

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

Chair Dowler welcomed five of the ten Parish Councillors to the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, 3rd January 2018. Also present was Cornwall Councillor A. Parsons and Parish Handyman P Smart.

Cllr Parsons discussed recent activities including his continued efforts to persuade CC Housing to attend to the condition of the path at Penpont View. In response to a question by Cllr May regarding closure of the Launceston Minor Injuries Unit, CC Cllr Parsons said he had no information about plans other than the accountable care organisations plan to integrate NHS services and introduce hospital hubs which had been widely reported in the press.

The festive season meant that there was no parish maintenance, local planning or financial matters to consider. The Chair had been talking with Cormac about drain clearance over the holiday period.

The Council spent most of the meeting discussing Altarnun Primary School. ALAT have now informed the Parrish Council that they are unwilling to attend any further meetings to provide updates. Further staff and ALAT officer changes meant that instability would continue into the new year. It was understood that the new term would see pupil numbers drop to below 50. This raised the risk that the community was in danger of losing its school in the future. Concern was voiced that to do nothing would be detrimental and it was agreed that the Parish Council could, should and would organise an open meeting on 21st February 2018 in a local venue i.e. the Altarnun Village Hall or the Altarnun Church Hall. CC Cllr Parsons agreed to try to get representatives from the Local Authority to attend. Cllr Branch agreed to produce flyers and posters to be distributed in the community to encourage all those who wish to have an input, either positive or negative, in relation to the issues regarding the school to come along and share them. Residents are encouraged to look out for these and come along to the meeting. The Parish Council still hope that representatives from the School will decide to participate in the meeting too, but the meeting will go ahead with or without them.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village Hall.

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

Notes taken by Cllr Branch for M. A SAVAGE - Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council

8th January 2018.