

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

Draft Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd March 2022 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Coles, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Green & Cllr P Smith. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons, Mr R Turner - parish clerk & two members of the public.

33/22 Apologies for absence Cllr Wendon & Cllr W Smith.

34/22 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. None received. The clerk confirmed that Cllr Vickery had signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the meeting.

Cllr P Smith joined the meeting

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting

35/22 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting.

A member of the public raised the introduction a 20mph speed limit through Altarnun. The clerk was able to confirm that the Cornwall Council Local Transport & Road Safety Lead had confirmed to APC in December 2021 that Altarnun was included in the list of areas that had expressed an interest on having a scheme implemented, subject to results from two pilot schemes currently running. APC meeting minute no 104/21 refers to the initial expression of interest.

A member of the public referred to South Petherwin & Lewannick Parish Councils recent meetings at which objections were recorded regarding any proposed closure of the central reservation at Plusha. APC was asked to consider its position and make formal representation as necessary to oppose any efforts made by the authorities to use the closure as a safety improvement rather than a full and complete restructure of the junction.

Cllr Parsons confirmed a 2.99% rise in Cornwall council tax for 2022/2023. Also £59m in budget cuts had been confirmed for the year including several hundred Cornwall Council job losses. Prior adverse impacts on budget have been COVID grants, costs of running leisure centres and the escalating cost of adult social care, which takes account of 50% of the council tax raised by the band D properties in the duchy.

A member of the public present, challenged the Cornwall Council income budget, suggesting to Cllr Parsons that an increase in planning application fees, for example, could be considered to help offset expenditure.

36/22 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2nd February 2022. It was proposed by Cllr Bloomfield, seconded by Cllr Branch, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 2nd February 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

37/22 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 2nd February 2022 and not included in this agenda. Re minute no.27/22 the clerk advised that the Bolventor bus shelter was on track for installation by 1st April 2022.

38/22 Finance Matters: The RFO reported the following:

-VAT refund claim to 28th February 2022 £238.97 has been submitted.

-APC bank balance as at close of business 28th February 2022 £32556.52cr.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

-£92.22 Primary Care Supplies – Defibrillator Pads on chq 320

-£793.80 Clerks salary Jan- Mch 2022 on chq 321

-£214.94 HMRC – clerks PAYE & NI on chq 32

-£2.64 Postages Q4 2021/22 on chq 323

-£154 Smart Bros – parish maintenance on chq 324.

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

39/22 Planning Applications: Three applications to Cornwall Council invited comment by APC as consultee:

-Application PA21/11193 Proposal Proposed equestrian sand school with 40m x 25m drained all weather surface enclosed by post and rail fence and replacement stables **Location** Deephatches Farm Bolventor **Applicant** Mr & Mrs S Clay

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-Application PA22/01334 Proposal Change of use of barns to one dwelling (amended scheme to decision notice PA19/03144 dated 28.06.2019) **Location** Old Hay Vein Altarnun **Applicant** Mr P Devenish

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-Application PA22/01336 Proposal Listed building consent for change of use of barns to two residential dwelling - (amended scheme to decision notice PA19/03145 dated 28.06.2019) **Location** Old Hay Vein Altarnun **Applicant** Mr P Devenish

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40/22 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as approved: PA21/09204, PA21/12296 & PA21/11109.

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/>

41/22 Pre-App Planning: It was reported that no pre application planning engagements, relating to the parish, were advised by Cornwall Council in the past month.

42/22 Footpaths including 2022/2023 Local Maintenance Partnership grant.

The clerk presented the terms of the Cornwall Council 2022/23 Local Maintenance Partnership grant scheme, offered for cutting parish footpaths as scheduled. Cllr Kendall proposed that APC accept the terms of the grant offered in the sum of £2055.21. Cllr Bloomfield seconded, and it was resolved that the clerk apply to Cornwall Council for the grant.

43/22 Openreach Broadband – Pipers Pool/Trewint project. Further to meeting minute 25/22 no further information had been made available to APC from Openreach; therefore no discussion took place or update was possible.

44/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee

After brief debate Cllr Branch proposed that APC lead a meeting with as many local organisations as possible in order to co-ordinate celebrations. Cllr Dowler seconded the proposal, and it was resolved that a meeting under the auspices of APC would be arranged with subsequent feed back to the next APC meeting.

45/22 Highways.

-Launceston Community Network Highways Scheme 2022 - Expression of Interest. Members considered viable schemes to put forward and after discussion, Cllr Dowler proposed that the pavement to the south side of the old A30, from Trewint towards Five Lanes, be extended from where it terminates and constructed to the corner of the new A30 turn, in order to provide safer pedestrian access to local facilities and amenities. Cllr Branch seconded and it was resolved that the clerk be instructed to forward an expression of interest in the scheme for this purpose. The clerk undertook to apply.

-Launceston Community Network Meeting 17th March 2022 – National Highways & Plusha Junction. Members confirmed their commitment to ensure adequate representation is made at this meeting to reinforce APC past initiatives to force and support the campaign for safety improvements and give feedback at the next council meeting. It is expected Cllrs Branch & Dowler will attend.

46/22 Housing Policy.

The clerk reported that several parish councils had produced housing manifestos to address the ongoing problems with housing and development policy in Cornwall. They recognise that while some of the proposals are dependent on Westminster, Cornwall Council is best placed to lobby MPs for action. The document recently produced by Mevagissey Parish Council was read out and after debate amongst members, no action or decision was deemed necessary at this time.

47/22 Correspondence – for information only

-CALC AGM 8.3.2022 @ St Erme

-Various CALC, NALC & Cornwall Council briefings

48/22 Co-option of member to APC to fill a casual vacancy.

Robert Anderson was co-opted to serve as an Altarnun Parish Councillor by absolute majority.

49/22 Advise date & agree venue of the next Council Meeting, proposed as 6th April 2022, Altarnun Village Hall.

Date and venue confirmed, and Cllr Kendal gave his apology for absence in advance.

Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.35pm