

**Highlight Report from the Altarnun Parish Council Meeting on
Wednesday, 5th December 2018, Bolventor Reading Room.**

Attendance: Councillors C Dowler, C Bloomfield, N Jasper, J Kendall, L Baker-Pannell; Parish handyman P Smart & Cornwall Councillor A. Parsons. Five Parishioners were also in attendance.

Apologies: Councillors D Branch, M McCallum, C Richards & W Smith.

Public Representation: Residents Mr & Mrs Mason came to support the Canaglaze planning application. The Cotes family enquired about the APC's views on a possible future application for a family home on land at Trewint. Given "exception site" and "land change of use" policy regulations, CC Cllr Parsons & the Clerk advised the family to approach CC planning and seek pre-application advice/guidance.

CC Briefing: The Chair welcomed Mr Parsons back after his successful hip operation. Cllr Parsons then reprised recent activities including potentially positive news on road safety improvements at Plusha junction.

Planning:

** **PA18/09018** – for amendments to approved scheme to convert a barn at Cargelly, Trecorner Farm, Altarnun by Mr I Scott was formally approved, confirming the decision taken at the November meeting.

** **PA18/10504** – 2 storey extension to Dyllan Cottage, Occazinney, Altarnun by Mr D Smith was supported.

** **PA18/10815** – retention of timber chalet outbuilding for temporary accommodation for a maximum of three years within the curtilage of Canaglaze, Launceston, PL15 7SW by Mr & Mrs B Mason was supported. The Council also noted that pre-application advice on the proposed redevelopment was currently underway.

** **PA17/07562** – the Councillors' were pleased to note that outline planning permission for 6 affordable & 6 open market dwellings had at last been granted with conditions at Gratton Fields, Five Lanes. Applicant, Mr G Pooley, had asked the Clerk to thank the APC for their support throughout the process.

Maintenance: Grass cutting had ceased. Overfull dog bins had been reported to CC. An updated map/dog-bin identification chart & CC reporting contact numbers is to be prepared/shared. The APC talked through solutions to tree issues arising at Trewint Common & Altarnun Village Green/Penpont Water.

The Parish Council presented Mr Smart a thank-you gift for his wife Mrs C Smart for the 150 poppies she had made/displayed in Altarnun Village Centre for the Armistice celebrations which were much appreciated.

Altarnun Primary School – Following recent public announcements it has been agreed that the School Headmistress will meet the APC in March 2019 to share more about the implementation of planned changes.

Altarnun Parish Council Vacancy – CC Democratic Services had confirmed that no applications had been received after publication of the vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr. May and authorised the APC to fill the vacancy locally. After due deliberation, APC are pleased to announce the co-option of Mrs P Arnold.

Projects:

a) **Phone Boxes** – Mr Smart had produced an initial cost for the repainting, repair and construction of shelving for the proposed community library. The two old phone box conversion projects will commence in Spring 2019.

b) **Toilet Block** – initial site work has commenced but construction is being hampered by the wet weather.

c) **St Nonna's Holy Well** – the Clerk said that enquiries with the Diocese in Truro and CC were ongoing and a site meeting was to be arranged in the New Year with potential supporters, volunteers and sponsors.

Highways Matters: The Councillors discussed road maintenance and drainage issues. They also confirmed that a Councillor will attend the Launceston Community Network Panel meeting on Wednesday 12th December 2018 to support the Altarnun parish bid for highways schemes at Bolventor and Trewint.

Finance: The APC approved payments for monthly maintenance, payment of office expenses and the payment for the Brownie Pack Mill Green planting,

The Parish Council then reprised the projected out-turn of the 2018/19 budget which was on track and discussed a proposed outline budget for 2019/20 with its implications for the annual Precept submission for 2019/20. After a lengthy debate about future operation costs for the new toilet block; the proposed Spring projects with their additional maintenance cost implications and anticipated general price increases, the APC felt that there would need to be an increase in the Precept for the coming year to take account of these issues & provide a sound financial basis for future years.

Correspondence & Other Business: The Parish Council then ran over the months' correspondence which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: In the light of the timing of Christmas/New Year, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th February 2019 at 7.30pm in Altarnun Village Hall unless urgent business requires an emergency meeting in January 2019. Residents are welcome to attend.