

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 7th July 2021 which commenced at 8pm (delayed awaiting quorum). Cllr Dowler welcomed all in attendance.

APC members present Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Green Cllr P Smith & Cllr Bloomfield. **Also present:** Mr R Turner - parish clerk and one member of the public.

107/21 Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hoskin, Cllr W Smith, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Coles, Cllr Branch & Cllr Marsh.

108/21 Members Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations. None received.

109/21 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting: Cllr Parsons reported by email that the new administration at Cornwall Council is currently carrying out a review asking all Town and Parish Councils for their views on operational matters, what needs changing and how can the new administration work better for local councils and communities. For individuals and Parish Councillors, he considers, there is no doubt a lot that can be compiled and put forward. A standout example would be the objection to the government's plans to relax the planning rules surrounding large scale developments around our towns and villages, which may well result in less consultation and even less right to object from those who have concerns. Also the lack of powers to stop second homes etc and the fact more support and flexibility is required when we have local needs applications for our residents who want the opportunity to live in the villages, they have been brought up in.

The new waste and recycling contract may be worth a mention, do we want it changed? Also worth mentioning are highways, speeding, potholes and all the usual stuff which so often comes up in meetings.

Cornwall Council are currently carrying out reviews of leisure centres and Launceston's is one in much need of maintenance and improvement. Cllr Parsons expressed concern that this is not being used as an opportunity to close down the ones which are in greatest need of investment. Obviously due to the COVID pandemic many leisure centres have struggled financially and therefore they may make an excuse to say, due to changes in peoples social and physical activities and other opportunities it is no longer viable to keep these centres open.

He went on to report that in mid-June the first East Planning Committee meeting was held in person for over 12 months at County Hall, Truro to allow for members to social distance. There are now 11 Cornwall Councillors on the committee but, planning and legal officers were also present in person. It was first hybrid meeting so any outside speakers applicants, agents, objectors, and supporters were able to join the meeting remotely, which brought the challenge of communicating with those inside and outside the meeting room, so all could hear the proceedings. Further hybrid meetings are planned.

As usual general maintenance, pothole and speeding issues on our local roads continue and noting with the larger post-election divisional area these are greater in number and present an increased workload.

110/21 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2nd June 2021. It was proposed by Cllr Bloomfield seconded by Cllr Green, then **resolved** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 2nd June 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair.

111/21 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 2nd June 2021 and not included in this agenda. There were no matters arising.

112/21 Finance Matters: RFO Report – the RFO reported:

-Nat West Bankline -APC application for this service has been advised as on hold pending systems upgrades to provide the Bankline service as soon as possible. In recognition of the trouble and inconvenience caused in not being unable to fulfil the application on submission in March 2021, as expected, National Westminster Bank plc paid APC a credit of £80 on 8.6.2021.

-VAT claim Submitted to 31.5.2021. Credit £126.55 received 18.6.2021.

-Altarnun Village Show (AVS), as reported in minute 100/21. A letter of thanks for the £250 donation received for running the Five Lanes defibrillator has been sent with request to copy in all AVS committee members.

-The public right of inspection of APC accounting records for 2020/2021 expires 23.7.2021.

-Q1 2021/22 APC finance reconciliation completed and circulated to members per APC Financial Regulations 2.2

-Further to the RFO's recommendation, Cllr P Smith proposed that the APC reserves & funds reported as £31,985 within the Q1 2021/22 finance reconciliation be adjusted and agreed as follows: Toilet Block reserve £2465, Five Lanes defibrillator reserve £2,372, Mill Green phone box library and open space reserve £496, CTS reserve £128, CIL reserve £4,195 and general fund £22,329. Cllr Green seconded and it was **resolved** to adjust & agree these figures.

Accounts Payable. The RFO advised that three accounts were due for payment as follows:

- 1) Safeguard ITC £13 – Web site domain name annual renewal fee. Chq 1172
- 2) AAV Services £35 – Grass cutting at Bolventor. Chq 1173
- 3) Smart Brothers £498 Grass cuts, cemetery & general maintenance. Chq 1174

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

113/21 Planning Applications: Three applications inviting consultee comment from Cornwall Council as follows:

-Ref - PA21/04747 Proposal Erection of a 60-foot x 15 foot x 12 foot high open-fronted steel-framed barn for fodder and equipment storage. **Location** Tidn A Taw Trewint Marsh **Applicant** Mr & Mrs Richard Watson.

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

'Altarnun Parish Council has no objections to this development and supports the application'.

-Ref- PA21/03328 Proposal Retrospective application for maintenance to access track to include land drains along the rocky section to release surface water from the track. **Location** Canaglaze St Clether Launceston Cornwall **Applicant** Stephen Ritchie.

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, 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 this application and suggests that drainage courses are configured across the track to simulate a natural course of the water, allowing it to flow onto moorland and not onto the adjacent highway'.

-Ref - PA21/03967 Proposal Listed building consent to rebuild 3 stone chimneys above roof level and slate hanging to part of the south elevation n **Location** Tredarras Altarnun **Applicant** Mr D Wendon.

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

'Altarnun Parish Council has no objections to this application and is pleased to support efforts to stop all penetrating dampness from occurring'.

-Ref- PA21/06463 Proposal Non Material Amendment for the addition of a second storey bedroom window to the side elevation of the property (Application number PA20/03712 dated 20th July 2020 relates) **Location** 3 Trekerrek Farm Altarnun Launceston Cornwall PL15 7TG **Applicant** Mr Andrew Greenaway.

N.B.This application was deemed unacceptable, as a non material amendment, by Cornwall Council prior to the meeting and therefore APC did not comment.

114/21 Planning Decisions: Four decisions were reported: PA21/03442 P Allen- Approved. PA21/03118 I Scott - Refused. PA21/031181 Walker & Templeton -Refused PA21/04744 Mr & Mrs Hay -Approved.

Further details about these planning decisions are available. Note the reference number and go to the Altarnun Parish Council website: <https://altarnunparish.co.uk/planning>

115/21 Pre-App Planning; One case was reported; PA21/01170 /PREAPP Applicant- Heather Jenkins – advice given.

116/21 Highways

-Plusha Junction – Further to minute 104/21 the clerk reported that further correspondence received from MP Scott Mann's office advised Highways England to have clearly stated that they are now collating the evidence base that will support the government's decisions on future Strategic Road Network investment priorities for the next funding period, due to commence in 2025. These decisions will be taken through the third Road Investment Strategy (RIS3).

Alongside the Department for Transport, they are planning to engage through round table sessions to discuss RIS3 and the development of the route strategies over the summer 2021 and beyond and do note our keen interest regarding parts of the Strategic Road Network, i.e. Plusha junction.

-Trewint Garage & Spar Shop- Further to minute 104/21 the clerk reported Highways England are not disposed to the installation of an Armco safety barrier at the roadside in front of the Trewint Garage on the A30. Their response was 'When considering where to make improvements to our roads, we take collision data into account so we can prioritise the areas of greatest need. Looking at the collision data for this location, there have only been one slight injury collision since March 2019. We therefore wouldn't look to install a barrier here at this time.'

-Speeding Trewint – -Speeding Trewint – The clerk referred to a redacted letter from a member of the public noting traffic continuing to exceed the 30mph limit on a consistent basis after leaving the A30 and proceeding toward Five Lanes. After debate, councillors considered that recent (within 24 months) exhaustive efforts have resulted in the installation of a vehicle activated speed warning sign and subsequent relocation to optimise its effectiveness, is the limit of Cornwall Council highways support for this location. The clerk undertook to reply to the letter.

117/21 Altarnun Societies Coffee Morning 24.7.2021- to agree APC representation.

It was confirmed council members will be present.

118/21 Penpont Water re weed.

The clerk referred to a redacted letter from a member of the public expressing concerns of excessive plant/weed clogging Penpont Water. The clerk advised that reference was made to the Environment Agency, and they will only act to clear growth if it presents a flood risk. The member of the public subsequently confirmed no flood risk was apparent. Following a brief discussion including a member of the public attending the meeting advising the plant in question is Hemlock, which is toxic to man, must therefore be dealt with and disposed of professionally as controlled waste and the disposal in a designated facility is difficult and can be expensive, the clerk undertook to respond to the letter, to confirm the Environment Agencies obligations.

119/21 Correspondence (For information only)

-Cornwall Cllr Barry Jordan re invitation for Town & Parish Councils to suggest Cornwall Council service quality improvements. To be agenda item at future meeting.

-Member of public – courtesy copy of letter to K Kannally re PA19/08898

-Member of public re blocked silver footpath at Trecomer Farm. Clerk ackd receipt. To be referred to Countryside Access team.

-Launceston Community Network panel minutes.

-Various Cornwall Council, NALC & CALC briefings.

120/21 Advise date & venue of the next Council Meeting as 4th August 2021 to be held in Altarnun Village Hall.

Cllr P Smith gave her apologies for an expected absence at the August meeting.

Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 8.47pm.