

## ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - the first day of Spring and yes, despite the wintery, windy and wet weather, Spring has sprung - saw eight members of the Parish Council led by Chair Dowler meet in Altarnun Village hall. They were joined by three members of the public who raised concern about a blocked bridle path, and expressed an interest in hearing the outcome of the recent informal, introductory meeting between a representative of the ALAT Academy and members of the Parish Council about the Altarnun School. There was a full discussion on both issues. The Chair explained that a further meeting with the full Council and representatives of ALAT and the School would be held, hopefully in May, with the incoming new Parish Council and members of the public. The meeting would probably be held in the school itself at ALAT's suggestion. This was to allow the School officials time to conclude specific actions currently in train and to pull together the information requested by the Council to address the concerns raised by local residents.

The Parish Council considered planning application **PA17/ 01299** to erect a small timber barn & manure clamp on a concrete base for equestrian use at Inner Trenarrett, Altarnun, PL15 7SY and raised No Objection. The Parish Council were updated on the imminent start of work on the new Public Toilet block in Altarnun Village centre. There was a discussion about inviting local companies to express an interest in undertaking the construction of the toilet block whilst the footing and base are laid. Residents and 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).

The APC then reviewed Council finances before reviewing the correspondence received in January 2017. This included feedback from Councillor Bloomfield about the Bodmin Moor Parishes Network meeting at St Cleer on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and confirmation that the election nomination papers for the Council elections on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May were to be collected by hand by the Clerk in the one stop shop Launceston on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Public Notices will be posted on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and completed nominations will need to be taken by applicants – importantly **BY HAND** - and received by the relevant Deputy Returning Officer named in the pack, no later than 4.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Any posted nominations will be invalid. Polling will take place from 7.00am to 10.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Parish polling centres. The last day to register as an elector for inclusion on the Poll Day register is Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The last day for new applications to vote by post and changes to/cancellation of existing postal votes & proxy appointments is Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor can contact the Clerk by phone on 01566 86582, or alternatively by email at [clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com) for more information. Correspondence also included a letter from local MP Scott Mann promoting the value of exporting UK skills, expertise, goods and services across the world; promotional material requesting support for Operation Hedgehog, launched in 2016 by the Cornwall Biodiversity Initiative and the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership to halt and hopefully reverse the decline in Hedgehog numbers in Cornwall. Further information can be found via [operation.hedgehog@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:operation.hedgehog@cornwall.gov.uk); and finally the initial announcement that this year's Cornwall AONB Annual Conference 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 Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Bolventor Reading Room. Residents are welcome to attend and give input on anything discussed, as always.

M. A SAVAGE - Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council

*5<sup>th</sup> March 2017*