

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Bolventor Reading Room, Wednesday 7th December 2022 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Kendall & Cllr Coles
Also present: Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk), and 6 members of the public.

181/22 Apologies for absence: Cllr P Smith, Cllr Wendon, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Vickery & Cllr W Smith.

182/22 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. The clerk advised Cllr Coles had declared a non-registerable interest in planning application no. PA22/09897 and would leave the meeting when this matter was discussed.

183/22 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting.

Cllr Parsons confirmed proposals for securing a Level 3 devolution deal for Cornwall have been announced, which would mean Cornwall Council would change from having a Leader elected by the Council's 87 members, to a mayor directly elected by the people of Cornwall. Cornwall Council has negotiated a Level 3 deal to acquire the maximum level of powers and funding currently available under central government guidelines. Events at venues across Cornwall are to be held, starting early in January, as part of the public consultation on the proposals. The consultation will run until midnight on 17 February 2023. Cllr Parsons also confirmed National Highways (NH's) have reported on the latest stage of the ongoing study for potential improvements on the A30 between Kennards House and Fives Lanes including Plusha junction. Five options, ranging in complexity and cost have been advised. NH's have agreed to update the local Cornwall Council members in mid-December after discussions with the Police about a potential interim option and again towards the end of January 2023 when video modelling is available to share. The interim option would include • improved signage • improved road markings • improved visibility • reduced speed limits on the A30 • average speed cameras • CCTV • variable message signs and additional lighting. He hopes and will be pushing for, that eventually the more expansive schemes involving a new junction at Plusha with connector roads for local traffic and agricultural access will be decided upon.

184/22 Gratton Field, Five Lanes. A representative of the developer, Devonshire Homes, outlined the scheme agreed for the first phase of development and exhibited drawings of the site plan and graphics of house styles. He confirmed all was on schedule for completion in September 2023 and subject to local demand a further planning application may be submitted for another 18 units on land adjoining. A representative of Ocean Housing outlined their partnership with the developer and how the affordable units, the freehold of which they will purchase, would be made available to applicants registered on the HomeChoice scheme. The representative stressed that a close relationship with the community is to be fostered to ensure that the provision of essential affordable housing needs can be assessed and then maximised at this location.

Cllr Kendall queried the planning application and whether the 30mph speed limit would be extended from Trewint to include the frontage of the new development. Devonshire Homes believe this is a matter independent of the application.

Councillors were asked to suggest a street name. Cllr Bloomfield proposed 'Farriers Close' and it's Cornish origin, 'An Gof', as a historical reference to the original landowner. Cllr Coles seconded, and it was **resolved** to put 'Farriers Close/ AnGof' forward to the developer.

185/22 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2nd November 2022 and amend date quoted in minute no.184/21.

It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 2nd November 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

After an advisory from the clerk, Cllr Coles proposed that an obvious error in minute no. 184/21 be corrected, and the date amended to 2021/22 from 2022/23. Cllr Dowler seconded, and it was **resolved** the amendment be made and Cllr Dowler signed and dated the amendment on the original copy of those minutes.

186/22 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 2nd November 2022 and not included in this agenda. None.

187/22 Finance Matters: The RFO reported the following:

-Bank balance as at 31.10.2022 £48597.13

-NatWest Bank are offering 0.80% on a linked interest bearing surplus funds call account. The RFO recommended that councillors consider the benefit of utilising such a facility as best practice in view of the credit balance being held on current account. Cllr Kendall proposed that an interest bearing account be applied for at NatWest Bank. Cllr Bloomfield seconded, and it was resolved that the RFO make the necessary arrangements for the application.

-Budget of expenditure for financial year 2023/24 expected to be £22940 including VAT payable. To be funded by Local Maintenance partnership grant £2055, cemetery fees £400, Bolventor church yard reserve £1200, general fund £4285, reclaimed VAT £1000 and precept £14000 (no increase on recent prior years).

The RFO presented the schedule of the following accounts due as payable:

-Clerks Salary Oct Nov Dec 2022 £1099.10 Chq 1364

-HMRC Oct Nov Dec 2022 £326.68 Chq 1365

-AAV Services October grass cutting Bolventor £40 Chq 1366

-Postages Jun- Nov 2022 £6.53 Chq 1367

-Smart Brothers – £410 (Altarnun maintenance work £326 Bolventor Church yard £48 Remembrance Day wreaths £36) Chq 1368

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

188/21 To approve Precept Demand 2023/24, subject to RFO's budget previously presented.

The RFO recommended that the precept demand to Cornwall Council for 2023/24 be £14000 (2022/23 £14000), per the budget presented in minute no. 187/22 which also utilises APC reserves. Cllr Kendall proposed the precept demand for 2023/24 be £14000 and seconded by Cllr Bloomfield. It was resolved that the RFO apply for a precept for 2023/24 in the sum of £14000.

189/21 Approve appointment of Internal Auditor for 2022/23, advise new external auditor and fees for both.

The RFO confirmed Linda Coles has agreed to act as internal auditor for 2022/23 and the fee would remain £160. A new external auditor, BDO LLP, has been appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd on a non-discretionary basis, for the next five financial years up to and including 2026/27, a fee of £210 for 2022/23 will be payable. Cllr Dowler proposed that Linda Coles be appointed as internal auditor, Cllr Branch seconded, and the appointment was **resolved** as proposed. The clerk undertook to make the formal appointment.

190/22 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were resolved for the four applications noted below:

-Application PA22/09890 Proposal Erection of a steel framed storage shed for agricultural machinery, hay, straw, and firewood

Location Tresibbett Farm Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Ross Verity

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr Dowler 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'*.

-Application PA22/09608 Proposal Barn conversion to holiday let **Location** Austles **Applicant** Mr & Mrs Milburn

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Coles proposed & Cllr Branch 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'*.

Cllr Coles left the meeting

-Application PA22/09897 Proposal Construction of a farmhouse **Location** Ross Down Farm Altarnun **Applicant** Mr M Coles (who was present). After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and hearing the applicants intentions, Cllr Kendall proposed & Cllr Dowler seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**. *'Altarnun parish Council supports this application. The design is simple and minimalist and sympathetic with the local character, whilst providing a local family with their own home'*.

Cllr Coles returned to the meeting

-Application PA22/09512 Proposal Listed Building Consent for internal works to alter shower room/bedroom to improve disabled access. **Location** Fig Tree Cottage Trebullom Farm Altarnun **Applicant** Julian Hollick, Kernow Positive Support.

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191/22 Planning Decisions reported: PA22/09071 -Approved.

PA22/01694PREAPP-Advice given.

PA22/07031 -we are advised the LPA is minded to approve this application, but in view of objections received they agree it will now be decided by Planning Committee 23/1/2023.

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/>

192/22 Pre-Application Planning: - PA22/01829PREAPP To replace 2 wind turbines agreed under previous applications to EWT54900 900Kw units for 40 years at Higher Tregunnon. **Applicant** Mr John Creeper. Reported for information only.

193/22 Altarnun Parish Cemetery Signage and Driveway.

The clerk reported that replacement signage is in course of delivery. No further developments or decisions were made regarding the driveway.

194/22 Highways & Bus Services.

-Extension of pavement from Trewint. The clerk advised that rather than picking this up under the Community Network Highways scheme the local Highways Manager has advised this improvement is more suited to a Local Transport Plan nomination and will take forward on APC's behalf.

-Further to minute 184/22 Cllr Dowler proposed the clerk write to Cornwall Highways and formally request the extension of the 30mph limit from Trewint to encompass the new development at Gratton Field. Cllr Bloomfield seconded, and it was resolved that the clerk proceed as proposed.

195/22 Correspondence – for information only.

-CALC: Cornwall Council Budget update for town & parish councils.

-CALC: Leadership Board information request to local councils

-Cllr Stuart Roden: Cost of living issues & shared prosperity fund.

-Medical Detection Dogs Charity: Launch of SW regional volunteer & fundraising co-ordinator.

-Proud to Care Cornwall: Recruitment for adult social care roles. (Also posted on APC web site)

-Cornwall Council Youth Provision: Review of any local initiatives and gaps in provisioning.

-Monthly NALC, CALC, Cornwall Council & AONB briefings

196/22 Advise venue, time & date of next council meeting, expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall 7.30pm 4th January 2023.

Cllr Dowler confirmed these details and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.