

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5th June 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Masters, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Halls, Cllr Pannell, & Cllr Smith. **Also present:** Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and three members of the public.

84/24 Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Pooley & Cllr Wendon.

85/24 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.

Cllr Masters and Cllr Smith declared a non registerable interest in planning application PA24/03336. Cllr Vickery declared a non-registerable interest in planning application PA24/03371. There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality.

86/24 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

A member of the public raised questions about the closure of Altarnun Public Toilets, anti-social behaviour around Penpont View, potholes in the parish and advance notice of road closures. The first three topics were dealt with in brief and in more detail under agenda items 95/24,96/24, & 97/24 (see below). The clerk undertook to try and deal with the last topic.

Cllrs Halls & Pannell joined the meeting.

Cornwall Cllr emailed a report in his absence, advising that Cllr Linda Taylor & Cllr Pauline Giles had been re-elected Leader and Chair, respectively, of Cornwall Council. He also reported as documented in agenda item 97/24.

87/24 To approve the minutes of the Altarnun Annual Parish Meeting & APC Annual Meeting held 8th May 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Vickery, seconded by Cllr Branch, then **resolved** that the minutes of the Altarnun Parish Meeting & APC annual meeting held on 8th May 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

88/24 Matters arising from minutes of APC annual meeting 8th May 2024 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

89/24 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported:

-VAT claim £1389.45 submitted 31.5.2024

-External audit submitted and acknowledged 14.5.2024. Notice of Public Rights and unaudited AGAR published.

-Credit bank interest received 2024 £28.31

-\$5000 transferred from reserve a/c to current a/c 23.5.2024.

-Bank as 31.5.2024 £24622.09 credit.

-Annual review of banking security and efficiencies. NatWest current a/c & interest bearing reserve a/c in place. 2

signatures/approvers (in BankLine) required for all transactions. Payments made by cheque and direct debit only. Four current signatories proven sufficient to maintain continuity. It is recommended that a proposal for no changes is made. In accordance with the RFO's recommendation Cllr Vickery proposed that no changes were made to the existing APC banking arrangements.

Cllr Branch seconded and it was **resolved** that no changes are made to the existing banking arrangements with NatWest Bank.

-APC annual Insurance policy renewal confirmed wef 1.6.2024. Schedule circulated to members prior to this meeting.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

-Tenhui Intl Co Ltd – Laptop computer battery £14.99. Chq 1453

-Community First Trading Ltd – Annual Ins premium £351.46. Chq1544

-Smart Brothers £868.80. Altarnun general maintenance £410, grass cuts £195, plants £143.80 & Bolventor £120. Chq 1455

-Land Registry -Registration fee re village green £30. Chq 1556

-AAV Services £80 – Bolventor grass cuts. Chq 1457

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

90/24 Standing Orders. To approve and adopt revision of model Standing Orders as published with the agenda to this meeting. The clerk explained the reasons for the revision. Cllr Bloomfield proposed the approval and adoption of the model document as amended to suit the needs of APC. Cllr Branch seconded, and it was **resolved** to adopt the document. The clerk undertook to publish the revision on the APC website.

91/24 Financial Regulations. To approve and adopt revision of model Financial Regulations as published with the agenda to this meeting. The clerk explained the reasons for the revision. Cllr Masters proposed the approval and adoption of the model document as amended to suit the needs of APC. Cllr Pannell seconded, and it was **resolved** to adopt the document. The clerk undertook to publish the revision on the APC website.

92/24 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were made for two applications:

Cllrs Smith & Masters left the meeting.

-PA24/03336 **Proposal** Outline Planning Permission for with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) for the erection of a dwelling. **Location** Land West of Tredar Altarnun. **Applicant** Mr A Smith.

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

Cllrs Smith & Masters returned to the meeting and Cllr Vickery left the meeting.

-PA24/03371 **Proposal** Construction of a steel bridge across the river Fowey and 'kissing gate' access to provide permissive pedestrian access to the historic remains of Goodaver Stone Circle as well as livestock crossing to the area of land on the SW side of the river. **Location** Land NE of Dozmary Hill Farm Bolventor **Applicant** Dr Bill Collis.

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

Cllr Vickery returned to the meeting.

-PA24/02609 **Proposal** Listed building consent to remove and replace the front door and frame. **Location** Little Trethinna, Trethinna Hill, Altarnun **Applicant** Mrs Angela Symmons.

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

93/24 Planning Decisions: The following application was reported as being **approved** by the LPA: PA24/02439.

It was also reported that PA24/01669 has been withdrawn. PA23/04040 is to be appealed to the Ministry of Housing following refusal by the LPA.

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/>

94/24 Pre-Application Planning, reported for information only.

-PA24/04049 Closed - advice given **Applicant:** - Mr Andrew Rich **Location:** - Land NE Of Nathania Altarnun PL15 7SL **Proposal** Prior Notification for Proposed Temporary Recreation Campsite (60 Days).

At the Chairs request members of the public left the meeting while Cllrs received correspondence of a confidential nature relating to the next agenda item.

95/24 Riverside Public Conveniences.

In closed session the clerk read out correspondence received and then Cllrs entered into detailed discussion to address the content and consider the way forward in response. **After which the Chair allowed members of the public to return to the meeting.** The clerk explained that APC had been made aware that the existing access to the public conveniences involves crossing privately owned land and therefore creates administrative problems and the potential to incur uninsured risks. For this reason the facility was closed 4.6.2024 until further notice. In the meantime the solution would be to create a new entrance leading from the main road, which has been agreed with Cornwall Highways together with appropriate directional signage to be sited on the grassed area by the Altarnun War Memorial, which also has the agreement of Cornwall Highways.

The existing entrance should be blocked off in line and reinstated in keeping with the existing fencing, which is located well inside the boundary of the land owned by APC. The estimated cost of the new entrance is £1670 inc VAT, which could be funded by APC CIL and toilet block reserves. The cost of signage is to be obtained, considered, and agreed at a future meeting. In closing the clerk recommended the entrance works be completed to allow the position to be regularised and return the facility to full use by 30.6.2024 latest.

In conclusion Cllr Bloomfield proposed that works should be undertaken as soon as possible to create the new entrance and re-open the toilets, Cllr Branch seconded, and it was **resolved** to proceed as detailed by the clerk.

96/24 Penpont View.

The clerk reported that although no formal acknowledgement had been received, he was of the understanding that the devolution request to Cornwall Council in respect of the grass cutting of the central area was in their workflow. Whilst members of the public have expressed their concerns regarding anti-social behaviour on the site, Cllr Branch added that concerns exist around the elderly, children, and other vulnerable individuals resident in Penpont View, so a proactive approach needs to be taken without fail by all concerned to involve the authorities as soon as there is disquietude.

97/24 Highways.

National Highways will not be attending June's Network Panel meeting to present their plans for junction changes at Plusha and Two Bridges, due to the election being called but have said they will come down in person sometime in July.

Prolonged heavy rain over the last six months has led to a record number of potholes on Cornwall's roads with more than 45,000 potholes reported in 2023/24 – double the number for 2022/23. In response, Cornwall Highways - which manages Cornwall's 7,300km network on the Council's behalf - has more than doubled the number of crews working on our roads from 15 to 33 filling more than 500 potholes across Cornwall each day.

Safety is paramount and the timescale for repair depends on the severity of the pothole and its location. E.G. deep potholes on an 'A' road carrying heavy traffic will be repaired quicker than a shallow pothole on an unclassified rural road. The more urgent are repaired within 48 hours while others posing less concern are repaired within 28 days.

Cormac crews repaired more than 72,500 highway defects in 2023/24 – including potholes, cracked road surfaces, broken manhole covers and damaged or blocked gullies. Inspectors regularly check the network for potholes and other highway defects. Residents can also report issues to us direct through the 'Report It' pages on Cornwall Council's website – we all can request to be kept updated on the progress of the repair. In the financial year 2022/23 claims for compensation against the council due to highway defects have increased 550% compared to 2020/21. Successful claims have increased by 532%.

98/24 Correspondence – for information only.

-Street Works Team – Main Street, Altarnun to be closed 17.7.2024 09.30-15.30hrs

-Public Rights of Way Officer – Confirms creation of bridleway at Hendra Downs under order no. WCA697

-Various CALC, NALC & Cornwall Council briefings.

99/24 Advise venue, time & date of the next full APC meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Tuesday 2nd July 2024, starting at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the June meeting at 9pm.