

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Seven Parish Councillors met in the Altarnun Village hall on 4th October 2017. Also present were Cornwall Councillor A. Parsons, Parish Handyman P.Smart and two members of the public.

CC Parsons talked about his recent activities. Focus had once again been on local highways issues and the County boundary review findings.

Local resident Mrs Wadge asked for help to cut back or remove an overgrown tree on Penpont Green which was encroaching on her property. Follow up enquiries are to be made with Cornwall Council.

The Parish Council considered an outline planning application PA17/07522 with some reserved matters ie access, layout, scale. The proposal was for a small mixed development of 6 affordable and 6 open market homes at Gratton Field, Five Lanes. This development site is one of three supported by the Parish Council to provide affordable homes for local people. After consideration of the associated documentation from the CC Planning website, the Parish Council raised NO OBJECTION in principle subject to provision of protection against downhill flood risk from surface/drainage and foul water run-off, a source of historical concern for the Council and Community alike. Given its ANOB location the Council were also keen to see that the building finishes were in keeping with neighbouring properties in Five Lanes. A full planning was now awaited.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed as a true record of events. The Parish Council considered the month's financial transactions which included a donation towards the Church Hall WC cleaning costs for use of the toilets and the monthly grass cutting and maintenance charges. The Clerk then confirmed that the 2016/17 financial audit had been concluded successfully, sharing comments from the auditors and advising that the public notice of its completion would be posted on Monday 9th October 2017.

The recent advert inviting tenders for the construction of the new toilet block in Altarnun had generated no interest to date although two builders were understood to be considering a potential bid. Councillors were encouraged once again to offer the documentation to local builders. The Clerk has copies on 01566 86582 or via email – clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com.

There followed a general discussion on numerous highways scheduled works; parish maintenance activities, preparations for the November armistice service including a decision to amend the order for wreaths to circular rather than tear drop wreaths for 2018; preparations for the next meeting with Altarnun Primary School & ALAT which was proposed for 8th November 2017 at either the School or the Church Hall. Cllr Branch gave an account of the September Launceston Community Network meeting & the Clerk debriefed the Councillors on the September Village Hall Management meeting. Finally, there was a run through of correspondence circulated during the month.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1st November 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

9th October 2017