

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR APRIL 2016

Eight Councillors including Chair Dowler, met with Grounds Manager Smart; Project Manager Parsons and Cornwall Councillor Hall in Bolventor Reading Room on 6th April 2016. Two residents and two visitors also attended the meeting.

Cornwall Councillor Hall raised the problem of unchipped ponies, and more upsetting - dead ponies, on Eastmoor. The newly formed Bodmin Moor Commons Council were aware of the problem. A multi Council task force were currently burying corpses and 17 chipped ponies had been returned to their owners. Other matters being addressed included serious damp in a Council property at Five Lanes, and the proposed asphalt plant at Black Hill Quarry, Lewannick Parish.

Mrs Retallack raised concerns about continuing road safety problems at junctions at Plusha and the Rising Sun. She asked if Cormac Solutions Ltd could be instructed to cut right back the trees and shrubs on the nearby verges in order to improve visibility of oncoming traffic. She also spoke in support of planning application **PA16/02103**. Mrs Potter, a Lewannick Parish Councillor, sought Parish resident and Parish Council support for opposition to a proposal by Cormac Solutions Ltd to install an asphalt plant in the Blackhill Quarry between A30 and the village of Polyphant. Concerns included the risk of air and noise pollution; road safety risks by slow moving HGV's trying to enter/exit the site at the already dangerous A30 Two Bridges junction; its impact on the local environment, wildlife, flora and fauna; potential health risks and property value blight in Polyphant. The Chair explained that Altarnun Parish Council had not been invited to comment and had received no information about the plans. CC Hall & Mrs Potter advised that a public consultation meeting at 7.00pm, on 12th April 2016, in Coads Green Hall was open to all and wider publicity, including an article in the local Trepolpen, provided further information.

The Parish Council considered several planning applications:- **PA16/02103** – listed building consent and planning permission for a single storey extension to provide a bedroom facility at Trekinnick Farm, Altarnun raised **NO OBJECTION**. Application **PA16/02119** seeking permission for an extension to provide a bedroom facility at 4, St Nonna's Close, Altarnun also raised **NO OBJECTION**. The Councillors gave support on safety grounds to an application, **PA16/02300**, to perform works to fell a tree covered by a TPO in St Nonna's Church Yard, Altarnun. The Council exceptionally approved a late application, **PA16/03141**, stipulating the technical specification of timber cladding to ground floor walls as the non-material amendment previously approved for Tregirls Mill Cottage, Altarnun (**PA12/05088**). There followed a brief discussion on the respective status of three potential affordable housing sites at Five Lanes and Todda Park, Bolventor, where building work had now commenced.

The Clerk had circulated the bulk of the correspondence received in March 2016. The Council discussed the following:-

**The upcoming 2015/16 Annual Report and Account Audit – completion date 17th June 2016.

**Attendance at the Cornwall AONB AGM - Saturday, 7th May 2016 between 9.30am- 4.15pm @ Bedruthan Steps Hotel, Mawgan Porth, Nr Newquay TR8 4BW. The theme is "Landscapes with benefits".

**The launch of public consultation on a proposal to apply for "Dark Sky Park" status for Bodmin Moor, including an invitation to an open public meeting at 6pm on Friday 15th April 2016 at the Jamaica Inn.

**The launch of Flood Re, the Government backed scheme to enable home owners of properties built before January 2009 who have experienced, or at significant risk of, flooding to obtain affordable insurance. It is not open to businesses.

Information is available <http://www.floodre.co.uk/industry/customer-info>.

**An update upon the outcome of a public meeting attended by Chair Dowler and Cllr Branch on community plans for a new style Community Event Day.

**A complaint about the state of the churchyard at Bolventor Church and difficulties in accessing family graves caused by the protracted building works underway to convert the Church into a private dwelling.

After approval of the monthly financial transactions, Councillors reviewed matters arising and any other business notably:-

**Highways – The good progress on numerous pot hole repairs and the replacement of a damaged cattle grid at Bowithick.

**Parish Projects – Completion of improvements to the Hearse turning circle in the Parish Cemetery; the erection of a temporary restraint designed to enable the village green in Altarnun to rest and recuperate after the severely wet winter. Community forbearance with any inconvenience would be appreciated and the submission to CC Planning of a pre-planning application for the proposed new public toilet block in Altarnun. Once feedback is received public consultation will be organised in order to share ideas with local residents and raise funding requirements.

**The annual Parish Cemetery risk assessment found 5 unstable headstones and a problem tree. A Cemetery Committee meeting is to be arranged and the owners of the problem headstones will be asked to stabilise them.

**The issue of short term street parking outside the school which was causing a potential safety hazard outside the village School at drop off and collection times in the week. Councillor Branch, a Governor, will follow up with ALAT.

In a closed, Councillor only session at the end of the monthly meeting, the Parish Council considered the bids received and awarded the 2016/17 Parish Footpath LMP contract & the grass cutting contract for Altarnun, Trewint and Five Lanes to Smart Brothers of Trewint and the grass cutting contract for Bolventor to AAV Services of Bolventor.

The May 2016 meeting will be held in the Altarnun Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 4th May 2016.

All parishioners are welcome to come along.

M. A SAVAGE - Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council

8th April 2016