

Highlight Report from the Altarnun Parish Council
Annual General Meeting & the Monthly Meeting
7.30pm, Wednesday, 18th July 2018, Bolventor Reading Room.

The evening began with the Annual General Meeting.

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Parish Clerk read out the 2017/18 Annual Report and presented the 2017/18 Financial Report. (See separate report). The Chair, Craig Dowler, said that parish assets, grounds and budget had been well managed through the year with expenditure running under budget enabling funds to be built up for the proposed new public toilet block in Altarnun. There had been a successful internal audit and notices were to be posted on Parish Notice Boards advising that the records were available for a limited time for public inspection via the Clerk who could be contacted on 01566 86582 or by email at clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com. Copies of the Report, the public- notices, the financial budget papers, and the draft Audit documentation were formally ratified at the following monthly meeting. After review, questions and answers the Chair thanked the Clerk. He then proposed approval of the report and accounts. This was seconded by Councillor Kendall and approved by all. The Annual General Meeting was then closed at 8.00pm.

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL - MONTHLY MEETING for July 2018:

Attendance: Councillors C Dowler, T Hoskin, J Kendall, M McCallum, L Baker-Pannell, C Richards; Parish handyman P Smart & three residents.

Apologies: Councillors C Bloomfield, D Branch, R May, N Jasper, W Smith & CC Cllr A Parsons.

The APC considered the following planning applications & raised **NO OBJECTIONS:** -

**** PA18/05025** – formation of 2 ponds & associated landscaping to serve as an environmental/wildlife enhancement to the approved change of use of a barn into a dwelling @ Cargelly, with extension of the external track & formation of a hedgebank along the length of the main access track @ Trecorner Farm, Launceston, PL15 7RR.

**** PA18/05346** – listed building consent for installation of trickle vents on front doors to reduce radon Gas level @ Trewint – the Cottage Road from Treeberd Cottage to Wesley Cottage.

**** PA18/05184/05185** – listed building consent & planning application to extend the existing restaurant to encapsulate the external sheltered walkway, retaining the existing roof structure & relocating external wall. This will provide a central alcove for a new inglenook fireplace to be situated & act as a focal point for the restaurant, along with improving access to the garden & new smoking shelter @ Jamaica Inn, Bolventor.

**** PA18/01958** - The Parish Council then considered a response from the Planning Officer Mr G Shirley outlining his potential support for this variation of condition 4 (drainage details) on **PA17/02452** (proposed new dwelling following demolition of redundant water reservoir @ Trewint) to allow the demolition of the tank & removal of slab where needed to enable required drainage tests. The Councillors were disappointed by this news and after a lengthy discussion “Agreed to Dis-agree” with the decision. The Clerk was asked to go back and restate that the local view is that the necessary tests can be taken without pre-empting the requirement for the applicant/new owner to seek the required formal permission to cross the surrounding common land before any work is done.

Scheduled grass cutting continued and phase 1 of the footpath maintenance programme had been completed.

The Cemetery & Mill Green benches were to be repaired and prepared for winter. The Handyman was authorised to clear the plant growth in Penpont Water before the Altarnun Village Fun week in August.

The Clerk was asked to approach the Altarnun Brownie Pack to see if they wished to assist in preparing the decommissioned telephone box on Mill Green for its set up as a free community library. It was hoped the work could go towards an environmental badge & public recognition of some kind. Funding was also approved for the Brownie pack to buy bulbs to plant in the Mill Green flower beds.

The Councillors present then considered the two tender bids received and selected that of a local builder on price grounds. The Clerk was asked to seek support from those Cllrs not present off line as this was a large committed spend. A meeting to formalise the Contract and set a start and potential end date with the successful builder is being arranged and it is hoped that work will commence in the Autumn.

St Nonna's PCC had written with regret to notify the APC of their decision to end open access to the toilets in the Church hall. Their decision followed disturbing anti-social behaviour in which the toilets had been soiled. The Council noted and agreed with their decision. This led to a debate about whether the new public toilet block should charge for use and if so by how much. Consensus of Cllrs present favoured charging with fees between 20 and 50 pence discussed. A decision will be taken at a later meeting. Resident views would be welcomed. Once again, the risks from speeding vehicles across the parish was raised. Cllr Hoskin said he had measured the A30 slip road at Trewint and the results confirmed that it was long enough for vehicles to reduce their speed to 30MPH on entering the hamlet. Following a lengthy debate about the merits of bolt down rumble strips it was suggested the APC should canvass local resident input as to the merits/preferences of the multiple options available in key black spots after the summer recess. The APC approved payments to Smart Brothers for maintenance & LMP work; Safeguard ICT for parish website maintenance; AAV Services for grass cutting @ Bolventor & St Nonna's PCC for final Church Hall WC Cleaning donation.

The Clerk ran through the individual Audit submission highlighting specific entries, sharing explanations and insights. After a detailed discussion Chair Dowler proposed acceptance and approval of the Audit submission and clearance of documentation for submission to the external auditors.

The Clerk then shared the detailed financial budget reconciliation for 2017/18 & its implications for the 2018/19 budget outturn and future 2019/20 precept submission due in December 2018. She flagged that the APC should consider a further increase in the Precept submission for the coming year because of the likely running costs for the new toilet block ie potential rates; toilet cleaning contract charges; electricity & water supply etc. After deliberation and discussion, the 2017/18 financial budget reconciliation was approved. Chair Dowler expressed thanks to the Clerk.

Monthly correspondence had been circulated before the meeting and was noted. It was with regret that the Chair advised the Council that Cllr Ros May had decided to tender her resignation from the Council. He asked the Clerk to express the Councils' appreciation for the pro-active, inclusive way she had carried out her duties and wish her well for the future. A selection to fill the vacancy left by her departure will commence after the summer recess.

There will be no meeting in August. The Parish Council will meet again on Wednesday, 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm in Altarnun Village hall.

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