

Altarnun Parish Council

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DRAFT Minutes of Altarnun Parish Council (APC) meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5th August 2026, which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Masters, Cllr Halls, Cllr Wendon & Cllr Branch. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr A Parsons, one member of the public & APC clerk, Mr R Turner.

109/26 Apologies for absence: APC Cllrs Vickery, Kendall, Smith, Pannell & Bloomfield.

The clerk advised that the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Pooley received no requests for an election and that APC have been advised by the Cornwall Council (CC) Principal Electoral Officer to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable by co-option.

110/26 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality. Cllr Branch declared an interest in PA26/04761 tabled in minute 116/26 for the avoidance of bias & predetermination in view of legal proceedings involving the applicant and a member of Cllr Branch's family.

111/26 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported:

-National Highways have secured finance to deliver safety improvements on the A30 between Kennards House and Five Lanes. Work will commence 5.9.2026 and run until March 2027. Full details of the package of improvements are to be announced 6.8.2026. He did caution that central government have announced the diversion of funds from proposed large scale infrastructure schemes to defence spending for the time being. Therefore, could affect and delay a grade separated junction scheme at Plusha.

-Education: following pressure brought to bear locally and in the national media the Athena Trust is now dissolved and schools within the trust are to be re-brokered to other trusts.

-Car parks: CC have removed cash payment facilities from all their car parks.

-CC is proposing to speed up the delivery of affordable housing and low-cost market housing for the people who need it most. The scale is significant. The council wants to release around 400 acres of its own land on sites throughout Cornwall, with the aim of delivering at least 4,000 homes. Those homes would be a mix of affordable, market sale and market rental homes.

- The 2026-27 budget setting process has revealed CC has reached £1.5 bn in total debt. The annual cost of servicing this debt is £62.7m, putting significant pressure on the council's finances. There is a £22m projected budget shortfall for next year, driven by rising demand in adult social care, children's services, and SEND support.

-CC leader, Cllr Leigh Frost is in course of signing a memo of understanding for economic development between Cornwall and Brittany.

112/26 To approve the minutes of the Altarnun Parish Council meeting held 1st July 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Dowler and seconded by Cllr Masters, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 1st July 2026 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

113/26 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 1st July 2026 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

114/26 Finance Matters:

Responsible Finance Officer reported:

-Funds received 9.7.2026 £600 cemetery reservation fees.

-Funds received 31.7. 2026, £13.03 Nat West credit interest

-APC bank balance as at 31.7.2026 stood at £22489.54 credit.

-Bank signatories be amended, if possible, to include Cllr Pannell. Cllr Dowler proposed that Cllr Pannell be added as signatory to the mandate to operate APC's account held with NatWest Bank plc. Cllr Branch seconded and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed.

-There is to be an implementation of waste bin emptying and servicing charges and fees under contract to Cornwall Council, backdated to 1.4.2026. Members had been circulated with the contract and 2026/27 cost relating to the bins in scope within the parish, prior to the meeting. After short debate, Cllr Masters proposed that APC enter into the contract with CC and this was seconded by Cllr Halls. It was then **resolved** to proceed as proposed.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting

Accounts payable

-£65.60 Payline – payroll services Apr-July 2026 Chq 1575

-£382.05 Clerk salary August 2026 Chq 1576

- £818.00 Smart Brothers - General Maintenance £214, Toilet cleans £234, Penpont View grass cuts £80, Parish grass cuts £210, Bolventor cemetery grass cuts £80. Chq 1577

-£549 Cornwall Council -waste bin fees 2026-2027. Chq 1578

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

Cllr Dowler invited Cllr Parsons to deliver his report, as recorded in minute 111/26

115/26 Planning Applications:

-PA26/04808 Proposal: Construction of single storey side extension, oak framed porch & associated internal refurbishment works. Location Lower Tregenna Altarnun Applicant Mr & Mrs Gough

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

****Cllr Branch left the meeting****

-PA26/04761 Proposal: Re-application to amend location of proposed new livestock building

Location: Land At Trebray Altarnun Applicant: Mr and Mrs J and D Smith

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

****Cllr Branch returned to the meeting****

-PA26/04603 Proposal: Erection of an agricultural implement shed and a wooden bee shed

Location: Land West of Carne Manor Altarnun Applicant: Ms Jules Moore

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

116/26 Planning Decisions – for information only: The following applications were reported as being approved: PA26/02259, PA26/04086 & PA26/03950.

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/>

117/26 Pre-Application Planning- for information only: PA26/00787 – Do I need planning application.

118/26 Highways

The clerk reported on outstanding matters which were proceeding satisfactorily as a result of the CC highways teams good services, including the renewal of clearer HGV signage in the relevant locations within the parish and details of completed repair work at Bowthick ford. No update received regarding the reintroduction of roadside weed spraying.

119/26 Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) as introduced by the Levelling up & Regeneration Act 2023.

After a presentation of the CC outputs (simple template & completed example NPS) by the clerk and debate amongst councillors, Cllr Dowler proposed that APC submit an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood extending to the boundaries of Altarnun Parish for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement in accordance with Schedule 7 15K of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 and paragraph 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act. Cllr Halls seconded and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed.

120/26 Correspondence – for information only:

-Cornwall Council re online briefing of planning changes and policy update to be held 23.9.2026 4pm-5.30pm.

-CALC re their meeting with Cornwall Council cabinet members around relationship building with parish and town councils.

-Member of the public re footpaths at Bolventor.

-Cornwall Council re resurfacing of A388 commencing 10.8.2026 and continuing for up to 2 weeks.

-Cornwall Council relating to Whole Society Resilience Conference at Royal Cornwall Showground 22.9.2026 09.15hrs-15.30hrs

-CALC/CC Building Local Benefit through Community Ownership. Locally owned energy projects.

-Various CALC/NALC/CAP/CC briefings

121/26 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.15pm.