

## **ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016**

Groundhog Day was the backdrop for the February Parish Council meeting. 8 members of the Parish Council, led by Chair Dowler, met with Grounds Manager Smart and CC Hall in the Altarnun Village hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

Cornwall Councillor Hall gave a brief reprise of his activities during the preceding month including attendance at the Audit Committee, the Planning Sub-Committee meeting and various bi-election gatherings. He mentioned that the Bodmin Moor Parishes Networking conference had been deferred until March or April 2016.

The Parish Council considered planning application **PA15/12064** seeking permission to convert a barn at Tredaule Manor for residential use and raised **NO OBJECTION** in principle to the proposed change of use but it asked CC Planning to ensure that the proposed new sewage treatment plant & soakaway met planning regulation rules and posed no risk to the adjacent properties which had their own shared facility. They also felt that a suggested new boundary fence could probably benefit all residents, old and new. The APC was then advised by CC Hall & the Clerk that Cornwall Council Planning Office was unlikely to approve the application PA15/10500 to remove an agricultural occupancy condition 3 attached to planning approval 91/1251 (17/7/91) at Polglaze, Altarnun, Launceston PL15 7RN as it failed to meet the requirement of at least 12 months marketing prior to any such consideration. This application had been supported at the December 2015 APC Meeting. After discussion, the Council agreed to “agree to disagree” with the anticipated Planning Officer recommendation and support a request for the case to be referred to the CC Planning Sub-Committee. There was no news on the Wain Homes and Gratton Field applications. Site work had started at Bolventor but had been temporarily halted. Residents had expressed concern about surface water during the exceptionally wet weather and both APC Councillors and CC Hall had been to see the site and were monitoring the situation.

After approval of the monthly financial transactions, the Councillors went on to consider the implications of the proposed changes to the arrangements for External Audit for smaller Authorities commencing in the financial year 2017/18. After discussion it decided to adopt option 3 and become an “Opted-in” authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25K. As such, the APC will still be required to complete and publish an annual financial report in accordance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, as well as complete an annual exemption form and submit this the newly formed Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA).

The Council then reprised correspondence received through the month and the status of various matters arising. There was a discussion about the recently launched consultation on the schedule of further significant changes to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies proposed submission document 2010 – 2030 (March 2014). Notices inviting wider public consultation were to be posted. The closing date for public input will be 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The March 2016 meeting will be held in the Altarnun Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.

All parishioners are welcome to come along.

M. A SAVAGE

*Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council*

*4<sup>th</sup> February 2016*