

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 6th September 2023 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Wendon & Cllr Halls. **Also present:** Mr R Turner (APC clerk), and three members of the public.

132/23 Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Cllr Coles, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Pannall & Cllr W Smith.

133/23 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. No declarations of interest were made. The clerk confirmed that the co-option notice to fill the current casual vacancy had been published, applications required by 29.9.2023.

134/23 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Parsons to address the meeting.

A member of the public raised the issue of general hedge & verge growth impeding highways in the parish. The clerk undertook to advise Cornwall Highways and work to ensure cuts take place where required.

A member of the public raised the issue of the environmental impact being caused by motorcycle events being held in the countryside. The clerk noted the concerns and undertook to make enquiries if full and complete details are made available.

Cllr Halls joined the meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported by email detailing relevant Cornwall Council matters arising in August. Firstly, after a consultation involving input from local Cornwall Councillors, a police initiative including drones and motorcycle officers will be rolled out to monitor the A388 between Launceston and Callington with the express purpose of stamping out bad driving behaviour and to improve safety. Cornwall Council will undoubtedly raise council tax to the maximum permitted level in 2024/25 once more, against the backdrop of high inflation and cost cutting, meaning another £1.73 per week for a band D property. Also, as part of budget cuts it is proposed that the free bus service from South Petherwin to Launceston College is to be axed. Whilst not directly effecting Altarnun, the implication is that the next few years are likely to be tough, if not austere when it comes to public services.

135/23 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2nd August 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Vickery, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 2nd August 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

136/23 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 2nd August 2023 and not included in this agenda. None raised.

137/23 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported:

-2022-23 Notice of Conclusion of the external audit published 5.9.2023 stating the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to the auditors attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

-Credit received 4.8.2023, £100 cemetery fee

-Credit received 8.8.2023, HMRC VAT reclaim £1131.96

-Credit interest received 31.8.2023 £23.83

-Bank balance as at close of business 31.8.2023 £40447.74 credit.

The RFO advised accounts payable, being:

-HMRC £292.58 PAYE & NI – Jly, Aug & Sept 2023. Chq 1403.

-Clerks salary £985.25- Jly, Aug & Sept 2023. Chq 1404.

-AAV Services, August grass cut at Bolventor £40 Chq 1405

-Microsoft Annual subscription. £59.99 Chq 1406.

-BDO LLP External audit fee. £252.00 Chq 1407.

-Smart Brothers August 2023 £606.36 (Altarnun maintenance £481.36 Bolventor Cemetery maintenance £125) Chq 1408.

-Information Commissioners Office £35 (Annual subscription) by direct debit on or before 6.10.2023.

Cllr Dowler proposed to approve payment, Cllr Bloomfield seconded, and it was unanimously **resolved** to pay these accounts.

Cllr Dowler signed the schedule of payments being made.

138/23 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were resolved for the following applications:

-PA23/04474 **Proposal** Listed building consent Partial demolition of non-domestic outbuilding within curtilage of Listed Building. Partial re-building of outbuilding and conversion to residential annexe. **Location** South Carne Farmhouse South Carne **Applicant** Stuart and Deborah Cole.

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

-PA23/06327 **Proposal** Rear single storey extension and side two storey extension **Location** Treccollas Cottage, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr & Mrs M & J Luxton.

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 where the proposed development appears to be in keeping with local character'.

-PA23/06930 **Proposal** Retention of general-purpose farm building **Location** Trezibbet, Bolventor **Applicant** Mr and Mrs JC Smith
After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Wendon seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved:**

'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application to regularise the position'.

-PA23/06810 **Proposal** Proposed extensions to dwelling, greenhouse, and re-positioned stables **Location** Old Hay House Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Malcolm Kirby. 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 with no objections'**.

-PA23/03847 **Proposal** Listed building consent for a replacement roof and repairs to chimney and guttering **Location** Havenlea, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Phillip Wood. After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Branch seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved: 'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application'**.

-PA23/03846 **Proposal** Replacement roof and repairs to chimney and guttering **Location** Havenlea, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Phillip Wood. After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Branch proposed & Cllr Dowler seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved: 'Altarnun Parish Council supports the proposed works.'**

139/23 Planning Decisions: The following decisions were reported:

PA23/04294 & PA23/05833 have been approved. PA23/04040 & PA23/05829 have been refused.

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/>

140/23 Pre-Application Planning: No cases were reported.

141/23 Penpont View.

The clerk imparted an update from Cornwall Housing Ltd following the site meeting of 14.7.2023 at Penpont View (see minute 128/23). After an in depth discussion between the councillors, Cllr Branch proposed that the clerk be instructed to follow up and maintain progress, clarify responsibilities, and expected timescales of the actions both, proposed and suggested in the update. Cllr Wendon seconded, and it was resolved the clerk act as proposed.

142/23 Parish Cemetery

It was reported that remedial works by the installer of the new gates is underway, and that one further visit will correct faults to the paint finish. Also reported, was the tampering with grave monuments and the water butt. No serious damage has been caused but clearly there has been unwelcome behaviour and actions. The clerk undertook to consider and research monitoring solutions should future circumstances dictate.

143/23 Highways

Drainage of surface water in The Street below Rose Hill needs diversion to avoid ingress to properties. The clerk undertook to report and liaise with Cornwall Highways for a possible solution.

It was also noted the new grass area to the road frontage of Farrier Close, Five Lanes will need upkeep and it has not been made known by the developer as to whose responsibility it will be. The clerk undertook to enquire and report to a future meeting.

The clerk reported he had yet to receive an update for the implementation of 20mph speed restrictions within our built up areas, predominantly in and around Altarnun Village, but was hopeful to have detail for the next council meeting, together with other possible traffic calming initiatives.

144/23 Correspondence – for information only.

-Member of the public expressing preference to retain green space at Penpont View and reinstatement of seating.

-Member of public concerning property for sale at Penpont View.

-Tamar to Moor CNA policing update

-NALC – Model Financial Regulation update – notice of consultation.

-CALC – re SWWA webinar 14.9.2023

-Cornwall Council roll out of new refuse collections wef 1.1.2024

-Cornwall Council green energy event Cy Trevail, Bodmin 25.9.2023 16.00 – 19.00 hrs.

-CALC board vacancies to be filled by co-option, applications to be made by 6.10.2023.

145/23 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 4th October 2023 at 7.30pm.

Cllr Dowler confirmed these arrangements and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.
