

## ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

Eight members of the Parish Council led by Chair Dowler met in the Bolventor Reading Room on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Joining them was Cornwall Councillor Mr V Hall, Parish Grounds man Mr P Smart, Parish Project Officer Mr P Parsons and two members of the public, one of whom expressed support for planning applications 02493; 02070 and 03034 and one who raised concerns about 02452 & its impact upon Trewint Common in terms of access, drainage, surface water run off risks and land damage.

After a reprise of his activities during the preceding month and a discussion with Councillors about the disappointing lack of success in securing positive progress on road improvement at Plusha Junction, Cllr Hall advised the Parish Council that he would not be standing at the forthcoming local election. Chair Dowler thanked Mr Hall on behalf of the APC and the community for his support over the last four years and wished him every success for the future.

After the minutes of the March meeting were approved and signed as a true record of events, the Parish Council turned to consider the following planning applications:-

\*\* **PA17/01928** – a proposal to construct and attach single garages to plots 1,2,7 & 8 at the recently built Todda Park development in Bolventor raised NO OBJECTION;

\*\* **PA17/02493** – a request to vary conditions 3 & 4 of decision 2009/00047 to extend the period of completion of approved land raising at Trebant Farm, Altarnun, PL15 7RR raised NO OBJECTION; Cllr I Scott excused himself from this discussion.

\*\* **PA17/01716** – a proposal to construct a detached garage, workshop, tractor shed and log store at Penleat House, Altarnun raised NO OBJECTION;

\*\* **PA17/02070** – a request for outline planning permission to construct a dwelling on land adjacent to Laskey's Farm House, Trewint, together with the modification of S106 Agreement to remove the site from the modified S106 of 15/01/13 & original S106 Agreement of 6/8/2002 - also subject to a separate application - **PA17/03034** - raised NO OBJECTION in principle but the APC endorsed the requirement by the Commons & Greens Registration Officer that the applicant seeks the consent of the appropriate national authority, the Planning Inspectorate acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 as it applies to Trewint Common. Cllrs Jasper and Smith excused themselves from this discussion.

\*\* **PA17/02452** – A proposal to build a new two storey, five bedroom dwelling following demolition of the redundant water reservoir on land south of the Anchorage at Trewint. The APC did not object in principle to the development of this site but given recent sensitivity about Trewint Common access and protection issues; concerns about drainage and the ability to connect to public sewers and mains water without damaging the common; the restrictive nature & historical usage of the site; the tight access and very close proximity to neighbouring bungalows, the APC believed that great care needed to be taken as to if, and what can be built, and how this is accomplished. The comments raised by the Commons & Greens Registration Officer who flagged that the site is surrounded by registered Common Land (Unit Number CL 230) for which section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 states that there is a general prohibition on works on common land without the consent of the appropriate national authority, the Planning Inspectorate acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the applicant needs to seek consent from the Planning Inspectorate as there appears to be a new private vehicular access being constructed over the common, was strongly endorsed by the Parish Council. They also endorsed the comments raised by both SWW Services and Environmental Health and Planning.

The Parish Council were advised that the site clearance, footings and drainage connections work on the new toilet block in Altarnun village centre would commence on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Building Inspector was booked for Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April and the cement was scheduled to be poured on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Arrangements would then follow to tender for the actual toilet block construction and fitting out. Local builders are encouraged to let the Parish Clerk know if they would be interested in undertaking the work. She can supply details and a building specification. She can be reached on 01566 86582 or via email at [clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com).

Continuation of general grass cutting arrangements with AAV services at Bolventor and Smart Brothers of Trewint were approved with work commencing after the arrival of the drier weather. Participation in the 2017 CC/APC LMP footpath duties was also approved. The Parish Grounds manager flagged that the Altarnun Village Green had been badly damaged by vehicular traffic over the wet winter. He would consider remedial action as the dryer weather continues. Work was also needed on Trewint Common. He was asked to also inspect various Parish Notice Boards and repair as appropriate.

The Clerk then advised the Council that following Mr Hall's decision not to stand for re-election, the three individuals standing for election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 would be Mr P Hall - Conservative; Ms R May - Labour and Mr A Parsons - Liberal Democrat. Parish Councillor Mr I Scott told the Council that he had also decided not to stand for re-election. He had enjoyed the past 15 years and said he was more than willing to continue assisting the APC where he could and as appropriate in certain projects such as the erection of the new toilet block if that would be helpful to the incoming Parish Councillors. Chair Dowler thanked him for this offer and expressed regret at the loss of his expertise and pro-active approach to the delivery of the Parish agenda. On behalf of the APC he thanked Mr Scott and wished him every success in the future. The Clerk advised that 11 nominations had been received for the 11 Parish Council seats. It was subsequently confirmed by the returning Officer that, as she suspected, the Parish Council elections would not be contested in Altarnun. The incoming Parish Council with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 will therefore be Mr C Bloomfield; Mrs D Branch; Mr C Dowler; Mr T Hoskin; Mr N Jasper; Mr J Kendall; Ms R May; Mrs M McCallum; Mrs L Baker-Pannell; Mrs C Richards and Mr W Smith.

The APC then reviewed Council finances before reviewing the correspondence received in March 2017. This included the minutes of the Launceston Community Network Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and a reminder about this year's Cornwall AONB Annual Conference which will be held at Goonhilly Earth Station, Goonhilly Downs, Helston, TR12 6LQ at 9.30am on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for anyone interested in attending.

The next and final Parish Council meeting of the outgoing 2013 – 2017 Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village hall.

Residents are welcome to attend and give input on anything discussed, as always.