

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

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Church Hall (which was a forced change of venue on the evening), Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Wendon, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Pooley, Cllr Halls, Cllr Pannell, Cllr Masters & Cllr Smith. **Also present:** Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and twenty five members of the public.

**156/24 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Branch & Cornwall Cllr Parsons.

**157/24 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.**

Cllr Vickery had declared a pecuniary interest in PA24/06705 to be tabled under agenda item 162/24 and agreed to leave the meeting when this business was being discussed.

**158/24 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.**

The chair introduced two representatives of Devonshire Homes who positioned proposals and timescales for seeking planning permission for in excess of 30 residential units and a children's play area as phase 2 of their development of Gratton Field, Five Lanes. Questions were raised by the public present regarding the proposed build quality as it was perceived there were numerous major failings in the phase one development. Also, during the phase one build, there were occasions when the main road was made impassable in day-time hours due to contractors plant and delivery vehicle movements. The Devonshire Homes representatives gave reassurances that build and working practices have changed and apologised to those affected by the initial build.

Former North Cornwall MP Dan Rogerson represented Ben Maguire MP (nonattendance due to Parliamentary commitment) regarding the National Highways outline proposals for the A30 between Kennards House and Five Lanes. Members of the public expressed their views in a forthright manner regarding the MP's stance, which to date did not appear to indicate his support for a grade separated junction at Plusha or the NH schemes tabled at the public presentation 26.9.2024 at Lewannick. Mr Rogerson committed to act as a conduit to strengthen community links with the MP regarding the proposals for Plusha junction and the other local A30 junctions.

Cllr Parsons had submitted a written report which the clerk read in precis. It contained all the details regarding the Cornwall Council budget for the financial year 2025/26, which in short, despite proposals to make £49 million of savings next year across the various directorates at Cornwall Council, the local authority still finds itself with a £9m gap in what has been described as "the most challenging budget" in the council's history. The leader of Cornwall Council has welcomed the budget, but says the fine details need to be understood and the funding allocations for Cornwall determined before its impact on the authority's finances can be fully considered.

The Divisional Councillors report also included full details of the weekly food waste collections and switching to fortnightly rubbish collections across north east Cornwall effective from 4.11.2024. Residents have received new food waste caddies and rubbish bins or protective sacks for the service change in the area covers Bodmin, Bude, Launceston, Padstow, Wadebridge, Camelford, Kilkhampton and their surrounding areas. This follows the launch of the waste collection rollout in mid, south east and west Cornwall earlier this year.

The clerk advised that the full detail for both topics were published on the Cornwall Council website.

**159/24 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.** It was proposed by Cllr Vickery, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

**160/24 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and not included in this agenda.**

There were no matters arising.

**161/24 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -**

-Credit bank interest £23.09 was received 31.10.2024

-Bank balance as at 31.10.2024 stood at £26222.09 credit.

-Q2 2024/25 internal financial check had been completed, and no issues or concerns were identified. An updated finance report for the year to 30.9.2024 was circulated to APC members prior to the meeting and was reviewed at the meeting by the RFO.

-Local Govt Services pay agreement was announced 22.10.2024. The clerks salary increase is 3.72% pa in cash terms based on prior 12 months backdated to 1.4.2024. For APC this means an additional 66p /hr payable or £198 pa. The figures are within the budget forecast.

**-Accounts payable**

Clerks salary & expenses Oct & Nov 2024 including backpay from 1.4.2024 £815.70. Chq 1477

HMRC – Paye & NI Oct & Nov 2024 £221.16. Chq 1478

Smart Brothers £669. Maintenance £314. Grass cuts £195. Bolventor cemetery £120. Wreaths £40 Chq 1480

AAV Services £80. Sept & Oct Bolventor grass cuts. Chq 1481.

Cllr Masters 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.

**162/24 Planning Applications:** Statutory consultee comment was approved as follows:

Application PA24/05154 Proposal: Proposed Supervisory Dwelling. Location: Moorview Barns, Altarnun Applicant: Mr and Mrs Craig & Helga Crosland

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Pooley seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:**

*Altarnun Parish Council supports this application because the site is not isolated from other existing development, and we believe the proposal is of a design that will mitigate the effects on the designated landscape and have no adverse impact on neighbours or their amenity. We note the scheme also includes plans to lessen the impact on the landscape by reducing the scale and height of the adjacent barn and that the remaining barn structure will be enhanced. Furthermore we note there have been no objections from neighbours.*

**Cllr Pannell joined the meeting**

**Cllr Vickery left the meeting**

Application PA24/06705 Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the restoration of two farmstead structures currently under consideration under the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Funding Scheme. Location: Dryworks, Bolventor Applicant: Mr and Mrs D Vickery.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Smith proposed & Cllr Dowler seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council has no objections and supports this application.*

**Cllr Vickery returned to the meeting.**

Application PA24/07633 Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use - erection of agricultural barn and the continued use of the land for agricultural purposes Location: Wenn Barn, Trethinna Hill, Altarnun. Applicant: Mrs J Gillbard.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Kendall proposed & Cllr Vickery seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:**

*Altarnun Parish Council supports this application.*

**163/24 Planning Decisions:** The following applications were reported as being **approved** by the local planning authority (LPA): PA24/06455 & PA24/07100.

**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/>

**164/24 Pre-Application Planning, reported for information only.** There were no pre application planning cases to report.

**165/24 Penpont View.** The clerk reported he had met with the Cornwall Council Community Network team 5.11.2024 to further the process of putting an agreement in place for APC to manage grass and hedge cuts and was given to understand such an agreement may be produced by February 2025 for signing and return, subject to final decisioning by councillors.

**166/24 Highways.** The clerk confirmed that further to minute 153/24 a meeting for APC with the MP had been offered on 13.12.2024. After short discussion the MP's representative agreed to try and bring this date forward to 25.11.2024 latest.

**167/24 Correspondence – for information only.**

- Cornwall Council, update of local streetlight switches off between midnight and 5am.
- Local Government Services pay award 2024/25 (circulated to members prior to the meeting)
- Cornwall Council waste services advice re new waste and recycling collection schedules with effect from 4.11.2024.
- Various business as usual Calc. Nalc & Cornwall Council briefings,

**168/24 Advise venue, time & date of next council meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm.**

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.03pm.