

Highlights from the Altarnun Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd October 2012

Chair Dowler, 9 Councillors, Cornwall Councillor Parsons, Parish Grounds Manager P Smart and 3 members of the public were present. Councillors Bailey & Tharme and Clerk Savage were away on holiday or business respectively. Vice Chair Retallack took the minutes.

The Chair welcomed all present. He then extended sincere condolences for their loss to the family of George Hooper of South Carne. George was a former Parish Councillor of many years standing.

One member of the Public present enquired about the recent Tregunnon application for a wind turbine, expressing fears that what was thought to be one Turbine may be a wind turbine farm. The APC stated the Tregunnon owners application had been for 1 turbine. (The Clerk was subsequently asked to confirm with the Planning Office and confirm at the next meeting).

Another, enquired if any more had been heard about the Trewint affordable homes development application or the reservoir. The APC confirmed that there was no further formal news at this point, although both the developer and the land owner had been good enough to advise the Council informally that discussions were on going over common land access options and that alternatives were being considered. The APC had no news on the Reservoir other than it had to go to the Secretary of State. Mr Naylor confirmed this, stating his personal enquiries had established that there would have to be a the public enquiry regarding the reservoir @ Trewint to ascertain who owned what. The tentative date was 20th Feb next Year (2013). It would be organised by the Planning Inspectorate @ Bristol. APC thanked Mr Naylor for the intelligence. (The Clerk asked subsequently to follow up the lead with her Contacts in Cornwall Council).

There was then a discussion about the need for NO PARKING signs to be painted on the road in front of St Nonna's Church as the entrance was being blocked during Funeral, Weddings etc. APC advised that local notices and quiet words could prove as effective as street markings and the matter was deferred for now.

Mr Woods raised the issue of Dog Fouling on the Altarnun village green which was again really bad. The C explained this had been a matter of concern throughout the Parish. Notices had been issued. New Dog Litter Bins had been provided. Articles written in TrePolPen. Dog Warden and Local police advice sought but still local dog owners paid absolutely no heed. After discussion, it was suggested that the dog warden should meet with APC at a future meeting. Also much bigger signs stating that "Dogs were not allowed at any time on common greens" could be put up. Finally, it was suggested that an article could be put in TrePolPen stating that photo's will be printed naming and shaming the foul dog owners.. There had been a problem with Dog bins not being emptied – the issue had been escalated to Cory who were in trouble with Cornwall Council on this issue elsewhere already.

The Parish Council then discussed and raised NO Objections to the following Planning Application **PA12/08179** (Previously approved PA12/00333) to extend and convert a dis-used barn into an agricultural dwelling on land to west of Rising Sun Altarnun Launceston at Occazinney.

Similarly there were two late applications that raised NO Objections - Application PA12/09266 for tree felling in St Nonna's Church, and a slightly modified version of previously approved application at Higher Tregirls farm - PA12/08630 for variation of condition 2,3,4, on decision E1/2009/01282 for conversion of redundant agricultural field barn to residential use, namely to allow vehicular traffic to use approved access route to local highway and vary location of mechanism to prevent livestock from accessing A30.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Altarnun Village Hall on 7th November and, as always, residents are welcome to attend.

Clerk Altarnun Parish Council October 2012.