

Highlights from the Altarnun Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 6th May 2015

It was a full house at the Annual General Meeting and monthly Parish Council meeting, in the Altarnun Village hall on Wednesday, 6th May. Chair Dowler and the Parish Council were joined by eight members of the public, the parish grounds manager and Cornwall Councillor.

The main focus of public representation was the planning application **PA15/03734** seeking approval for the erection of 8 dwellings (4 affordable & 4 open market; 2 & 3 bedroom houses with parking spaces) on land at Todda Park Farm, Bolventor. (Location plan attached). A planning representative spoke for the landowner, explaining that the application was a modification to the previously approved planning application (PA09/01406 – April 2011) for 6 affordable houses on the same site. The scheme is a private initiative and the landowner had been unable to make delivery financially viable. The revised application resolved this by adding 2 additional dwellings, and moving to a 50:50 split between open market and affordable houses. Local residents criticised the lack of notice, publicity and open consultation with local residents. Concerns included lack of amenities /public services at Bolventor making a car a necessity for any potential home owners; site access/egress onto the narrow road which crosses the moor; traffic congestion to and from Bolventor itself during the holiday month's because of traffic build up on A30; the location of the site and a belief that there were other more acceptable sites within the immediate vicinity; concern that the proposed 8 new homes were a step toward a potentially larger development despite a perceived lack of demand for new homes at Bolventor.

The Parish Council is on public record as favouring small, distributed, mixed site developments across the Parish. Chair Dowler stated that there was real demand from local residents/families for new homes, including affordable homes, in Bolventor itself – hence the support for the original scheme. The site had already been earmarked as suitable for development and the Parish Council saw no need to look else-where at this time. The estate road & site access onto what is a narrow moorland road was part of the original scheme acceptance. The Parish Council have supported the expansion of the Jamaica Inn with its proposed new farm shop, and the extension of the A30 dual carriage way through Temple, which should ease the traffic congestion on the nearby A30 during the summer months. The lack of garages was discussed and it was noted that there were 2 parking spaces per home and visitor parking on the estate road. The Council, concerned by recent delay and failure to deliver needed affordable homes, was anxious that the scheme would be delivered as a whole, with both affordable and open market homes coming on stream at the same time, as soon as possible. After deliberation of the comments raised and the application's supporting information data, the Parish Council raised **NO OBJECTION** to modified planning application - **PA15/03743**.

The Parish Council then considered the following planning applications/listed building consents and raised **NO OBJECTIONS**:- **PA15/01224/PA15/01228** for the conversion of an old calf house and garage into a library /workroom and en-suite bedroom for purposes ancillary to Tredarrus Farmhouse, Altarnun, and **PA15/02881/PA15/03326** for the repair, conservation & restoration of a garage and store ancillary to the host Manor House, back into living accommodation at Treerithick Manor, Altarnun. Planning application **PA15/02930** for the conversion of two existing stables to form an annexe at Penny Bray, Bowwithick Road, Altarnun also raised **NO OBJECTION**. Councillor Scott and CC Hall reported that the CC Planning Committee had approved the application to allow the renovation and restoration of Canaglaze, Altarnun - **PA15/01559**.

A written response from Wain Homes to the Parish Council pre-application feedback on the proposed Fairfield Park expansion scheme at Five Lanes, Altarnun had been received on the morning of the meeting. Paper copies of a revised site plan included 50 dwellings (30 open market and 20 affordable units), building elevation sketches and a redrawn recreation area/toddler play-park sketch. A second site entrance via the old A30 would be open during build. The Parish Council agreed that it should arrange a public meeting to discuss the new data with residents. The Altarnun Village hall was booked for 7.00pm, Wednesday, 20th May.

After clearance of monthly financial transactions, including the renewal of the Parish Annual Insurance, Councillors reviewed monthly correspondence and, following the recent Highways inspection of local roads, the on-going repair programme.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 3rd June 2015 in the Altarnun Village Hall. All residents are welcome.

Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council – May 2015