

Highlights from the Altarnun Parish Council meeting on Thursday 20th June 2013

New Chair, Mrs. R Retallack, was joined by Vice Chair Craig Dowler and Councillors Tom Hoskin, Jason Kendall, Helen Mason, Marion McCallum, Lisa Baker-Pannell, Catherine Richards, Ian Scott and Wesley Smith; the new Cornwall Council representative Mr Vivian Hall; Parish Grounds man Paul Smart and 17 members of the public in the Altarnun Village Hall.

Four topics dominated the meeting. The closure, by Cornwall Council, of the Altarnun Village Public Conveniences; dog fouling of communal leisure areas; Speeding across the parish; and the application for the installation of a “Windcrop” micro wind turbine near Tregunnon.

76 residents had signed a petition urging either Cornwall Council, or the Parish Council, to re-open the facilities. Cornwall Councillor Hall confirmed that Cornwall Council’s priority in the face of severe budgetary cuts was the beach hotspot facilities around the popular Cornish coastline. They would not re-open the toilets. As a result the Chair confirmed that the Parish Council was seeking agreement to an emergency arrangement whereby the St Nonna’s Parochial Church Council would entertain a trial starting in mid July 2013 for public use of the Church Hall toilets. The Clerk and the Church Warden were now working through the final details to try and bring the idea to life. In addition, a letter offering to buy a small piece of land adjacent to the old SWW toilet block in order to provide a long term solution, namely a new parish owned facility, was approved. The Clerk was authorised to kick off the legal proceedings. The Clerk was also instructed to approach SWW direct to see if there was any way they would consider re-opening their toilets to the public in co-operation with the Parish Council as a temporary, short term measure until the new block was realised.

Once again dog fouling of communal leisure areas such as the greens at Trewint, Mill Green and the Village Green caused disappointment, dismay and disbelief amongst the Parish Council members many of whom were dog owners themselves. Once again the Chair re-iterated the risks to the Parish grounds man during mowing. As the weather improved and more residents ventured out to enjoy the amenities the parish had to offer, the anti-social behaviour and irresponsibility of the few looked to spoil the pleasure of the many. After a lengthy and surprisingly honest debate, the Council agreed to take much stronger measures to “educate” our selfish dog owner residents. Posters would be reposted; anonymous photographic evidence forwarded to the Clerk/Parish Grounds man would be encouraged & utilised; an awareness campaign amongst the children of the community would be pursued and official naming and shaming would follow with vigour. The Chair pointed out that Dog Bins are scattered around the parish. Dog owners please note - all “you” need is an old plastic bag, hygiene bag or pooper scooper to use them. If “you” do not want “you” or “your dog” to feature in one of the up and coming parish anti-dog litter campaigns – “you” know what to do!

Cornwall Councillor Hall and the Parish Council agreed to work together to seek assistance from the Police, Cornwall Council Highways/Cormac to identify and introduce appropriate traffic calming measures, initially at Trewint & Five Lanes to improve road safety by reducing the speed at which motorists enter the hamlets from the A30. Continued support for the extension of the dual carriage way on the A30 near Temple was also recorded by the Parish Council and Councillor Hall was asked to lend his weight to the successful delivery of the scheme during the second round of consultation, now underway.

The Parish Council formally supported application PA13/03642 to demolish an agricultural store and erect a small accommodation /holiday let unit at West Trebly Cottage/West Trelyn, Altarnun, PL15 7SN. After significant public input and debate, the Parish Council agreed that the application had failed to meet new planning regulation standards for noise disturbance levels. The Parish Council recorded an OBJECTION on Noise Disturbance Grounds to application PA13/04255 that was seeking to erect a Wind Crop micro turbine to provide sustainable energy to Crisarah, Altarnun PL15 7SX.

Finally, the identity of the lead Parish Council members for the various Parish Council project teams was agreed. Kick off meetings will now follow. Key requirements will be local consultation/engagement in developing the ideas; formulating the business cases and project plans before full Parish Council agreement and support can be given for any individual scheme to proceed. Watch the Boards for more news and watch this space. A coffee morning in the Altarnun Village Hall in early August is a likely launch event for some if not all of the schemes proposed – Original A30 spur closures and re-use; Opportunities to exploit new uses of the Village hall by the provision of WI FI & Satellite TV; Parish Play areas/fitness trails, for example.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Altarnun Village Hall at 7.30pm on THURSDAY, 18th July 2013. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Clerk - Altarnun Parish Council – June 2013