

**Highlight Report from the Altarnun Parish Council Meeting on
Wednesday, 6th March 2019, Altarnun Village Hall.**

Attendance: Councillors C Dowler, C Bloomfield, D Branch, T Hoskin, J Kendall, M McCallum, L Baker-Pannell & P Smith; Cornwall Councillor A. Parsons and ten visitors.

Apologies: Councillors N Jasper, C Richards & W Smith. Parish handyman P Smart.

Public Representation:

** Nine residents from Bolventor, led by Mrs Marsh & Mr Payne, came to **OBJECT** to the Bolventor planning application. A public meeting had taken place on Sunday, 3rd March 2019. Cllrs Parsons, Dowler & Hoskin had been present. 19 residents unanimously voted to oppose to the application. Mrs Marsh had shared written comments prior to the meeting. She & Mr Payne had also submitted comments to the CC Planning Website. Points raised included the following:- The applicant had not fulfilled planning conditions imposed on the original development; The plot in question was to have been grassed over and several trees planted; the application reversed earlier promises/responses to legal enquiries which had stated that the land was not to be developed; the new dwellings were visually larger with integral garages unlike the existing properties; the proposed structure stretched closer to site boundaries than existing dwellings; the existing site had taken 2 years to be sold off and there was no local need for further housing in the hamlet; the original drainage tests had not been updated to take account of the impact of the original development although surrounding fields had been surveyed recently; Flood risk was still a concern; the proposed foul water drainage field and sewer treatment plant was not contained within the site but had further encroached on adjacent green field agricultural/grazing/moorland. The Chair thanked them for their presence and their comments.

** Also present was Mrs K Harrison, Principal Altarnun School, who came to update the APC on planned operational changes at the school. In an upbeat, positive briefing she confirmed that planned changes were on track for completion on 1st April 2019. All staff will be TUPE'd over. The new CEO, J Jackson, had held a successful meeting with parents in January 2019. DFE site visits continued to ensure that the preparations for a successful transfer were concluded. As a designated Improvement School, external support was still being provided & training given for their newly qualified teachers. Links/Exchanges had been made with nearby schools ie Egloskerry Primary and the need for multi-tasking, staff retention and teaching stability & consistency had been recognised. Several Councillors commented that there had been a noticeable improvement in the atmosphere & relationships at the school. The pupils seemed happy, engaged & well behaved. Stability was being sustained and the positive changes were progressing smoothly. Links with the wider community were being rebuilt with various events open to parents & public alike. Several Councillors had attended some of these with good feedback. The Principal stressed that the school had capacity for 84 children. It currently had 48 pupils. It was looking to attract new children and, hopefully, welcome back ex-pupils. The Councillors, led by the Chair, were pleased with the feedback. The Chair thanked the Principal for her continuing hard work and offered continuing support.

CC Briefing: Mr Parsons reprised recent activities including feedback on the Highways England work/litter collection on A30 verges. Black bags had been left at staged collection points, but rubbish appeared to be spilling out from them. Parish concern about Draynes Valley road subsidence had been referred to St Neots Parish/SE Cornwall Highways.

Planning:

** **PA19/00914** – non material amendment in respect of **PA18/01555** - extension, remodelling & provision of a detached garage @ Tresmaine Farm Cottage, Altarnun, PL15 7RL raised **NO OBJECTIONS**.

** **PA19/01306** – construction of two dwellings with septic tank drainage on land @ Todda Close, Todda park, Bolventor was **OPPOSED** by the Parish Council on the grounds that this was an “Exception/S106 site” for which the APC had given exceptional support to enable the provision of affordable homes. The Parish needs for affordable homes had been satisfied by the three “Exception sites” identified and supported in Five Lanes, Trewint & Bolventor. No further affordable homes were needed making the delivery of two additional open market homes redundant.

PA19/01573 – variation of condition 1 of original @ Peggy’s Barn, Lower Trgunnon raised **NO OBJECTIONS**.

Finance: The APC approved the grass cutting costs for the coming year. The 2019/20 LMP Acceptance Documentation was approved and signed by the Chair. A quote for a weed control services and annual insurance cover was being sought. A Community Chest Fund grant of £500 had been awarded for the Phone box community library & village information focal point project.

Correspondence: this had been circulated prior to the meeting. It included the CC recommendation that the Altarnun & Bolventor Polling stations be retained. This was supported by the APC. An offer by a resident to attend a future meeting to discuss the recent CC Climate Change Emergency Motion & its potential implications for the APC was accepted & the Clerk asked to set up the session. Altarnun Village Hall Committee advice re imminent remedial work to the Village Hall was noted.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019 at 7.30pm in Bolventor Reading Room.

Residents are welcome to attend.