

## ***Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"***

**DRAFT** Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Pannell, Cllr Smith, Cllr Pooley & Cllr Halls. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk), and two members of the public.

**175/23 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Kendall, Cllr Wendon. Cllr Coles had resigned prior to the meeting.

**176/23 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.**

No declarations were made.

**177/23 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Parsons to address the meeting.**

A member of the public complimented the new parish noticeboards and Christmas light display.

Cllr Parsons monthly report from Cornwall Council stated the current major concern is of overspending. In the financial quarter July- Sept 2023 the excess spend was £15m, leading to a direct loss of services. Locally school transport has been impacted and in all, 14 routes have been axed across the county. However, an essential £79m will be invested in its oldest social housing stock and an extra £3.7m will be made available for highway repair and maintenance in the financial year ending 31.3.2024.

Cornwall Council's Cabinet committee approved a new level two devolution deal on 28.11.2023 which will initially allow greater autonomy over areas including green energy, adult education and Cornish culture and distinctiveness being handed to Cornwall from Westminster. In essence Cornwall Council will have more powers, some more funding and more flexibility with decision making.

**178/23 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr Vickery, seconded by Cllr Branch, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

**179/23 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and not included in this agenda.**

Cllr Dowler thanked Cllr Pannell for his contribution to the Altarnun Christmas lights installation and reported all concerned were very grateful for his professional expertise.

**180/23 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported and recommended:**

-New APC owned notice boards have been placed on risk with its insurance company.

-Credit bank interest received 30.11.2023 £28.72

-Funds held as at 30.11.2023 £ 44933.21 credit.

-Clerks national pay award, backdated to 1.4.2023 increases hourly pay rate (SCP23) from £15.67 to £16.67. In order to reduce the impact of employers national insurance becoming due the clerk will be paid bi-monthly with effect 1.1.2024.

-**Budget** of expenditure for 2024/25 was recommended to councillors as stated in a document circulated to all members prior to this meeting. Funding for expenditure for 2024/25 was recommended as stated and circulated to members prior to this meeting. The RFO reminded councillors of his report to the August APC meeting (minute 125/23 refers) which detailed a revision of 2023/24 budget and was followed up by a detailed presentation at the November meeting of APC's financial position as at 30.9.2023 including reserves.

-**Precept demand** of £14000 was recommended for 2024/25 and councillors were asked to consider in context with the budget presentation. No queries were raised on the budget as presented and therefore Cllr Dowler proposed that a precept demand to fund APC in financial year commencing 1.4.2024 of £14000 be made to Cornwall Council. Cllr Halls seconded and it was **resolved** that a precept demand for £14000 be submitted to Cornwall Council.

**The RFO advised accounts payable, being:**

-Clerks salary for Oct – Dec 2023 and back pay from 1.4.2023-30.9.2023 £1165.25. Chq 1417

-HMRC PAYE & NI relating to Oct -Dec 2023 salary & back pay from 1.4.2023 £368.63. Chq 1418

-Amazon. Magnets for new noticeboards £44.95. Chq 1420

-Clifford's Joinery Ltd. Four notice boards £11334.24. Chq 1421

-Macs. Timber for new notice boards £375. Chq 1422

-Smart Brothers £1415.97, Bolventor cemetery £50, Altarnun grass cut and general maintenance £538.89, Remembrance wreaths£40, notice board install £787.08. Chq 1423.

-AAV Services £40 Bolventor grass cut November 2023 Chq 1424.

Cllr Branch proposed to approve payment, Cllr Smith seconded, and it was unanimously **resolved** to pay these accounts. Cllr Dowler signed the schedule of payments being made.

**181/23 Planning Applications:** statutory consultee comments were made for three applications as follows:

-PA23/09231 - Proposal: Construction of Agricultural Workers Dwelling. Location: Tor View Farm Trethinna Hill Altarnun  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Simon and Jessica Gillbard Mr & Mrs SG Gillbard.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Vickery proposed & Cllr Bloomfield seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** '*Altarnun Parish Council supports this application with no objections*'.

- PA23/08400 - Proposal: Retrospective application to install a septic tank. Location: Beeches Barn Tresmaine Farm, Altarnun  
Applicant: Ms Barbara Hassall.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Smith seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved**: 'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application with no objections'.

- PA23/09569 - Proposal: Provision of an enclosure wall and glazing to external eating area. Location: Subway A30 Altarnun  
Applicant: Ms T Colwill.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr Pannell seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved**: 'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application with no objections'.

It was reported that application **PA23/07560** had been withdrawn by the applicants. (See Minute 152/23)

**182/23 Planning Decisions:** The following applications were reported as **approved**: PA23/06327, PA23/04422, PA23/04423, PA23/06846, PA23/06847, PA23/07590 & PA23/06871.

**For further details about any planning decision, note the reference number and go to the Cornwall Council website <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>**

**183/23 Pre-Application Planning:** No cases were reported.

#### **184/23 Penpont View.**

The clerk reported:

- that permission was still awaited, despite a second request for response, to proceed with negotiations for maintenance of the green area being devolved to APC.
- vehicles, assumed abandoned had been reported to Cornwall Council
- members of the public have expressed concerns of anti-social behaviour and the clerk confirmed that these had been passed to Cornwall Housing.
- concerns regarding the quality of work to the reinstatement of the pavement east of the entrance to Penpont View had now been referred to Cormac and a response is awaited.

#### **185/23 To propose donations to St Nonna PCC & Altarnun Christmas Lights.**

Cllr Branch proposed a donation of £100 to St Nonnas PCC for the upkeep of the church cemetery and grant £65 to Altarnun Christmas Lights for replacements and storage containers. Cllr Pooley seconded, and it was **resolved** to pay funds as proposed under chq nos. 1426 & 1425 respectively.

#### **186/23 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day 6.6.2024.**

The clerk reported on events proposed and advised to date by local organisations and undertook to co-ordinate and report any requests made to APC for help and support in this regard.

#### **187/23 Methodist Chapel, Rose Hill**

A substantial discussion relating to concerns with the deterioration of the chapels structure, including falling roof slates, blown in windows and difficulties and dangers being posed to visitors to the burial ground. Cllr Parsons advised that the empty homes team at Cornwall Council may possibly intervene and provide some help and support or at least guidance. In conclusion to the discussion Cllr Dowler proposed that the clerk provide all relevant details in a clear and concise request to Cllr Parsons to report and engage with Cornwall Council in respect of the property. Cllr Pannell seconded, and it was **resolved** that the clerk should proceed as proposed.

#### **188/23 Correspondence – for information only.**

- Various CALC, NALC, CAB & Cornwall Council briefings
- Member of the public re anti-social behaviour at Penpont View
- Tamar to Moor Community Area Partnership draft action plan and advice of next meeting being 7.12.2023
- Members of the public re various pathway and highway dilapidation. (Clerk advised all concerns had been reported to Cornwall Council)
- Road closure notice of intention to close Kings Head, Five Lanes to Rosehill turn including access to Altarnun Primary School, 9.30am to 2.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- Cornwall ANOB re change of name.

#### **189/23 Advise venue, time & date of next full council meeting, expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm.**

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 8.40pm.