

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd August 2023 which commenced at 7.30 pm.

APC members present Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Pannell, Cllr Kendall & Cllr Halls. **Also present:** Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk), and two members of the public.

120/23 Apologies for absence: Cllr Wendon, Cllr Coles & Cllr W Smith.

121/23 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. No declarations of interest were made. The clerk confirmed that Cllr Halls had signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and had completed his Register of Interests, which have been published on both the APC & Cornwall Council web sites.

122/23 Invitation for members of the public and ward councillor to address the meeting.

A member of the public spoke in favour of protecting the tree on Penpont View green and other tree planting in and around the estate.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported that under the Forest for Cornwall and communities scheme, land at Pennygillam had been devolved by Cornwall Council to a community group.

He briefly reported positively on the site visit he attended 14.7.2023 at Penpont View which was seeking a continuous improvement initiative for infrastructure and services on the estate to be implemented by Cornwall Council.

He also reported on a recent fire attended to by Cornwall Fire Services at a top floor flat at Penpont View.

Finally he reported that the recent Cornwall Council car parking charges review has not been meeting with public favour.

123/23 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 5th July 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Vickery, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 5th July 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

124/23 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 5th July 2023 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

125/23 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported:

- 2023/24 Q1 (to 30.6.2023) internal finance control check was still in progress.
- APC bank balance as at 31.7.2023 stood at £45693.83cr.
- Credit interest from NatWest received on 31.7.2023 of £19.24.
- Further to minute no. 69/33 relating to switching bankers to HSBC, the process had revealed that bank charges would be payable with HSBC (presently free with NatWest), typically a minimum £7pm, reducing the benefit of credit interest. Also signing arrangements would not be ideal with the clerk having to be added. In the meantime NatWest Bankline has been improved and the APC bank signatories are able to make it work more effectively for the councils' benefit. The RFO recommended that a decision to switch be deferred until the end of the financial year to allow time for the improved NatWest Bankline service to prove itself during the interim. Cllr Kendall proposed that switching bank accounts be deferred until 31.3.2024 as per the RFO's recommendation. Cllr Bloomfield seconded, and it was **resolved** to defer as proposed.
- 2023/2024 APC budget of expenditure has been revised to reflect the year to date actual position and now states that we will spend an additional £184 from the general fund than originally calculated when set at end 2022.
- A £10 cash donation was received from visiting ramblers towards our Riverside toilet block reserve. They said it was one of the best kept facilities they have come across. The donation will be banked 4.8.2023.

The RFO advised accounts payable:

-Conserve Facilities Limited £5923.88. Annual bill for Riverside toilet cleaning service. Chq no. 1399

-AAV Services £40 grass cut at Bolventor, July 2023. Chq 1400

-Smart Brothers July invoice: £548 Altarnun £423, Bolventor Cemetery £125. Chq 1401

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

126/23 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were resolved for the following applications:

-PA23/05833 Proposal Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order namely Crown reduce South Side to 8m from 12m, Crown reduce East Side to 9m from 14m, Crown thin 15%, cavity present at 1.5m on East of stem to one Mature Copper Beech (T2). **Location** Copper Beech House Corner Park Altarnun **Applicant** Mr James Veats

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, 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 does not want to see this tree felled to the ground'**.

-PA23/05829 Proposal Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order namely fell to ground level one Copper Beech (T2) **Location** Copper Beech House Corner Park Altarnun **Applicant** Mr James Veats.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Pannell proposed & Cllr Bloomfield seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved:** **'If works are required for safety reasons, Altarnun Parish Council supports this application'**.

- **PA23/05378 Proposal** Conversion and minor extension of existing redundant agricultural building to form a single residential dwelling **Location** Land East of Deephatches Farm, Bolventor **Applicant** Mr & Mrs S Clay.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, 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 supports this application'**.

-**PA23/05409 Proposal** Construction of a three bedroomed dwelling and integrated garage. **Location** Land South of Tredar Altarnun **Applicant** Mr M Beer.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Pannell proposed & Cllr Halls seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved: 'Altarnun Parish Council does not support this application, considering it would have an adverse impact on local amenity and character. A single storey dwelling would be more acceptable at this location'**.

-**PA23/04473 Proposal** Partial demolition and rebuilding of non-domestic outbuilding and conversion to residential annexe within curtilage of Listed Building. **Location** South Carne Farmhouse South Carne Altarnun **Applicant** Stuart and Deborah Cole. After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Vickery seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved: 'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application with no objections'**.

127/23 Planning Decisions: No planning decisions were reported.

128/23 Pre-Application Planning: No cases were reported.

129/23 Penpont View.

Cllr Dowler reported on a site meeting at Penpont View on 14.7.2023 that included fellow councillors Branch & Halls, Cornwall Councillor Parsons, the Cornwall Council Service Director for Housing & Planning, and a senior official from Cornwall Housing. The meeting, called for by the parish council was extremely positive in Cllr Dowlers' view, and gave the opportunity to highlight the current issues that need addressing and the opportunities that exist for the short and longer term improvement of standards and maintenance of the estate. We await any advice from Cornwall Council of the outcomes. The clerk undertook to monitor responses or lack of, as required.

130/23 Correspondence – for information only.

-Community Area Partnership re Homechoice Register consultation

-Member of the public re damage to APC's Trewint notice board

-Various NALC, CALC and Cornwall Council briefings.

-Cornwall Highways re completion of works requested by APC at Eastmoorgate.

-Member of the public re tampering of water butt in parish cemetery. (To be agenda item at next APC meeting)

131/23 Advise venue, time & date of the annual council meeting to be preceded by the annual parish meeting, expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

Cllr Dowler confirmed these arrangements and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.
