

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

All but two of the Parish Council met in the Altarnun Village hall on 6th September 2017. Also present were Cornwall Councillor A. Parsons, Parish Handyman P. Smart and one member of the public.

CC Parsons reprised his activities over the month. Focus had been on local highways and hedging issues. There was also a discussion about opportunities for the utilisation of his limited Community Chest funding.

Mr R Rider then thanked the Parish Council for their support and Mr Smart for preparing the village green for the Fun-On-The-Green day. 18 local clubs & organisations had participated in the family orientated day and the community had raised some £863 for them, and cancer research. It was hoped to repeat the popular and well attended event in 2018. The Chair thanked Mr & Mrs Rider and their committee for their commitment and confirmed that if the event did go ahead the Council would continue its support.

There were NO planning applications to consider but the Parish Council noted that PA17/01934 Pre-Planning Advice had been concluded following a site meeting. A significant redevelopment scheme was being considered at Trewint Farm which had included proposals for a 2-storey extension to an existing one-bed cottage; the conversion of a vernacular barn for residential use; the construction of three new cottage-style two-bed dwellings on nearby land; infill consent for a new detached dwelling between Tredar and Trewint Cottage; construction of another building plot to west of Tredar and the introduction of access to the rear of the terrace of cottages to east of Trewint Farm. The Chair mentioned that several residents had raised early concerns about the potential scheme. A formal planning application was now awaited.

The Parish Council also noted that SWW had now actually submitted their formal representations for permission from DEFRA & Secretary of State - Planning Inspectorate to carry out work to relocate & reconnect pipes at the dis-used Trewint Reservoir over Trewint Common. Residents and the Council were free to submit comments/objections. Notices had been placed on site and in the Village Post Office at Altarnun giving details of how this can be done.

The minutes of the August 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; the monthly grass cutting and maintenance charges, and the payment for phase 2 of the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme.

The Clerk reported back upon the annual Parish Cemetery Operations and Safety Sub-Committee meeting circulating illustrative photographs. Several headstones were found to be unstable and families were being contacted to arrange for corrective action to be taken. Several graves had planted shrubs/trees on the plots but these were making site maintenance very difficult. The Sub-Committee proposed creating a commemorative garden area along the Five Lanes/Altarnun roadway boundary in which such memorial tokens could be planted and acknowledged. Families were to be contacted and the existing plants moved. Similarly, many very old plots needed levelling off as the raised areas made maintenance very difficult and time consuming. A notice would be displayed in the cemetery explaining the changes and work would be started over the winter months in readiness for the Spring.

The advert inviting tenders for the construction of the new toilet block in Altarnun had been placed for two weeks in the Cornish and Devon Post. Councillors were encouraged 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 matters; preparations for the next meeting with ALAT about Altarnun Primary School which is scheduled for November 2017 and several potential flood and drains clearance problems. Finally, there was a run through of correspondence circulated during the month. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village Hall.

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