

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Ten members of the Parish Council, led by Chair Dowler, met Cornwall Councillor Hall, Parish Groundsman Smart, Parish Project Officer Parsons and 4 residents in Altarnun Village Hall on 1st February 2017.

Councillor Hall gave a brief overview of his activities in the month. These included a disappointing meeting with Highways England in search of a commitment to road safety improvement investment at Plusha. There was a lengthy discussion in which the Parish Council urged for continuing pressure to be voiced.

A request by Residents for insurance cover sponsorship for another Fun on the Green day being planned for July 2017 was agreed by the Parish Council who took the opportunity to congratulate them on the success of the 2016 event. Enquiries were also made about the potential provision of a community defibrillator. The Council confirmed that this initiative was being looked at as part of the project to provide a new public toilet block/information centre in Altarnun Village. At a recent meeting, however, the Council had been asked to look at an alternative location for a defibrillator. This would be linked with the application to adopt the phone box due for closure by BT at Five Lanes where a defibrillator may be more accessible to ambulances & a wider range of residents. The Council went on to hear an update on plans to clear the site for the new toilet block and the arrangements being made to lay its concrete base.

Consideration was then given to the planning application **PA17/00615** – removal work to trees covered by a tree preservation order in the grounds of Altarnun Church Rectory, PL15 7SJ which raised No Objection. Application **PA17/00355** had been received after the agenda had been posted with a closing date for consultee comments before the date of the next meeting. It concerned the proposed conversion of Linhay @ Tresmeake Farm, Altarnun, PL15 7SL into a dwelling and raised NO OBJECTION. Similarly, application **PA16/09731** for outline planning permission for two residential dwellings and a new joint access point on agricultural land South West of Ivy Court, Treween, Altarnun, PL15 7RD was considered exceptionally. The proposed new buildings would front the narrow lane from Treween to Tresibbett infilling land between two existing dwellings - Ivy Court & Teranova. After a lengthy discussion the Council decided not to object to the provision of outline consent for two new builds. The Council then reviewed the proposed North Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan on which they had no comment. Finally, in response to an invitation from Mansion Developments SW Ltd, the Council supported a proposal to name the newly built affordable housing development at Bolventor – Todda Close.

The APC then reviewed Council finances before reviewing the correspondence received in January 2017. This included confirmation of agreement to a preliminary meeting with the Principal of Altarnun Primary School and a representative of the Adventure Learning Academy Trust (ALAT). The Clerk then updated the Council on CC plans for the upcoming Council election/s on Thursday 4th May 2017. All Councillors, elected or co-opted, will retire on 8th May 2017. Public Notices will be posted on Parish Notice Boards on 20th March 2017. Nomination packs will be distributed to existing councillors should they wish to stand for re-election. Additional packs will be obtainable from the electoral services office and sent direct to any other prospective candidates. Completed nomination papers must be delivered – importantly **BY HAND** - and received by the relevant Deputy Returning Officer named in the pack, no later than 4.00pm on 4th April 2017. Any posted nominations will be invalid. Should membership of the Parish Council be contested, polling will take place from 7.00am to 10.00pm on 4th May 2017 in the Parish polling centres. The last day to register as an elector for inclusion on the Poll Day register is Thursday, 13th April 2017. The last day for new applications to vote by post and changes to/cancellation of existing postal votes & proxy appointments is Tuesday, 18th April 2017. More information will be given at the upcoming March meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1st March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend and give input on anything discussed, as always.

M. A SAVAGE - Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council

6th February 2017