

## *Altarnun Parish Council* "RO AN HAL"

Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd February 2022 which commenced at 7.30 pm. Cllr Dowler welcomed all in attendance.

**APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Wendon, Cllr Coles, Cllr Kendall, Cllr W Smith & Cllr P Smith. (Cllrs Branch & W Smith joined meeting in progress). **Also present:** Mr R Turner - parish clerk & six members of the public.

**16/22 Apologies for absence** Cllr Green & Cornwall Cllr Parsons.

**17/22 Members Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations.** None received.

**18/22 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting.**

Mrs Jo White introduced herself as a co-ordinator for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the parish. She put APC on notice as to current and future plans and invited a joined-up approach going forward allied to her published article in the parish magazine, calling for local organisations to come forward to contribute as one. The clerk advised that an agenda item was to be tabled later in this meeting for councillors to discuss the same.

**Cllr W Smith joined the meeting.**

A member of the public endorsed APC's continued ambition to force safety improvements at the A30/B3257 junction, however stated they had concerns relating to interim measures being proposed such as closing Plusha Junction as suggested in a recent local press article, reasoning that such action could remove any incentive or reason for National Highways to provide a major junction upgrade at Plusha. They further added they were concerned that closing Plusha Junction could also create a precedent leading to all crossings between Kennards House and Temple being closed in the future, which could significantly inconvenience and add many miles to regular journeys local people make, some on a daily basis. They also suggested that closing Plusha Junction could lead to creation of 'rat runs' on unsuitable single-track roads around Plusha Junction, particularly through Trevague, which could result in traffic safety issues being moved elsewhere for local communities to endure, as well as much more traffic potentially using the road between Five Lanes roundabout and the A30 on slip at High Clere on a 24/7 basis. The Council thanked the parishioner for raising these concerns, the Chairman sharing concerns relating to any proposal to close Plusha Junction without provision of an upgraded junction in its place.

**Cllr Branch joined the meeting.**

Cllr Parsons submitted a written statement summarising recent announcements and initiatives which was read out as follows.

'The latest update regarding the newly allocated funding for the Launceston Network Highways Schemes for the next three years has seen a significant cut in funding. During the last administration we received £200000 for improvements within our area, this has now been slashed to just over £100000. Or in real terms £34398 per Cornwall Councillor, and as the Altarnun and Stoke Climsland Division is the largest by land area in the county it means the money will have to be stretched far further than in the other constituencies. Under this formula which the new administration has used I fear our rural parishes will be the most disadvantaged. I would suggest you identify which local highways scheme or two is of the highest priority to you for consideration of works to be carried out and implemented over the next three years.

Please note the newly proposed 20mph schemes to be implemented during this term are from a separate funding pot, so if the pilot areas in Camelford and Falmouth prove to be a success we should be able to get this implemented within the villages you identify where the need is the greatest. As funding is tight it is likely only the projects meeting the highest criteria will be considered.

Plusha junction has been in the local press again recently, much down to your endeavours as a Parish Council to keep this on the agenda, I feel it's important we keep sustained pressure on National Highways and our MP to ensure they know in no uncertain terms exactly how strong local feeling is about this dangerous junction and how important it is for all road users that pass through here that the appropriate safety measures and network upgrade take place sooner rather than later.

A cautionary note now other Parishes and individuals are taking an interest, we must be careful that dialogue doesn't become messy with other people's views of what work should be carried out here enters the debate. We must ensure our goal of an over/under pass type grade of junction isn't lost, so National Highways don't try to push forward cheaper and less effective solutions, e.g. the blocking of the central crossing points on the A30. As locals we know exactly the implications of this, as all it will do is push the volumes of traffic into our neighbouring villages and parishes causing problems further up the road. In my opinion nothing less than a major upgrade would be acceptable.

Finally, Cornwall Council have formed a partnership with bus and train operators to create **One Public Transport for Cornwall**. A new system is to be implemented where if you buy a 'now valid' ticket that can be used not only just on the journey you have purchased it for, but also on any bus services across the Cornwall Network on that day. From Spring 2022 the bus fares scheme will be piloted, funded by the government, to reduce bus fares across all bus travel in the county. Also launching is a tap on tap off system to enable contactless payment by credit, debit card or phone, which is designed to charge the best value fare for the journey. This should hopefully make local public transport more affordable and easier to use.'

**19/22 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 5th January 2022.** It was proposed by Cllr Kendall, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 5th January 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

**20/22 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 5th January 2022 and not included in this agenda.** None.

**21/22 Finance Matters: The RFO reported the following:**

-Funds received 7/1/2022 £35 cemetery reservation fee -Funds received 10/1/2022 £200 cemetery burial fee

-APC bank balance as at close of business 31.1.2022 £32995.52 credit.

**The RFO advised the following accounts payable:**

-£255 Cornwall Council – election 2021 charges. Chq no.318

-£184 Smart Brothers – general & cemetery maintenance. Chq no. 319

Cllr Kendall proposed to raise payment for both, Cllr Wendon seconded, it was **resolved** to pay these accounts. Cllr Dowler signed the schedule of payments.

**22/22 Planning Applications:** Four applications from Cornwall Council invited comment by APC as consultee:

**-Ref PA21/12325 Proposal** Works to include ground floor rear extension, additional windows to rear of property; replacement of existing windows; and the repointing of the chimney. **Location** Trewen, Rookes Corner Road from Junction South of Polgray to Junction Southeast of Enys An Heul Altarnun **Applicant** Mr and Mrs Applin.

After discussion involving the applicant who was in attendance, and the APC members, clarification was given to the planning documents. Cllr Dowler then proposed & Cllr Bloomfield seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**. **‘Altarnun Parish Council supports this application’**

**-Ref PA21/12326 Proposal** Listed Building Consent: Works to include ground floor rear extension; additional windows to rear of property; replacement of existing windows; and the repointing of the chimney. **Location** Rookes Corner Road from Junction South of Polgray To Junction South East Of Enys An Heul Altarnun **Applicant** Mr and Mrs Applin.

After discussion involving the applicant who was in attendance, and the APC members, clarification was given to the planning documents. Cllr Dowler then proposed & Cllr Bloomfield seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**. **‘Altarnun Parish Council supports this application’**

**-Ref PA21/12564 Proposal** Listed building consent to remove and replace as necessary rag slates from house due to deteriorated fixings **Location** Codda Bolventor **Applicant** Mr Peter Moir

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Dowler 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’**

**-Ref PA21/12353 Proposal** Listed Building Consent for internal works to include removal and installation of various stud walls and repointing of stone floor in living room. **Location** Havenlea, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Phillip Wood

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Wendon proposed & Cllr Bloomfield seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**. **‘Altarnun Parish Council supports this application’**

**23/22 Planning Decisions:** The following application was reported as approved: PA21/10399, PA21/17604 & PA21/11215.

**For further details about any planning decision, note the reference number and go to the Cornwall Council webpage**

<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>

**24/22 Pre-App Planning:** It was reported, for information only, that no pre application planning engagements, relating to the parish, were advised by Cornwall Council in the past month.

**25/22 Openreach Broadband – Pipers Pool project**

The clerk reported that APC have been approached by Openreach & Superfast Cornwall to support the community fibre project financially, in principle. Further detail is required and awaited, and he advised members that he would take advice from Cornwall Assn of Local Councils to see if this was permissible, in the first instance, and obtain any further information to bring back as an agenda item at the next full APC meeting for debate, consideration and any possible actions at that time.

**26/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

After debate, members were inclined to defer this item to the next council meeting with a view to gauging local interest in a community celebration in the interim, that could involve various parish organisations and the school.

**27/22 Parish Bus Shelters.**

The clerk reported that Cornwall Council grant financing in the sum of £3k for a shelter at Bolventor had been agreed and that an installation would be possible by 1.4.2022. The suppliers had provided a colour palette, Cllr Dowler proposed the shelters colour finish as Moss Green, seconded Cllr Kendall and it was resolved that the clerk place an order with the supplier per minute no.12/22 in Moss Green.

**28/22 Highways.**

Further to minute no.13/22 it was reported that other local parish and town councils were seeking agreement to support APC's initiative in seeking major improvements to the B3257/A30 junction at the Launceston Community Network Panel meeting 17th March 2022. Cllr Dowler welcomed the support and urged as many colleagues to attend the remote meeting as possible to voice their concerns to influence change.

**29/22 Bolventor Churchyard to include upkeep & access.**

Following ongoing criticism being received of the adverse condition and access to the churchyard and burial ground, the clerk advised he had contacted the trustees of Bolventor Churchyard Trust to understand the issues that represent the cause. The trustees have suffered with lack of finance and personnel and have undertaken to attempt to bring the organisation to order and update APC in due course. The clerk undertook to maintain frequent friendly contact.

**30/22 Co-option of member to APC to fill casual vacancy.**

The clerk advised there were two candidates. Cllr Dowler invited the applicants Mrs Julie Vickery and Mr Nigel Payne to respectively address the meeting and present their cases for council membership. The candidates then left the room while the members voted, which concluded in an absolute majority for Julie Vickery to be co-opted as a member of APC. The candidates returned to the meeting and Cllr Dowler welcomed Mrs Vickery as a councillor and thanked Mr Payne for his interest in the role.

**31/22 Correspondence – for information only.**

- Cornwall Council Community Governance Review consultation.
- Cornwall Assn of Local Councils AGM 8.3.2022.
- Launceston Community Network Highways Scheme 2022/23 budget.
- Various NALC, CALC & Cornwall Council briefings

**32/22 Advise date & agree venue of the next Council Meeting, proposed as 2nd March 2022, Altarnun Village Hall.**

Date and venue confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.41pm.