

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5th April 2023 which commenced at 7.30 pm.

APC members present Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Pannell, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Coles & Cllr Wendon **Also present:** Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk), and nine members of the public.

47/23 Apologies for absence: Cllr P Smith, Cllr Anderson, & Cllr W Smith.

48/23 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. No declarations of interest were made.

49/23 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting.

-Members of the public advised the Village Fun Day will be held 22.7.2023. Members of the public asked for potholes at Tregirls be reported for repair. The clerk and chair undertook to action and liaise with Cornwall Council accordingly.

-Members of the public raised concerns that elderly voters may be disadvantaged under the proposed voter ID scheme. Cllr Parsons pointed out this is a central government initiative, with no local jurisdiction and dispensation, but voters could register for a postal vote without the need for ID.

-A member of the public asked if speed monitoring at The Row Five Lanes had been agreed and what start date will apply. Cllr Parsons confirmed that a request had been put forward, received favourably but no start date has been advised. The matter will be kept in view by Cllr Parsons & APC to ensure a monitor is installed.

Cllr Parsons reported:

-There will not be a Mayor for Cornwall for the time being but an alternative deal for some devolution will be pursued.

-Cornwall Council are to increase 17-19 y.o. transport subsidies from £500 to £700 per educational year, thereafter, to be index linked to the rate of inflation.

-That some dropped kerbs for property access had not been included in and around the Gratton Field development scheme and will take matters up with the developers and Cornwall Council to ensure householders are not disadvantaged if at all possible.

-Launceston Library will now be relocated to the premises previously occupied by Barclays Bank in the town centre.

-Recent central reservation gap closures on the A30 for road works have highlighted the issues of HGV's having to take alternative rural routes and incurring difficulties, with the need to be recovered after becoming stuck in narrow lanes and causing road closures and disruption in the process.

50/23 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 1st March 2023.

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

51/23 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 1st March 2023 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

52/23 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported:

-Re-registration with The Pensions Regulator has been completed and all employee obligations with the APC pension provider are completed and documents are filed.

-NatWest Bankline procedures preclude the ease of operation of transferring funds to and from an interest bearing account and possibly present a financial risk on a day to day basis, should funds be in the wrong account to meet payments due. Options are 1) not to proceed per minute no.187/22 or 2) switch bank. Cllr Kendall proposed the RFO should seek a satisfactory viable facility and report back to the council. Cllr Branch seconded and it was **resolved** to take action to seek suitable alternative banking arrangements.

-Credit £165 cemetery fee received 2.3.2023.

-Credit £205.60 HMRC VAT reclaimed received 29.3.2023

-Bank at 31.3.2023 £44071.79 credit and reconciled in the year end finance spreadsheet circulated to members, prior to the meeting per Financial Regs 2.3 & 2.4. The RFO asked members to ratify the reserves as stated in the spreadsheet.

Cllr Dowler proposed retained reserves as at 31.3.2023 be stated as follows: Public conveniences £6215, Fivelanes defibrillator £2295, Mill Green £496, cemetery £3850, CTS £58, Community Infrastructure Levy £13066, Bolventor Churchyard £5155, Election £545 & General Fund £12431. Cllr Kendall seconded, and it was **resolved** that APC reserves are stated in these figures as at 31.3.2023.

-Q4 2022/23 internal finance check and internal audit process is underway in accordance with Financial Regs 2.5.

- APC Asset Register as at 31.3.2023 has been published on APC web site, in compliance with the Department for Communities and Local Government Transparency code for smaller authorities dated 17th December 2014, paragraphs 24 & 26.

And advised accounts payable:

-BTE Services Ltd £238.10 Annual public conveniences servicing. Chq no.1381

-Cornwall ALC Ltd £483.55 Annual Subscription. Chq no.1382

-Smart Brothers £672.50 Monthly maintenance and grass cutting for March 2023. Chq no.1383

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

53/23 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were resolved for the applications noted below:

-**PA23/02330 Proposal** Application for Permission in Principle for the proposed construction of a single dwelling. **Location** Land West of The Vicarage Altarnun **Applicant** Mr & Mrs Jenkinson.

After, hearing from the applicants planning consultant, councillors detailed discussions and clarifying the planning documents Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Pannell seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**:

'Altarnun Parish Council does not support the principle of development. Access to and sustainability of the site are questionable as well as the planning consultants conclusion that the proposal is considered rounding - off of a site'.

- **PA23/02166 Proposal** Change of use from restricted agricultural occupancy condition dwelling to unrestricted dwelling

Location Tonemar Park Bolventor **Applicant** Mr A Bettison.

After councillors detailed discussions and clarifying the planning documents Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr Coles seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**:

'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application to provide an open market opportunity.

-**PA23/01391 Proposal** Works to trees under a tree preservation order: T1, Sweet Chesnut Tree - Removal of a single split overhanging branch to be taken back to the main trunk of the tree **Location** 2, Riverside Altarnun **Applicant** Mr David Horton.

After brief discussion and clarifying the planning documents Cllr Kendall proposed & Cllr Vickery seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**:

'Altarnun Parish Council supports the proposed works'.

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

54/23 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as being approved by the local planning authority.

PA23/00178, PA23/00161, PA23/01790, PA23/00617 & PA23/001618.

55/23 Pre-Application Planning: The following cases were reported for information only,

PA23/00300/PREAPP South Carne Farmhouse South Carne Altarnun Pre-app advice for partial demolition of non-domestic outbuilding within curtilage of Listed Building (No. 1158511) Middle South Carne Farmhouse. Partial re-building of outbuilding and conversion to residential annexe for a family member. Applicant: Mr S Cole

PA23/00372/PREAPP Old Hay House. Pre-app advice for erection of barn, greenhouse, and creation of new access to new barn from public highway. Applicant: Mr M kirby.

56/23 Highways.

-Cllr Parsons confirmed he was not aware of a Police accident report being released relating to the accident at Trewint Garage in October 2022. It is assumed it is still outstanding.

-Cllr Coles reported potentially dangerous deep roadside gully's now appearing at South Carne. Cllr Dowler and the clerk undertook to report to Cornwall Council.

-Cllr Bloomfield proposed that the clerk write to National Highways to highlight local concerns re the effects of central gap closures on the A30 as reported by Cllr Parsons in minute 49/23 and clearly state that, in no way should these be ever made permanent. Cllr Coles seconded, and it was **resolved** the clerk write to National Highways accordingly.

57/23 Penpont View.

Members of the council expressed concern that recently applied tarmac treatments to entrance to the estate, deemed to be unacceptable, had not been remediated. The clerk undertook to contact the principal contractor to make a further enquiry and seek an urgent response.

58/23 Kings Coronation.

-Cllr Dowler proposed a donation of £150 to Altarnun Church Hall for costs towards the Coronation cream tea event being held over the weekend 6th – 8th May. Cllr Coles seconded, and it was resolved to make this donation on chq no. 1384.

-After debate members were undecided as to a suitable memorial being put in place by APC. Options for future consideration were suggested as being a small, engraved stone/granite structure being located on Altarnun Village Green, subject to available funding or bespoke notice boards to be situated throughout the parish, preferably sourced from a local manufacturer. The clerk undertook to obtain quotes and costs for report and decision at a future APC meeting.

59/23 Cemetery.

-Cllr Dowler signed a satisfactory annual cemetery inspection report. The clerk undertook to place the report on file.

-The clerk presented comparable cemetery fees from other parish councils in the county who operate similar burial facilities. Cllr Bloomfield proposed no action to alter the current fee structure published on APC web site. Cllr Dowler seconded, and it was **resolved** to maintain the current fee structure.

60/23 Correspondence – for information only.

-Public Consultation for re-powering of Cold Northcott wind farm ending 6.4.2023.

-Corserv advising 10% increase in Altarnun public convenience service costs w.e.f 1.4.2023. (The clerk advised this figure had been budgeted)

-Various NALC, CALC, Cornwall Council & CAB briefings.

-Member of public re recent accident (within last month) at Trewint Service Station.

61/23 Advise venue, time & date of the annual council meeting to be preceded by the annual parish meeting, expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.30pm.