

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5th March 2025, which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Kendall, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Masters, Cllr Halls, Cllr Bloomfield & Cllr Pannell. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and thirteen members of the public.

33/25 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Wendon, Pooley & Smith.

34/25 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality.

Cllr Dowler declared a registerable interest in planning application PA24/09819 (resident adjacent to proposed development).

35/25 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

A member of the public advised:

-Of the annual Altarnun Fun Day being planned for July 2025 and requires APC insurance cover.

-Debris collecting in highway gullies and drains at Tregirls causing flooding and muddy residuals..

Cllr Pannell joined the meeting.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting.

Cllr Halls Joined the meeting.

Cllr Dowler left the meeting, and Cllr Bloomfield took the chair.

Representatives from Devonshire Homes presented details of their outline planning application for phase two of their development at Five Lanes. The proposed plan is for 36 residential dwellings and a children's play park. Members of the public queried the scale of development and its potential adverse impact on local amenity, services and increase in vehicle movement. It was acknowledged that the number of affordable residences within the scheme and the inclusion of a play park were welcome subject to adequate ongoing maintenance and management arrangements for the play park being put in place at the outset.

Cllr Parsons requested Devonshire Homes pay close attention to improving the build quality over that evidenced in phase one now k/a Farriers Close, and also the standard of ongoing customer care in resolving complaints regarding ongoing issues in and around phase one.

Cllr Dowler returned to the meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported:

-On the resolution of the Cornwall Council budget 2025/26 which included a 4.99% increase in council tax with £250k being included to pay for a feasibility study into a possible upgrade at Plusha junction which will refer back to several junction options with an underpass or an overbridge detailed in a substantive plan drawn up in 2015.

-19 Cornwall Council owned car parks to be passed to Corserve Solutions Ltd to operate under a private enterprise scheme as part of Cornwall Councils' cost cutting plan.

-Degradation of the counties roads was causing a vast number of complaints and reports of remedial work being required. Best endeavours are being made within the finance resource currently available to expedite repair.

36 /25 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held 5th February 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Vickery, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 5th February 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

37/25 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 5th February 2025 and not included in this agenda. There were no matters arising.

38/25 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -

-28.2.2025 credit received; bank interest £ 11.15

-28.2.2025 bank balance £21388.07 credit.

-VAT claim submitted 5.3.2025 £233.51.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

£721.50 Clerks salary Feb -Mch 2025. Chq 1492

£187.70 HMRC. Paye & NI Feb-Mch 2025. Chq 1493

£288 Smart Brothers. Maintenance Feb 2025. Chq 1494

£4.25 Postages Q4 2024-25. Chq 1495

£40.07 Pennon Water Services re toilet block, period 16.11.2024-19.2.2025. To be paid by direct debit 10.3.2025.

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

39/25 Planning Applications: APC consultee comments were resolved for the following applications:

Cllr Dowler left the meeting, and Cllr Bloomfield took the chair.

-PA24/09819 Proposal: Outline application for 36 residential dwellings with all matters reserved except for access Location: Land West of Penpont View Altarnun Applicant: Mr Aaron Puffett Devonshire Homes After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Masters proposed & Cllr Kendall seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved: *Altarnun Parish Council objects to this application as being excessive development in terms of the proposed number of units that will adversely impact local amenity as well as sewage and drainage services and that it creates intensification in terms of new access roads joining the public road.***

Cllr Dowler returned to the meeting.

-PA25/00770 Proposal: Roofing of existing slurry store Location: South Carne Altarnun Applicant: Mrs Rebecca Gillbard.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Kendall proposed & Cllr Masters seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved: *Altarnun Parish Council supports this application.***

-PA25/00578 Proposal Renewal of extant planning consent reference PA22/07991 - extension to dwelling to form annexe, and associated works. Location The Platt Five Lanes Altarnun Cornwall Applicant Mr John Williams & Miss Laura Field N/A.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Branch seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved: *Altarnun Parish Council supports this application.***

-The Commons Act 2006 Section 22: Non registration of land under the 1965 Act Schedule 2(4) Waste land of a manor not registered as common land an application has been made by Tomas D.J.S Hill to Cornwall Council as Commons Registration Authority, concerning land at Trevage Moor, that is claimed to be waste land of a manor as of 22nd December 2020, being the date the application was made. Further to minute 23 /25 the clerk was able to clarify the intention behind the application directly with the applicant. The opinion of members of APC were then identified through a consultation process and the Commons Registration Authority were advised prior to the deadline for the invitation to respond, being 18.2.2025, that APC supports the application by majority. The decision was unanimously ratified as proposed by Cllr Dowler and seconded by Cllr Bloomfield.

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

40/25 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as approved by the LPA:

PA25/09721, PA24/08550, PA24/07678, PA24/09541 & PA24/09561.

The following application was reported as being refused by the LPA: PA24/05154, conversely to APC consultee comment in support. As a result the 5-day Local Council Protocol was invoked. It was noted that 6 councillors agreed to disagree with the LPA decision. 2 councillors were in favour of the application going before a planning committee. 3 abstained.

41/25 Pre-Application Planning: There were no cases to report.

42/25 Penpont View. There were no updates to report regarding the maintenance devolution of the grassed areas.

43/25 Highways.

The clerk reported that work to provide a stronger barrier system, kerbing, improving road signs and painting new road markings will be undertaken on the A30 between Kennards House and Five Lanes 16.3.2025 until 28.3.2025 and details are published on the APC web site.

The clerk also summarised a report and update from the Safer Plusha Action Group. Cllr Parsons confirmed that Cornwall Cllr Donnithorne, portfolio holder for transport within Cornwall Council, was lending his full weight of support behind the action group and Cornwall Councils feasibility study as reported in the public session.

44/25 Public convenience cleaning contract for 2025-2026.

Further to minute 29/25 the clerk reported that Conserve have reverted with an annual contract fee of £6600 for the inclusion of a seven day cleaning schedule during the summer months. Also, one competitive quote and an expression of interest from capable contractors had been received in response to the advertisements placed inviting new contractors to quote.

Following discussion Cllr Bloomfield proposed that the Contract with Conserve should not be renewed for 2025/26, due 1.4.2025. Cllr Kendall seconded, and it was **resolved** to advise Conserve accordingly. The clerk undertook to wind down the present contract pending the appointment of a new contractor.

45/25 Gov.uk domain name for APC & Gov.uk email addresses for clerk and councillors.

The clerk reported that a further quote of £450 had been received for a 10 year domain name registration and an email address for the clerk only. The clerk advised price checking will continue, and a full review of the prices obtained will be available at the next APC meeting.

46/25 Methodist Chapel, Rose Hill.

The clerk advised that Cornwall Council building control have revisited the property and due to further deterioration have taken the decision to padlock the gates to deter public entry. The local Methodist Circuit have been advised and will revert to APC after their next meeting due 13.3.2025, with their thoughts on the way forward regarding the burial ground.

47/25 BT Phone Box situate at Tregunnon Cross. Offer received to purchase for £1.

APC had received an invitation, by way of consultation, prior to the meeting to agree removal of the phone box, object to removal or apply to adopt it for £1. After discussion, Cllr Bloomfield proposed APC adopt the box for £1, Cllr Halls seconded, and it was resolved to adopt the box as proposed. The clerk undertook to advise BT accordingly.

48/25 Correspondence – for information only.

- Various Nalc, calc, Cornwall Council & NHS briefings
- Cornwall Council -Local election packs available for collection w/c 10.3.2025 from Launceston Library
- Cornwall Council – Local election fees advised as being £2652.12 for a contested election or £323.72 uncontested

49/25 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.15pm.