

Altarnun Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Altarnun Parish Council (APC) meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 6th August 2025, which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Branch, Cllr Masters, Cllr Pannell & Cllr Wendon., **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and one member of the public.

119/25 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Kendall, Vickery, Pooley, Bloomfield, Halls & Smith.

120/25 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality.

Cllr Branch declared an interest in planning application 25/04824 because her spouse is contracting the works.

121/25 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

There were no representations from members of the public.

Cllr Parsons reported:

-the current temporary closure of Launceston Minor Injuries unit which expected to reopen in September 2025.

-within Cornwall Council it is now acknowledged that the Camelford by pass will not proceed after central government declined funding in June 2025.

-commitment has been given to retain Cornwall's 12 & 76A bus routes.

- Cornwall Council (CC) Leader Cllr Leigh Frost, announced the publication of the Cabinet's priorities at the July full council meeting – a strategic plan grounded in the realities and challenges of Cornish life. These priorities included strengthening communities, creating quality jobs, increasing affordable housing, supporting young people, promoting environmental sustainability improving transport and connectivity, and ensuring inclusivity. Also, of a significant proposal being put forward to recognise Cornwall as the fifth nation of the UK.

-Cornwall Wide 20mph roll out phase 4 incorporating Altarnun, starts with a stakeholder pre consultation 19.8.2025.

-CC Strategic Planning committee has deferred its decision on PA23/10067, whether plans to drill into hot rocks under land in Slaughterbridge near Camelford should go ahead.

122/25 To approve the minutes of the Altarnun Parish Council meeting held 2nd July 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Masters, seconded by Cllr Branch, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2nd July 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

123/25 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 2nd July 2025 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

124/25 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -

-APC external audit completion notice published 31.7.2025. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is now available for inspection by any local government elector in the area of our council.

-VAT claim £156.83 submitted 5.8.2025

-Funds received 31.7.2025 bank interest June 2025 £16.33.

-Bank as at 31.7.2025 £22748.09 credit.

-Chq no. 1514 reissued under 1521 as original payee name (St Nonnas PCC) incorrect and amended to PCC of Altarnun. Chq no. 1514 has been destroyed.

The RFO advised accounts payable as follows:

-£6.69 Postages Q1 2025/26. Chq 1518

-£72 Payline Q1 2025 payroll. Chq 1519

-£40 AAV Services July 2025 Bolventor grass. Chq 1520.

-£360.85 Clerk salary Aug 2025. Chq 1522.

-£252 BDO LLP. External audit fee. Chq 1523.

-£1105 Smart Brothers July 2025 (Maintenance £343, Altarnun grass £208, Bolventor cemetery £180, Altarnun toilets cleaning £234 Penpont View £180) Chq 1524

(Cllr Pannell joined the meeting and did not declare any interests or gifts).

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

125/25 Planning Applications:

Councillor Branch left the meeting

PA25/04824 Proposal: Resurfacing of driveway Location: Higher Tredale Cottage, Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Ivey, After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Masters seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council supports and has no objection to this application.*

Councillor Branch returned to the meeting

PA25/04937 Proposal: Replacement of 1nr bedroom window on the first floor. Location: Jamaica Inn Bolventor **Applicant** The Coaching Inn Group.

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

Altarnun Parish Council supports and has no objection to this application.

PA25/04938 Proposal: Listed building consent for the replacement of 1nr bedroom window on the first floor, Location: Jamaica Inn Bolventor **Applicant** The Coaching Inn Group.

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

126/25 Planning Decisions: The following application was reported as approved by the LPA: PA25/03620. It was also reported that an appeal against the decision (refused) in respect of PA24/01252 was dismissed.

For more details about any planning decision, note the reference number and go to the Cornwall Council website <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>

127/25 Pre-Application Planning: The following cases were reported for information only: None reported

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128/25 Highways.

-The clerk committed to attend and report back on the 20mph pre consultation meeting 19.8.2025 as referred to by Cllr Parsons earlier in the meeting.

-The clerk committed to attend and report back on A30/Plusha Grade Separated Junction - Stakeholder Working Group meeting 13.8.2025 to be run by Cornwall Council's study group.

-Following a request from a member of the public for the regular maintenance of highway verges, the clerk reminded councillors that the function is a standing responsibility of CC who is tasked to deliver a defined service for our rural area, paid for from the collection of council tax. A robust reactive inspection process is in place to verify defects reported by highway users which will normally be carried out within 24 hours, and if deemed necessary, remedial works would be carried out as soon as possible. The clerk also advised that whilst the function could be devolved, subject to management agreements, there would be no beneficial financial payment made by CC in return.

Following a balanced debate, it was concluded that for APC to deliver the resources needed to cover the parish for this particular undertaking on an ongoing basis is unrealistic given the absence of a financial reimbursement or grant being paid. Also, is unnecessary, in view of existing arrangements with CC. Cllr Masters proposed that no further action be taken and allow matters to continue as they stand. Cllr Dowler seconded, and it was **resolved** to take no further action in the matter.

-It was noted that with more traffic being diverted through Five Lanes as a result of A30 rerouting, buses were stopping in undesignated areas on the old A30 causing loss of vision to other highway users. The clerk undertook to report to the CC A30 study group to request the matter be taken under consideration to mitigate this problem asap.

129/25 Methodist Chapel, Rose Hill, Altarnun.

Correspondence received from the Launceston Methodist Circuit was read to the meeting. It offers APC £200pa for three years to maintain the graveyard of the chapel, presently in a state of severe neglect. After debate Cllr Dowler proposed that APC reply with an agreement in principle, but, subject to a formal management agreement being put in place after permissions for rights of entry have been obtained from the owner, and Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council have indicated they consider the property dangerous and posing a possible risk to the public. Cllr Branch seconded, and it was **resolved** to respond to the Methodist Circuit as proposed.

130/25 Correspondence – for information only.

-Member of the public reporting broken river crossing bridge at Trenilk. Countryside team at CC have been advised.

-Member of the public reporting overhanging growth on footpath from Trewint to Five Lanes. CC highways have been advised.

-Member of the public reporting non replacement of signage at Bolventor and they had reported to CC to reinstate.

-Various CALC, NALC, Cornwall National Landscapes & CC briefings.

131/25 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Branch gave her apologies for nonattendance in advance.

Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.35pm.