

Highlights from the Altarnun Parish Council meeting on Monday, 13th January 2014

Chair Retallack and Vice Chair Dowler; 7 Councillors; Grounds Manager Smart; Project Support officer Parsons and two members of the public attended the first meeting of 2014 in St Nonna's Church Hall.

The Council considered planning application PA13/11660 for the conversion and extension of a workshop/store into ancillary living accommodation at Deep Hatches Farm, Bolventor, and raised NO OBJECTION.

Councillors discussed the forthcoming Moorland Network public meeting being staged at the Jamaica Inn on Saturday, 18th January 2014. The event starts at 10.00am. The Parish Council will have a stand building on the recent Altarnun Coffee morning. It will look to engage with Moorland residents, share experiences with representatives from neighbouring parishes and various local agencies or community groups.

The Council received a report of the Painter's Park & Hick's Charity Committee meeting held on 9th January 2014 in which the annual charitable funding disbursement review was concluded.

The Council noted the slow but steady progress being made on the three phased Public Conveniences project. Use of the St Nonna's Church Hall toilets was working well. The Parish Council agreed to support the PCC's application for a community grant to fund building safety, security and disabled access improvements.

There was a lengthy discussion on the deterioration of road surfaces and storm damage across the Parish which the Clerk will actively pursue with Cornwall Council/Cormac Contracting Ltd over the coming quarter. Similarly, the spate of recent road accidents on the A30 was cause for concern. This will be raised at the February meeting when Cornwall Councillor Hall will be available to work with the Parish Council to see what action can be taken to re-breathe life into the need for road safety measures at Plusha Junction, and elsewhere across the parish. A further letter from a local resident urging the Council to accelerate a decision on whether or not to close the original A30 spur/s was taken onboard. This initiative will be looked at in depth at the meeting in February.

The remainder of the meeting focussed on the impact of the recent bad weather on the community. The effectiveness of the flood prevention scheme was being impaired by Cornwall Council/Cormac failure to clear inlets. This was being addressed by the Clerk. The excessive rainfall of recent month's had created soil erosion issues higher up the watercourse resulting in new flood issues. The Parish Council had asked to meet Cornwall Council to look for fresh solutions, and they will trigger discussions with property owners at risk about their riparian ownership responsibilities. The next meeting will be on Monday, 3rd February 2014 in the Church Hall. As ever, all Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Clerk to Altarnun Parish Council – January 2013.