

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR APRIL 2018 MEETING

Nine Councillors, led by Chair Dowler, met with Cornwall Councillor A. Parsons and Parish Handyman P Smart at the first meeting of the new financial year in the Bolventor Reading Room. Following up on matters raised earlier in the year, Cllr Parsons said that CC Housing had accepted responsibility for repairs to the footpath in Penpont View and the work had been added to their capital programme for the year. He invited Councillors to express their opinions on the proposed “New Stadium for Cornwall” proposed for Trelisk, Truro. There was a lively discussion with questions raised about the location (would Bodmin have been a more central/easier to access site, possibly encouraging visitors from Devon too); capital costs (matched funding of £3M discussed); ongoing operating costs including potential private backing and finally the potential long-term benefits & economic growth prospects such an investment could stimulate for the County as a whole. On balance, the scheme was welcomed in principle.

The APC considered the following planning applications and raised NO OBJECTION: -

** **PA18/02232** - for an extension to provide a domestic garage @ 4, Todda park, Bolventor.

** **PA18/01722** – for a certificate of lawfulness of existing use to constitute a material commencement of development under approved permission PA15/01599 @ Cannaglaze, Altarnun.

The Parish Council then noted that pre-planning advice (**PA18/00901**) had been given to St Nonna’s PCC about the potential repair and renovation work at St Nonna’s Church Hall. It also noted written advice received from SWW that a Statutory Notice had been posted advising that work was about to start to install a new water main at the disused reservoir site Trewint under sections 158, 159 & 168 Water Industry Act & section 55 of new Road & Street works act 1991.

Mr Smart advised the APC that he was about to pick up the new salt/grit authorised last month. The Clerk advised that both Smart Brothers of Trewint and AAV Services of Bolventor had confirmed that their respective grass cutting rates were to be maintained @ 2017/18 rates under their respective previously approved, multi- year contracts. Subject to weather the services were due to start in April. Several Cllrs joined handyman Smart expressing concern that as the weather started to improve there were early signals that the dog fouling problem that had cursed public areas in 2017/18 were set to return. Irresponsible dog owners were not picking up their dog litter, nor using the dog bins provided. Problems were already noticeable on Trewint Common, the Five lanes verges, Mill Green and the Village Green. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that fresh “stop dog fouling” stickers would be posted, and a new Dog Litter Bin would be provided at Trewint. The situation would be monitored. The Clerk said that advice had been received that the Gueltas- Altarnun Twinners were to visit Altarnun over 4/5th May 2018. Plans had been made to make sure the grass and plant beds were tidy. The Clerk presented the LMP approved contractor fees for 2018/19 which were within CC guidelines. These were approved. The Chair said that he had issued a set of specifications to another local builder and a response was awaited. Nothing had materialised from the four other invitations to tender. The Clerk circulated a copy of the street resurfacing programme including the Altarnun/Five Lanes Scheme. No dates were yet available. In a general discussion about continuing pothole risks, Cllr Parsons remarked that there was now a CC website online reporting site for Pot Holes which it was hoped would speed up notification and thus hasten repair.

The APC then reviewed financial matters including 2017/18 audit briefings. It approved financial transactions including annual subscription renewals to CALC & Clerks & Councils Magazine; Annual donations to the Bolventor Church Yard Trust & St Nonna’s PCC for Cemetery Maintenance and donations to St Nonna’s PCC towards Church Hall Toilet cleaning in return for their use by visitors to the village. There was a debate about the cleaning costs and a possible donation towards water usage, but this was declined as all reserves were earmarked for the new toilet block build. Previously circulated monthly correspondence was then reprinted.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2nd May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village hall. Residents are welcome to attend and give input on anything discussed, as always.