

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Chairman Dowler, 4 Councillors, CC Hall and Parish Groundsman P Smart met in Altarnun Village hall on Wednesday, 2nd November 2016. Cornwall Councillor Hall ran through his activities over the month including an update on the parliamentary, electoral and boundary reviews. The first meeting of the Plusha Junction Improvement action group had been held and arrangements were in hand to set up a meeting with Highways England and local MP Scott Mann.

The Councillors considered the following planning applications and raised NO OBJECTIONS:-

** **PA16/07583** - land south of Penleat Cottage, Altarnun, PL15 7RJ for the construction of 2 wooden stables and a tack room, and change of use of associated land to equestrian.

** **PA16/07986** – Tregrenna View, Altarnun, PL15 7SB for a single storey side extension to form a garden room and the erection of a garden shed.

** **PA16/09990** – Non Material Amendment to hotel infill and extension proposals at the Jamaica Inn, Bolventor by Jamaica Inn PLC including a new residents lounge and two additional bedrooms.

** The APC noted that pre-application advice (**PA16/02291**) had been sought by Messrs Pooley & Williams to add 3 additional open market houses on the Gratton Field site in Five Lanes.

The APC reviewed highways matters noting the commencement of road sweeping and hedge trimming. It received updates on various projects noting that further information had been submitted to Building Regulations and feedback from SWW/Western Power feedback on the new toilet block scheme was still awaited. Preparations were in hand to tidy up the War Memorials and collect the Poppy Wreaths in time for Remembrance Day. Grass cutting had continued through October 2016 due to the prolonged warm, dry weather.

The APC reviewed & approved the month's financial transactions and holdings and went on to consider the correspondence circulated during the month, including an invitations to the Launceston Matters event between 10.00 – 3.30pm Saturday, 12th November/11.30 – 3.30pm Sunday, 13th November 2016; the Citizen's Advisory Bureau AGM @ Kingsley Suite, Kingsley Village, Penhale, Fraddon, TR9 6NA on 16th November 2016 @ 7.00pm with Bishop of Truro; the Empowering Communities Event between 10.30 – 3.30pm @ Eden Project on 9th November 2016 to consider how to improve the provision of better services for the most vulnerable people in communities; an invitation to an electoral boundary review consultative meeting in Truro on 10th/11th November 2016 and the Launceston Network Panel meeting @ 7.30pm on 15th December 2016. There were various articles from the Cornwall Community Flood Forum's AGM and feedback on recent consultation on the proposed CC Health & Care Strategy and the Bodmin Moor Parishes Network meeting at Bolventor which had included an update on the international Dark Sky recognition bid which the majority of the APC Councillors do not support. The Clerk reprised consultation on CC's proposed Clean Air for Cornwall plans which indicated that the worst contributor to poor air were diesel vehicles; HGV's and public transport. Proposed actions appeared sensible but the suggested push for CC/Cormac to increase the use of electric vehicles and promote wider use of public transport did not square with recent and planned reductions in services & lack of the associated support infrastructure. Finally, there was a discussion of the CALC's recommended opposition to proposed government changes proposing Council Tax referendum principles apply to PC's and after discussion the Clerk was instructed to send a letter opposing the proposals.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Bolventor Reading Room. Residents are welcome to attend and input on anything discussed is always appreciated.

M. A SAVAGE - *Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council*

4th November 2016