

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

Draft Minutes of the remote meeting of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** held by Zoom, Wednesday 7th April 2021 which commenced at 7.30pm. Cllr Dowler welcomed all in attendance.

APC members present Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Branch, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Coles, Cllr Green & Cllr Bloomfield.

Also present: Ward Cllr Adrian Parsons (joined in progress), Mr R Turner - parish clerk and five members of the public.

41/21 Apologies for absence: Cllr Jasper, Cllr Hoskin, Cllr P Smith, Cllr W Smith & Cllr Marsh.

42/21 Members Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations. Cllr Dowler declared a non-registerable interest in planning application ref PA21/01920 under agenda item 47/21 and agreed to be severed from the meeting when the matter was to be discussed.

43/21 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting: No members of the public present addressed the meeting at this time. Cllr Parsons was not yet present.

Cllr Dowler invited Cllr Parsons to address the meeting after the conclusion of agenda item 46/21. Cllr Parsons was pleased to give reassurances that several general issues had been resolved including the correction of: public service buses maintaining their given routes and stops following recent lapses and similarly, garden waste collection schedules. He gave clarity to the current situation surrounding the deputy leader of Cornwall Council. Cllr Dowler thanked Cllr Parsons for his kind words in support of the efforts made by APC during the last 4 years, ahead of the town & parish elections due 6.5.2021.

44/21 To approve the minutes of the APC meeting held on 3rd March 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr Bloomfield, seconded by Cllr Branch, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 3rd March 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair.

45/21 Matters arising from APC minutes of 3rd March 2021 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

46/21 Finance Matters.

RFO report: -Internal annual audit 2020/2021 has commenced.

-Funds received: £1904.74 29.3.2021 Cornwall Council re Local Maintenance Partnership grant

-Funds advised as being remitted for receipt 8.4.2021 £7000 Cornwall Council re 2021A precept demand & £120.71 2021A Council Tax Supplement grant.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting.

NatWest Bankline for Communities application for service, recommended by RFO:

Cllr Dowler proposed that Cllr Bloomfield & Cllr Branch be authorised to complete & sign the NatWest Bankline application for the provision of internet banking services and accept the Bankline for Communities pilot terms on behalf of APC. Cllr Kendall seconded, and it was **resolved** to apply for this service that will allow the clerk/RFO and internal finance check officer, read only access to the APC bank account, thereby allowing a more efficient monitor and reconciliation of finances.

Accounts payable. The clerk/RFO advised the following as being due:

-Smart Brothers £455.25 Feb/Mch 2021 maintenance work and grass cuts. Chq 1156.

-Cornwall ALC Limited £458.02 (VAT £65.18) Annual sub. Chq 1157.

-Altarnun Village Hall £50 donation as agreed per minute no.38/21. Chq 1158.

Cllr Branch proposed to raise payment for all, Cllr Kendall seconded, it was **resolved** to pay these accounts.

47/21 Planning Applications: A consultee comment was approved for three applications: -**Ref PA21/01148 Proposal** Proposed 2 new dwellings with variation of condition 2 of decision PA19/08898 dated 09/04/2020. **Location** Penpont Brewery Altarnun Launceston Cornwall **Applicant** Mr S Medicott

After lengthy discussion involving members of the public, clarifying the planning documents, including letters of objection from members of the public and the applicants intentions, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Green seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**.

Altarnun Parish Council notes all the comprehensive and detailed comments of objection to this application made by neighbours of the proposed development and likewise does not support the application because of the scale of height and design of the proposed unit, which is not in keeping with other dwellings in the hamlet and wider parish area. It would like to see design policies employed that reflect the local aspirations and the areas defining characteristics. The council would encourage and welcome active dialogue between Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development and those members of the public who have expressed their objections, after a site visit has been made by the appointed planning officer/s.

-**Ref PA21/01670 Proposal** Listed building consent to fit rigid insulation board and slate rainscreen cladding to the rear (west) elevation **Location** Trewint, The Cottage Road from Treebeard Cottage to Wesley Cottage Altarnun Launceston **Applicant** Methodist Church, Cornwall & Isles Of Scilly

This application was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

-**Ref PA21/01813 Proposal** Amended scheme for the change of use of a barn to a dwelling to that approved under PA18/09018 including the amendments to this scheme approved under PA19/00287, to include the conversion/rebuild of the existing Cargelly Farmhouse to a games room, as an extension to the dwelling **Location** Cargelly, Trecorner Farm Altarnun **Applicant** Mr I Scott

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

Altarnun Parish Council supports this application as the scheme appears to be of good design and in keeping with the existing development.

Cllr Dowler was severed from the meeting.

-**Ref PA21/01920 Proposal** Proposed extension and remodel of existing annexe with proposed link extensions between the existing House and annexe and replace / relocate shed **Location** Tincotts, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr And Mrs D Hallett

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Kendall 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 as the scheme appears to be of good design and in keeping with the existing development.

Cllr Dowler re-joined the meeting.

48/21 Planning Decisions: The following decision from the planning authority was reported:

APPROVED PA21/01270 Proposal New stable and home office study/store to rear garden of farmhouse at Blackhill Farm Bolventor **Applicant** Mr Richard Pike.

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/>

49/21 Planning – Pre-Applications (For information only) None were advised.

50/21 Donations. No requests for donations were received.

51/21 Altarnun Parish Footpath Network Cutting Contract.

Following the advertisement inviting quotations per minute no.24/21, there was one quote returned from two responses. Cllr Dowler proposed that the terms offered by Smart Brothers for an annual cost of £1550 plus any additional non scheduled cutting be paid at £80 per kilometre and will apply for the next three years based on the cutting schedule provided. If the cutting schedule is changed or amended in this time, extra costs may be incurred and are to be agreed with the contractor. Cllr Bloomfield seconded the proposal, and it was **resolved** to accept the quotation. The clerk undertook to action the required process through to formally awarding the contract.

52/21 Highways – Plusha Junction.

Following a request for an update from Scott Mann MP re agenda item 89/20 (acknowledgement noted 39/21) a reply, from his office dated 5.3.2021 stated *'Scott had a 1:1 meeting with Highways England yesterday to discuss Plusha Junction. Initial plans and ideas had been drawn up by Highways England and an improvement to the A30 Plusha Junction is included within their South West Regional Capital Forward Programme for Road Investment Strategy 2 (extending from 2020 to 2025). However, this is subject to securing scheme specific funding following a prioritisation of need and demonstration of value for money. Scott has raised the safety issues and feedback by the Parish Council on multiple occasions and has also asked Highways whether any other options are available, including closing the crossover parts of the A30. Highways England have previously mentioned this is a priority for them and it might be a means of keeping Plusha on their radar. If they are considering this, Scott made it clear that Highways England would need to liaise with Parish Councils like Altarnun to make sure local opinion is considered. Scott will continue to explore options to alter Plusha Junction, and he would welcome any updates or comments that you have for him or Highways England.'*

After lengthy discussion Cllr Green proposed that a reply be sent suggesting consideration be given, as a viable short term option, (pending the inception of a larger South West Regional Capital Forward Programme for Road Investment scheme in due course) as follows: 1) Close the crossing for east bound traffic to Launceston, whilst maintaining a crossing for traffic from the west to cross the west bound carriageway. 2) Install visual speed controls/traffic calming measures 3) Install two slip roads (either side of the junction) on the west bound carriage way for exiting and joining the A30. Cllr Kendall seconded, and it was **resolved** that the clerk draft the response and send as soon as possible.

53/21 Annual Cemetery Report.

Cllr Dowler & the clerk reported that a full inspection of the parish cemetery, 1st April 2021, had taken place. The report is signed and filed in the council records, noting the site appearance and facilities, entry gates and benches to be in good order. Safety checks revealed 6 headstones have become loosened from their slab base but do not pose immediate risk. The clerk will take further action in an attempt to contact relatives and request the remedial work is done.

54/21 Riverside Public Conveniences

Cornwall Council Building Regulations sign off is still awaited that all works have been completed to allow clearance for opening the facility. Cllr Branch proposed that the clerk undertake and complete all the necessary final requirements to open them as soon as possible. Cllr Dowler seconded, and it **resolved** that the clerk co-ordinate the required administrative tasks.

55/21 Dog Waste Bins

The clerk reported that Cornwall Council have now formally acknowledged the situation with Biffa as reported minute no. 112/20 and have promised further contact on the matter.

56/21 Correspondence (For information only)

- Letter 4.3.2021 from Altarnun Village Hall Committee thanking APC for support re minute no 38/21
- CALC - election update reminding return of candidate nomination form by 8.4.2021 4pm latest
- Letter from member of public giving notice that there had been a recent case of sheep worrying leading to fatalities in North Hill. (The clerk acknowledged and has strengthened the standing message relating to the same on the home page of APC web site).
- CALC – Explanation and rationale for local precept and council tax rises.
- European Sites Supplementary Planning document.

57/21 Advise date of the next full council meeting as 5th May 2021 (To be an extraordinary meeting)

Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.23pm.