish Council pre-application consultation feedback summarising the strength of opposition across the Parish to the proposed development of land behind Fairfield Park, Five Lanes. The absolute lack of community and Parish Council support for the proposed development of the land which sits outside existing building development boundaries included universal dismay at the failure to address the known sewage incapacity of the existing SWW sewage treatment works in Altarnun Village centre; the lack of a second access route onto the site; real dis-belief that there is actual demand for such a large number of houses in the Five Lanes area, be it affordable or open market, and concerns that the Parish lacks the basic employment opportunities, public services and infrastructure to support the inevitable injection of such a large influx of people.

(NB: A formal planning application was submitted by Wain Homes & opened for consultation on the Cornwall Council Planning Website on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The closing date for consultation is 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.)

The Parish Council then worked through the Audit Report for 2014/15. This had passed its internal audit and was ready for submission to the external auditors, Grant Thornton. The supporting documentation included a transactional summary for the year; bank reconciliation statements; receipt and payment details; bank statements for both the current and reserve accounts. The report was approved and signed off by the Chair. After the Parish Council authorised payments for services undertaken during the preceding month, it looked at correspondence received. This included advance notice from the Rural Services Network who are helping to promote the launch of the largest ever survey into crime and anti-social behaviour in rural areas designed to find out how the police can better serve rural communities. Anyone living or working in rural areas is being encouraged to take part in the survey which will be run until 24<sup>th</sup> June. There was also feedback on the output from the public consultation being conducted by John Pollard of Cornwall Council on the "Case for Cornwall". An updated submission will be reported to the Council on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The APC Councillors have copies of the various documents associated with the plan and are happy to discuss with residents.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 in Altarnun Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.