

Altarnun Parish Council - "RO AN HAL"

Draft Minutes of the remote meeting of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** held by Zoom, Wednesday 3rd February 2021 which commenced at 7.30pm. Cllr Branch welcomed all in attendance.

APC members present Cllr Branch (Chair), Cllr Marsh, Cllr Green (joined in progress), Cllr Coles, Cllr W Smith & Cllr Bloomfield. **Also present:** Ward Cllr Adrian Parsons (joined in progress), Mr R Turner - parish clerk. No members of the public attended.

13/21 Apologies for absence: Cllr Jasper, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Hoskin, Cllr Dowler & Cllr P Smith.

14/21 Members Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations. No interests were declared.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting.

15/21 Invitation to address the meeting:

Cllr Parsons reported that it is likely the maximum permitted increase in council tax will be invoked for 2021/22 as the counties budget has been severely tested, as a result of Covid, over the last year. Likewise this year will undoubtedly bring its financial challenges including the G7 leaders summit meeting due to take place in June at St Ives. He did not have any briefing information around the cost of policing or other associated costs that the taxpayer may have to bear. On a positive note, he reported, whilst the financial impact of Covid has been hard, mass vaccination centres are being opened and Cornwall has been revealed to be one of the best performing areas in the country for delivering the Covid vaccine. A second mass vaccination centre opened at the Royal Cornwall Showground in Wadebridge on 1st February.

(Cllr Green joined the meeting.)

Cllr Parsons advised Cornwall Council February strategic planning committee meeting will table applications for two large developments at Hayle Harbour and Pydar Street, Truro which will potentially have significant economic consequences for the county as a whole.

Finally, Cllr Parsons confirmed that the central government plans to hold local government elections, as scheduled, in May if possible.

16/21 To approve the minutes of the APC meeting held on 6th January 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Coles then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 6th January 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair.

17/21 Matters arising from APC minutes of 6th January 2021 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

18/21 Finance Matters

The RFO reported as follows:

-An internal finance check to 31st December 2020 had been completed and signed off with no issues & no concerns recorded. In accordance with Financial Regulations para 2.2 has been observed.

Accounts payable:

-Smart Brothers £1212.60 Completion works to toilet block & defibrillator monitoring. Chq no 1148 Cllr Bloomfield proposed to make payment, Cllr Branch seconded, and it was **resolved** to pay this account.

19/21 Planning Applications: A consultee comment was approved for one application:

Ref: PA20/11348 **Proposal** Retention of agricultural farm building **Location** Tor View Farm Trethinna Hill Altarnun Launceston **Applicant** Mr Simon Gillbard

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and circumstances, Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr Green seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**.

Altarnun Parish Council welcomes the position being drawn to the planning authorities attention and supports the retention of the building.

20/21 Planning Decisions: One decision made by the planning authority was reported:

PA20/10642 – Approved. **Applicant:** Richard Sharland. **Location:** Pooleys, Altarnun.

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/>

21/21 Planning: To report, for information only, any pre application planning submissions for Altarnun Parish, advised prior to the evening of the meeting.

Application refs: PA20/03138 & PA20/03159 where discussed.

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22/21 Donations.

Cllr Marsh proposed donations of £120 each to St Nonnas PCC & Bolventor Church Yard Trust for the maintenance of the graveyards in each location. Cllr Bloomfield seconded, and it was **resolved** to make donations of £120 St Nonnas PCC: Chq no. 001149 & £120 Bolventor Church Yard Trust: Chq no. 001150. A discussion took place regarding the ability to support other local organisations and causes under the S137 annual allowance, subject to application. The clerk advised that he had received a request from Bolventor Reading Room dated 3.2.2021 which will be tabled at the next full council meeting.

23/21 Highways.

Penpont View Car Parking issues. The clerk read out correspondence from Cornwall Housing which advised some site clearance has taken place at the bottom of the close to improve accessibility for residents parking, but they cannot promise to do more at this time as their priorities lie elsewhere.

Winter gritting – A discussion took place to consider the pros and cons of providing strategically placed grit bins and in conclusion no decision or actions were agreed.

Parking restrictions consultation re Trewint & Bolventor. The clerk advised that Cormac are still in progress of preparing a works package for all sites included in the current highways consultation and will advise outcome and timescales in due course.

24/21 Footpaths.

-Advice from Cornwall Council received during January that APC 2021/22 LMP footpath grant has been restated at £1970.99, previously advised incorrectly as £1942.82.

-The clerk advised members that the parish footpath network cutting contract must be advertised locally and as effectively as possible with quotations to be invited, ideally on a three year fixed term & fixed price basis. In order to gain sufficient exposure for responses he advised the Tre Pol Pen and APC web site be used to advertise and to include an application closing date of 26th March 2021. Cllr Bloomfield proposed the terms of contract and means of advertising as recommended by the clerk be adopted, Cllr Branch seconded, and it was **resolved** to advertise an invitation to quote on a three year fixed term & fixed price basis in the Tre Pol Pen and on the APC website.

Cllr Parsons left the meeting.

25/21 Bus Shelter – Bolventor.

After in depth discussion, following ongoing debate at past meetings, it was agreed the benefit is clear. However, during the evaluative process undertaken since September last, other factors such as traffic management, location, planning directives and routes to finance have highlighted that any decision must be made unerringly. Cllr Bloomfield proposed that no further action be taken until September 2021 earliest, Cllr Marsh seconded and it was **resolved** to place the matter on hold until September 2021.

26/21 Riverside Public Conveniences

It was reported to the meeting that electrical wiring and subsequent certification was still outstanding, as of 2.2.2021 and upon receipt a request for Building Regulations sign off will be made.

27/21 Correspondence (For information only)

- Cormac – Highways matters
- NALC, CALC & Cornwall Council – various outputs re Covid and business as usual
- NALC & CALC re plans to hold local government elections on 6.5.2021.
- CALC & Cornwall Council -No charges to apply in local authority car parks until end of current lockdown
- NALC – Rates exemption for public toilets. Statute still awaited.
- Cornwall Council – Beware Covid vaccination scams asking for money to expedite. All vaccinations are free.
- Member of public re potholes in lane from A30 roundabout to Halvanna. Clerk has reported to Cornwall Council.
- Cornwall Council. Report to confirm wall outside Jamaica Inn Farmhouse has been repaired.
- CALC requesting HMLR survey be completed re assets vested ino APC. Clerk confirmed fully actioned.

28/21 Advise date of the next full council meeting.

3rd March 2021 confirmed or later should circumstances dictate.

Councillor Branch closed the meeting at 9.07pm.