

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR MARCH 2016

Parish Council Chair, Craig Dowler, met with 6 Councillors, Grounds Manager Smart and Cornwall Council Altarnun Ward Member V Hall in the Altarnun Village hall on 2nd March 2016. Three residents attended the meeting.

Cornwall Councillor Hall gave a brief reprise of his monthly activities including attendance at the Planning Sub-Committee meeting. A resident in Altarnun Village centre had complained of mud and agricultural waste being sprayed against decorative boundary fencing and building walls. Speeding farm vehicles were thought to be the problem and the Councillor felt that residents should be reminded of the need to slow vehicles down through the village. Residents expressed concern at planned Council Tax increases and asked if CC would now look for ways to encourage greater recycling, especially the processing of plastic materials.

The Parish Council meeting had been preceded by a closed networking information & training session with the CC Community Link Officer for Bude and Launceston, Mr C Simms, and covered issues such as Neighbourhood Plans and the new Local Development Funding Scheme.

During the meeting, the Parish Council considered planning application **PA16/00234** – Listed building consent for replacement windows - an amendment to listed building consent **PA15/07175** @ Wesley Cottage, Trewint, Launceston, PL15 7TG and raised No Objections. The Parish Council were advised that after approval had been given by both the APC & CC to listed building consent to replace windows/doors at Little Hendra, Altarnun, Launceston, PL15 7SE – application **PA15/08542** – the applicant had appealed against the specification conditions imposed by Cornwall Council. The Planning Inspectorate in Bristol were now to hear the case. Finally, the Parish Council were disappointed that the application – **PA15/10500** - to remove an agricultural condition 3 upon the building @ Polglaze, Altarnun, Launceston, PL157RN had been refused by the Cornwall Council Planning Sub-Committee on 29th February 2016 as it had failed to meet the requirement of at least 12 months marketing prior to any such consideration by a couple of days.

After approval of the monthly financial transactions, the Councillors went on to discuss the launch of a tender exercise for 2016/17 grass cutting contracts for Altarnun/Five Lanes/Trewint (1) and Bolventor (2). Tenders were also being sought for the LMP Footpath Maintenance Contract for 2016/17. Posters were being displayed and work schedule details could be obtained from the Clerk @ clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com.

The Clerk had already circulated the bulk of the correspondence received in February 2016. At the meeting the Council reviewed material including bus shelters & HM 90th Birthday medals for schools and councils & the following:-

**CC Democratic Services request that all Councillors check and confirm the accuracy of their Register of Interest Forms.

**Information that the Cornwall AONB AGM is to be held on Saturday, 7th May 2016 between 9.30am- 4.15pm @ Bedruthan Steps Hotel, Mawgan Porth, Nr Newquay TR8 4BW. The theme is “Landscapes with benefits”.

**Details of Cornwall AONB’s on-line survey/public consultation draft – February 2016 available for comment by midday 21st March 2016. The draft plan is on website www.cornwallanob.org.uk/management and the survey is available on <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AONBPLAN>.

**CC Environment Services Standards which covered Altarnun Parish’s Penpont View Estate. The Council are to compare the standards with the in situ reality but in the interim In the interim Cllrs considered that CC needed to look at the garages which were dirty and hazardous after flooding & they understood residents (private and public) dare not use them.

**CC had written looking for potential hosts and dates for the Annual Bodmin Moor Parishes Network Meeting. Altarnun Parish had hosted the last 2 meetings with co-operation from the Jamaica Inn owners.

**The Launceston Community Network Panel had launched the new Local Development Fund. Applications were being sought before 3rd June 2016 for devolution & partnership projects ie repairs/refurbishment of assets; equipment purchases; training or legal costs and possible capital projects such as the new toilet block scheme which had been delayed pending a meeting with SWW re plans for the adjacent Altarnun Sewage Treatment Plant & Pump house.

The Parish Council were concerned that despite assurances given, the Cormac Highways team had failed to complete numerous pot hole repairs and the replacement of a damaged cattle grid at Bowthick which had caused damage to several vehicles. Councillors also reported complaints from residents about the failure of local landowners to cut back their boundary hedgerows along local roads which were causing damage to passing vehicles. The Chair said he would talk with several landowners but if a situation was particularly dangerous he suggested that the risk be flagged up to Cormac who can cut back the hedgerows/fallen trees before billing the landowner. Finally, Councillors raised the problems caused by ice at the approach to the A30/Tredaule turn off which had seen several cars being written off in recent days. There was discussion about possible solutions including the provision of a new grit bin and the Chair said he would visit the local Cormac station to see if he could speed up repair and preventative work.

The Council were disturbed to hear of local fly tipping, including human excrement, at the Altarnun Bus Shelter. Steps were being taken to monitor the shelter in an effort to prevent transient rubbish dumpers. Finally, the Parish Council agreed that steps needed to be taken urgently to protect the Village Green which was being destroyed by motorists digging up the water logged lawns whilst parking. Several vehicles had become stuck in the mud. The Council agreed to fence off the back two thirds of the green in order to prevent vehicle access and parking whilst the green rests and recuperates.

The March 2016 meeting will be held in the Bolventor Reading Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6th April 2016.

All parishioners are welcome to come along.