

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 4th September 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Masters, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Pooley, Cllr Halls, & Cllr Pannell.

Also present: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and nineteen members of the public.

127/24 Apologies for absence: Cllr Kendall, Cllr Wendon & Cllr Smith.

128/24 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.

Cllr Vickery declared a registered interest in planning application PA24/06455 and agreed to leave the meeting when the item was being discussed. No further declarations were made.

129/24 To approve the minutes of the APC meeting held 7th August 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Pooley, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 7th August 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

130/24 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 7th August 2024 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

131/24 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Parsons to address the meeting.

Cllrs Halls & Bloomfield joined the meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported a new booking system is being trialled at some of Cornwall's busiest Household Waste and Recycling Centres. Likely to be introduced at Launceston in due course, the system has been developed to reduce waiting times and help keep road users safe. Once fully completed Launceston's upgraded facility will also allow the disposal of carefully sorted residential DIY waste for free.

In order to hasten the repair of potholes in the parish Cllr Parsons advised that he had toured the parish and reported many faults to Cornwall Highways from a personal perspective.

The majority of the members of the public present spoke regarding recent indications in the local press that National Highways may consider and implement closures of the central crossings on the A30 between Five Lanes and Kennards House to improve safety on that road. Their feeling was that the result will be to force traffic onto extremely unsuitable rural roads which will cause gridlock, closure due to damage and disrepair and therefore an increased burden on the Cornwall Council purse, as well as most worryingly, creating severely increased safety risks throughout the effected hamlets and villages. Cllr Parsons encouraged everyone to attend a public engagement event being hosted by National Highways at Lewannick Village Hall on 26.4.2024 to express their strong feelings in opposition to any such plans being suggested or presented.

132/24 Highways

Cllr Bloomfield proposed that APC express their view in opposition to National Highways closing any central crossing points on the A30 between Five Lanes and Kennards House and insist that a substantive safety improvement scheme be implemented at the A30/ B3257 junction to include separated graded junctions with adequate slips roads onto either an overpass or preferably an underpass. Cllr Dowler seconded, and it was **resolved** that the clerk make written representation to National Highways accordingly.

133/24 Finance Matters. The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported:

-The conclusion notice for the APC 2023/24 external audit was published 15.8.2024. No issues or concerns were noted.

-Local Maintenance Partnership grant claim £2325.11 was submitted to Cornwall Council 4.9.2024

-Cemetery fee £150 received 30.8.2024

-Credit bank interest £23.06 received 30.8.2024

-APC bank balance as at 31.8.2024 stood at £20264.19 credit.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

Clerks salary August & September 2024 £696.90. Cheque no.(Chq) 1466

HMRC- PAYE & NI Aug & Sept 2024 £177.02. Chq 1467

Pennon Water Services, June & July 2024 £24.76. Chq 1468

BDO LLP, external audit fee 2023/24 £252. Chq 1469

Microsoft Office software annual sub £59.99. Chq 1470

-ICO £35 Data Protection fee payable by direct debit on or around 6.10.2024.

-AAV Services £40. Bolventor grass cuts – August. Chq 1471.

-Smart Brothers £1380.99. (Repairs & maintenance £265.99, Grass cuts – Altarnun £195, Bolventor cemetery grass cuts £120. 2nd footpath cut £8000. Chq 1472.

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

Cllr Dowler signed the schedule of payments being made.

134/24 Planning Applications. Statutory consultee comments were approved as follows:

-PA24/05154 Proposal: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling Location: Moorview Barns Altarnun. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Craig & Helga Crosland.

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

'Altarnun Parish Council supports this development as applied, which appears to be in keeping with the local character and helps to improve the aesthetics with no or minimal adverse impact within the AONB'.

Cllr Vickery left the meeting.

-PA24/06455 Proposal: The construction of an agricultural building to cover an open cattle loafing yard to reduce fouled surface water runoff (this development is grant funded) Location: Dryworks Bolventor. Applicant: Mr & Mrs David Vickery.

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

Cllr Vickery returned to the meeting.

135/24 Planning Decisions: Application reference PA24/04161 was reported as being **approved** by the local planning authority.

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/>

136/24 Pre-Application Planning: There were no pre application planning cases to report.

137/24 Penpont View. The clerk reported that Cornwall Council have removed an unsafe and dilapidated caravan from the estate. There was no further update to relay regarding devolution of services.

138/24 Methodist Chapel, Rose Hill. The clerk reported that Cornwall Council have received contact from the owners of the chapel who acknowledge the concerns raised about its state of repair and propose to take some initial actions.

139/24 Declarations of Interest, dispensations & Code of Conduct. The clerk advised he will undertake a related Cornwall Assn of Local Councils training on 19.11.2024, free of charge.

140/24 Altarnun War Memorial - Registration at HMLR. The clerk advised that the memorial was the last heritage asset in the parish not registered at HM Land Registry and APC as custodians, had an obligation to complete its registration. Cllr Dowler proposed that registration be completed, and a £30 fee paid to do so. Cllr Masters seconded, and it was **resolved** to register the memorial at HM Land Registry. Cllrs signed Chq no. 1473 in favour of Land Registry.

141/24 Correspondence – for information only.

-Various briefings from CALC, NALC & Cornwall Council.

-National Grid regarding reinstatement of pavement at Penpont View after cabling works.

-Cornwall Community Land Trust, seeking land for affordable housing.

142/24 Advise venue, time & date of next full APC meeting expected to be Wednesday 2nd October 2024 to be held in Altarnun Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.20pm.