

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 6th March which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Pannell, Cllr Pooley, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Wendon & Cllr Smith. **Also present:** Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and seven members of the public.

33/24 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Halls & Cornwall Cllr Parsons.

34/24 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.

Cllrs Pooley declared a non-registerable interest in PA24/01252 included in agenda item 39/24, Cllr Bloomfield declared a non-registerable interest in PA24/01454 & PA24/00350, both included in agenda item 39/24. Both councillors agreed to leave the meeting when these items were being discussed.

35/24 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

Cllr Smith joined the meeting and did not declare any interests.

-The meeting received a bid from the Altarnun Christmas lights team for financial support to replace equipment and lights. The paper was published with the agenda for this meeting and covered off within agenda item 42/24.

-Members of the public raised concerns relating to blocked highway drainage, potholes, and a recent spate of pavement parking at Five Lanes, causing potential dangers. Councillors reassured that all three issues were being reported, to eradicate them as soon as possible.

-A member of the public spoke in favour of the planning application PA24/00998, to be covered off within agenda item 42/24 for permission in principle to develop land north of Rosemead, Trewint.

-A member of the public asked whether it was known if Cornwall Council (CC) were planning the development of a play park on the green at Penpont View. Councillors responded, advising there is absolutely no plan to do so at the present time and is thought unlikely in the short to medium term.

- Councillor Parsons emailed his monthly report, which the clerk read to the meeting, and it covered the following 6 topics:

1) CC's budget for 2024/25 will deliver vital services for residents despite the fiscal pressures faced by local government across the country. The details include a net increase of around £37m in spending on care for adults and children in Cornwall, £9m net increase built in in respect of home to school transport and £7m to support temporary and emergency accommodation, reflecting the significant demand pressures being experienced for these functions.

To fund the budget, council tax will increase by 4.99%, which includes a 2% levy to fund adult social care. A band D property will be charged £1,892.75 this year. Plans are now confirmed for a 100% council tax premium on second homes from April 2025.

2) CC has welcomed the government's introduction of new rules requiring planning permission for properties to be used as short term lets. The changes, announced by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on a visit to St Agnes last week, are aimed at limiting the number of short-term holiday lets. A planning application will be needed for anyone renting out their main or sole home for more than 90 nights a year and are intended to provide support in areas where short-term lets are preventing local people from renting or buying a home. Also, a new mandatory national register will provide local authorities with information about where short-term lets are operating, helping to support the planning process. The new changes will not affect hotels, hostels or B&Bs.

3) Plans are afoot for a potential raising of tolls on the Tamar bridge and Torpoint ferry, approval has been given for a cost increase from £2.60 to £3.00 for cars. However, if more funding is secured from Westminster the increase could be cancelled.

4) There's still no news on the state of the Methodist Chapel, Rose Hill following an inspection by Cornwall Council to assess the danger it poses, this is being chased up and to be reported at a future meeting.

5) The state of our roads is causing much concern, with potholes and localised flooding due to blocked drains being top of the list. The reduction in the Highways budget is adversely hindering remedial works but we must keep pushing for improvements locally to ensure we get our fair share of the budget.

6) CC is calling for sites that could potentially be used to build houses, employment space, community facilities or for helping nature recover. The aim is to give an opportunity for individuals, landowners, developers, and other interested parties to submit sites that they think could be used for a range of uses in the future. This will help Cornwall in formulating a local plan for beyond 2030. To be considered, sites must have an area of at least 0.25 hectares or be capable of accommodating 5+ dwellings or 500+ sqm of employment floorspace and must be located within or next to an existing settlement or in a sustainable location and NOT be within a designated Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protected Areas, Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Flood Zone 3b. The land should not already have planning permission for residential-led development.

36/24 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 7th February 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Pooley, it was then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 7th February 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

37/24 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 7th February 2024 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

38/24 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported:

-VAT reclaim £2009.77 submitted 5.3.2024 -Credit bank interest £27.87 received 29.2.2024 -Funds held at bank £28274.08, as at 29.2.2024.

-Further to minute 125/23, regarding the switch of bankers for APC, NatWest systems and service have improved in the interim and now fulfil our needs and there is no need to pursue a switch of bank. No further action was proposed by Cllr Branch and seconded by Cllr Smith, it was **resolved** that APC's banking facilities remain with NatWest Bank plc and not switched to HSBC.

The RFO advised accounts payable, being:

-HMRC Mch 2024 £83.40 Chq 1433, -Clerks salary Mch 2024 £348.35 Chq 1434, -Postages Q4 2024 £5.05 Chq 1435,

-Intermedical UK Ltd – Defib accessories £330.00 Chq 1437, -Penon Water Services -Toilet water bill Sept 23- Feb 24 Chq 1438
-Smart Brothers £494, Altarnun general maintenance £386 & Bolventor hedging £108. Chq. 1439.

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

Cllr Pooley left the meeting.

39/24 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were made for:

-PA24/01252 -Proposal Works to a Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - Copper Beech - Fell and replace. **Location** Copper Beech House Corner Park, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr James Veats.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr Dowler seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council does not support the felling of this tree and replacement with an alternative.*

Cllr Pooley rejoined the meeting.

-PA24/01149 -Proposal Retrospective permission for installation of slate weathering to gables and chimney and location of 1nr Shepherd's hut within curtilage for ancillary domestic use. **Location** T' Whit T' Woo, Trewint, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr & Mrs Hubbard.

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

-PA24/00998 -Proposal Application for Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of up to 9 dwellings (minimum of 8) as a rural exceptions site. **Location** Land North of Rosemead, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr & Mrs C Weaving.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Pooley proposed & Cllr Smith seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council supports the application for permission in principle.*

Cllr Bloomfield left the meeting.

-PA24/00350 -Proposal Temporary installation of water quality monitoring equipment **Location** Poldhu Barn, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr. Brett Grosvenor Additive Catchments Ltd.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Pooley seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council does not support this application on the basis that insufficient information and understanding has been made available to explain the rationale for the proposed scheme to be installed at this specific location.*

-PA24/01454 -Proposal Proposed pitched roof extension to front of property. Proposed orangery-style extension to rear of property. **Location** The Annexe Poldhu Stables Altarnun Launceston **Applicant** Mr Richardson.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Vickery proposed & Cllr Dowler seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council supports this proposed development which appears to be in keeping with the existing built form.*

Cllr Bloomfield rejoined the meeting.

40/24 Planning Decisions: The following application was reported as being **approved** by the LPA: PA23/10076.

Also reported, application PA23/10263 had been **withdrawn**.

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/>

41/24 Pre-Application Planning reported for information only. PA24/00139/PREAPP Land NE of Todda Close Todda Close, Bolventor. Pre application advice for residential development for 2-9 dwellings. - Mr A Bettison.

42/24 Altarnun Christmas Lights. A request for funding, as published with the agenda for this meeting, was debated at length by the members with reference to and notice taken of specific advice received from the Cornwall Assn of Local Councils regarding the request. In conclusion Cllr Branch proposed the following resolution: *APC will support the request from the Altarnun Christmas lights team by purchasing and gifting lights and equipment to the value of £400 net of VAT, subject to grant application for the items required.*

Cllr Vickery seconded, and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed. The clerk undertook to liaise with the lights team.

43/24 Penpont View. The clerk advised that no response had been received from enquiries made of CC regarding a suitable scheme that may be instigated as an alternative to having the function of grass cutting devolved to APC. He advised that he has now sought the assistance of the CC community link officer to seek some clarification. Developments will be reported asap.

44/24 Highways. No new issues or updates relating ongoing matters were reported.

45/24 To fill one casual vacancy in the role of parish councillor by co-option.

The clerk had advised members prior to the meeting that APC had received one application for this vacancy. Having proven his legal qualifications to be a parish councillor Steven Masters who was present, was co-opted serve in the role by a unanimous show of hands of those councillors present.

46/24 Correspondence – for information only.

- Member of the public re speed limit on old A30 after Trewint to A30. Clerk responded by email.
- Moor to Moor cycle event 12.5.2024, to pass through Altarnun parish.
- Member of the public re overflow of Altarnun watercourse. Clerk responded by email.
- Member of the public re flooding at Trenarrett. Clerk responded by telephone.
- Various CALC, NALC & Cornwall Council briefings.

47/24 Advise venue, time & date of next full council meeting, expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.30pm. Advise venue, time & date of Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Council Meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.25pm.