

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

The session opened with the Annual General meeting in which the Clerk read out the Annual Report and presented a statement of the financial accounts for 2015/16. The report was adopted and the statement approved. There were no questions. Thanks were given to Groundsman P Smart for his work over the year and to Cllrs Richards and Scott for representing the APC at CC East Planning Sub Committee hearings during the year. The Chair also thanked the Clerk for her work over the year and closed the meeting. Annual Report attached for reference.

The Chair who was joined by four councillors then opened the regular monthly meeting for June. Also present were Grounds Manager Smart and Cornwall Councillor Hall.

Cornwall Councillor Hall ran through issues raised in the preceding month. He covered the planning sub-committee rejection of the Wain Homes application and the refusal of the Cormac asphalt plant application at Black Hill Quarry, Polyphant. The Chair thanked Cllr Hall for his leadership on these issues. Cllr Hall then read a letter from Highways England advising that potential improvements at Plusha Junction were unlikely to proceed at this time as funding was now unavailable. Consultation on revised proposals was underway until 16th June 2016. After discussion it was agreed that CC Hall would send the Clerk a copy of the letter he had received so that she could write expressing the APC's extreme disappointment and urging reconsideration of this proposed decision.

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

**** PA16/09360** - Cllr Richards reprised the outcome of the Planning Sub Committee meeting in which the Wain Homes application was rejected 14 votes to 1. She thanked Cllr Hall for his support, commended local residents for their active participation & the Clerk for her preparation and support. There was a wide ranging discussion of the reasons for the refusal and the APC awaited a response, if any, from Wain Homes.

****PA16/02806** – application for non-material amendments to PA14/08859 @ Jamaica Inn raised No OBJECTION.

****PA16/04027** – application for variation to condition 2 - PA16/02102 to provide a balcony over porch @ Lower Tregunnon raised NO OBJECTION.

****PA16/02102/3** – application for revision to PA16/02102 for a flat roof rather than a pitch roof & the provision of a ramp for garden access at Trekennick Farm raised NO OBJECTION.

****PA16/03932** – application for replacement windows @ West Tober raised NO OBJECTION.

****Parish Maintenance** - Mr Smart said grass cutting had started and phase 1 of LMP agreement to maintain the parish gold footpaths had been completed. He had reported damage to a woodland path by Treverne & damaged styles to CC.

****Projects** – The Clerk said CC Planning had advised that a planning application was needed for the proposed new toilet block in Altarnun. She had met with Arbore Care and agreed the siting for the new trees at the pack horse bridge, Altarnun. She briefed the APC about the welcome offer of a bequest from the previous owner of Cosy Cottage, Mrs J Bishop, to sponsor the provision of a new wooden bench on the village green to be engraved in memory of her husband Nigel and the happy times they had enjoyed in Altarnun.

****Cornwall AONB AGM** – Cllr Richards gave a verbal report back on the meeting on Saturday, 7th May 2016 @ Bedruthan Steps Hotel, Mawgan Porth, Nr Newquay TR8 4BW. She ran through the content of the talks by speakers – Steve Double, Collette Beckham, Kevin Gaston & Jonathan Jones all seeking to raise awareness about the value of the natural landscape, highlighting its frailty and the danger of loss of its benefits. The Chair thanked her for the feedback. The APC then approved the payment of financial transactions for the month. They also approved the 2015/16 Annual Audit submission for release to external auditors, Grant Thornton. Public notification of the completion of the accounts had been posted and copies were available for viewing until 30th June 2016. The APC reprised the financial budget for 2016/17 in the light of the 2015/2016 outturn and confirmed approval of the 2016/17 budget.

The Clerk then reprised correspondence received during the month including the notification of the pending EU referendum and advice from the Commons and Greens Registration Officer of Countryside Access, Environment Dep't of CC of an opportunity for the APC to apply in response to a review of the CL 230 file for Trewint Common to be re-designated as a Village Green under the care of the APC. The Council agreed to pursue this and embark on local consultation.

The July 2016 meeting will be held in the Altarnun Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6th July 2016. All parishioners are welcome to come along.

M. A SAVAGE - Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council

5th June 2016