

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR JUNE 2018 MEETING

The June meeting coincided with the annual Cornwall Show. Six councillors led by Chair Dowler met with Cornwall Councillor Parsons, Parish Handyman P Smart and 2 residents in Altarnun Village hall.

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

** **PA18/03815** – construction of a storage barn @ Trekenick Tor Road by Mr Cooper.

** **PA18/04250** – erection of general purpose building for stabling/storage & formation of a menage @ Porcellini, Lower Tregunnon, by K & H Franklin.

** **PA18/04549** – work on crown of chestnut tree (TPO/T1) @ Riverside, Altarnun by Mrs C Khrone.

** **PA18/04605** – rear extension to dwelling - 5, Fairfield Park, PL157RQ by Mr & Mrs A Simpson.

The Parish Council then considered a late application – **PA18/01958** for a 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 surprised that tests could not be taken and felt that there was insufficient detail justifying the need for this variation. There was no detail about how the reservoir and slab could be demolished and removed without encroaching upon the surrounding common & adjacent private land. Access to the site is restricted. The Council felt unable therefore to support the application as submitted.

CC Parsons and the APC then engaged in a lengthy discussion on highways issues. Complaints about speeding in Trewint, Treween & Occazinney were reviewed once again. White line speed limit and drive slowly signs were being delivered by Cormac but there was a strong sense amongst the Councillors that the actual speed limits needed to be reduced and then enforced. A volunteer had come forward for the speed watch training, and more volunteers were being sought. The purchase of one digital speed sign was also being actively looked at as a trial.

In response to a request by CC Parsons, MP Scott Mann had confirmed that the pressure for safety improvement changes at Plusha Junction was on his radar. The Clerk was asked to invite Mr Mann to the September meeting. The APC noted that potholes across the parish were starting to be treated and the planned resurfacing work on local roads had started.

The Parish Handyman said grass cutting had been carried out. Hedge trimming and repair work to benches in the cemetery had been done. The footpath maintenance phase 1 was about to start. As requested the two new dog bins for Trewint Common and the Village Green were on order. Emergency repair work to the Mill Green bench was also underway.

There was then a discussion about the public phone boxes adopted by the Parish Council. These were now available for the re-use projects to be kicked off. The popular vote was for a communal library box on Mill Green and a defibrillator at Five lanes where there was still electricity. The Clerk and Parish Handyman were authorised to commence work on the schemes.

There had also been progress on the WC project. Two tender bids had been received and two others were expected shortly. The adjudication would take place in July 2018. The Clerk was authorised to kick off additional funding initiatives in preparation for the start of work, hopefully in the fall.

The APC then approved various monthly financial transactions including charges for the Parish Handyman, AAV Services @ Bolventor & St Nonna's PCC for the use of the church hall toilets. The Parish Council also approved the annual renewal of the Councils Insurance with Zurich and preservation of the APC websites domain name via ICT services. In addition, the Council approved a donation towards planned improvements to the kitchen of the Church hall being actioned by St Nonna's PCC.

Previously circulated monthly correspondence was then reprised. There was continuing concern about the perceived ill-conceived logic recommending the merger of Altarnun parish with Stoke Climsland parish under the proposed local government boundary & electoral arrangement review. General consensus was that Stke Climsland had much more affinity with Callington.

The next Parish Council meeting and the AGM will take place on Wednesday, 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village hall.

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