

Altarnun Parish Council

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DRAFT Minutes of Altarnun Parish Council (APC) meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 7th October 2026, which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Halls, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Smith, Cllr Scott, Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Pannell & Cllr Branch. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons, three members of the public & APC clerk, Mr R Turner.

138/26 Apologies for absence: APC Cllrs Wendon, Kendall & Masters.

139/26 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality. No declarations of gifts or interests were made.

****Cllr Parsons joined the meeting****

140/26 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

****Cllrs Bloomfield & Pannell joined the meeting during this agenda item, and made no declarations of gifts or interests****

Cllr Parsons reported, as follows:

- Launceston College - he expects the transfer to a new learning trust to be expeditious but subject to the conclusion of Athena Learning Trust's dissolution.
- New National Planning Policy Framework to take effect from 31.10.2026.
- Cornwall Council's interim deputy chief executive Andy Keeling urged Cornwall Council to avoid speculating about the chief executive's leave of absence amid an £11 million in-year budget deficit. Cllr Parsons advised that asset sales are being considered to cover the shortfall as well as a round of cost cuts and the implementation of spend caps where new spending of more than £1k requires sanctioning.
- He reported in detail on a one to one meeting he had with Ian Thompson (Programme Development Manager for National Highways Southwest Operations) held 5.10.2026. Mr Thompson was sympathetic regarding the extensive disruption that is currently being experienced across local parishes because of works and lane/junction closures on the A30. A number of measures to mitigate this disruption were agreed and are to be implemented as soon as possible. This is currently being reported in the news media and Cllr Parsons believes that National Highways have finally recognised the strategic importance of Plusha junction.

141/26 To approve the minutes of the Altarnun Parish Council meeting held 2nd September 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Halls, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 2nd September 2026 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

142/26 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 2nd September 2026 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

143/26 Finance Matters:

1) RFO Report

- Funds received 7.9.2026 £9500 Cornwall Council Precept 2026B
 - Funds received 10.9.2026 £200 cemetery fees
 - Funds received 15.9.2026 £250 cemetery fees
 - Funds received 30.9.2026 £13.89 NatWest deposit interest
 - APC bank balance as at 30.9.2026 stood at £28521.50 credit.
 - Financial Regulations 2.6 (Finance check) & 2.7 (Back up & contingency info) observed re Q2 2026/2027.
 - In accordance with Financial Regulation 4.11 it was proposed by Cllr Bloomfield and seconded by Cllr Dowler that reserves and funds be restated after expenditure in Q2 2026/27, as follows: Public Convenience £5610 -Defib £1796 – Mill Green £195 – Cemetery £3850 –Bolventor church yard £685 – Election £1501 – General Fund £14885 Total £28522.
- These figures were unanimously **resolved**.

2) Accounts payable

- Payline £75.60 payroll services for 3 months up to 5.10.2026. Chq 1585
 - Clerks salary £464.50 re Oct 2026, including back pay relating to national pay award w.e.f 1.4.2026. Chq 1586
 - Postages Q2 2026 £9.15. Chq1587
 - Smart Brothers £1719.00 (Maintenance £265, toilet cleans £234, Penpont View grass cuts £80, parish grass cuts £210, Bolventor cemetery grass cuts £80 & footpaths second cut £850) Chq 1588
 - Information Commissioners Office £47 annual GDPR fee. To be paid by direct debit 6.10.2026.
- Cllr Branch proposed to approve the payments, Cllr Vickery seconded, and it was unanimously **resolved** to pay these accounts. Cllr Dowler signed the schedule of payments being made.

144/26 Planning Applications:

Application PA26/06153 Proposal: Construction of 3 Bed dwelling. Location: Land south of Tredar, Trewint. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Whiteside.

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Branch proposed & Cllr Dowler seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved**: ***'Altarnun Parish Council considers a single storey dwelling would be less imposing on the subject site'***

Application PA26/05636 Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the removal and rebuilding of stair turret structure and associated works. Location: Carne Manor Altarnun. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Moore

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

145/26 Planning Decisions – for information only: Application reference nos. PA26/05302, PA26/04808 & PA26/04603 were reported as being approved and that certificates of lawfulness were granted in respect of application refs. PA26/05579 & PA26/05580.

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/>

146/26 Pre-Application Planning- for information only:

None reported.

147/26 Councillor Code of Conduct Training.

The clerk reminded members the importance of keeping their Code of Conduct training up to date and to confirm that the necessary training course had been completed for the continued maintenance of the APC monitoring register.

148/26 Highways.

The clerk read an email addressed to APC from Ben Maguire MP (received at 15.36hrs today) advising he will meet with National Highways 13.10.2026 to represent local parishes in supporting the Divisional Members efforts to reduce the chaos on rural roads being caused due to current works on the A30 (to end March 2027). After lengthy discussion, Cllr Dowler proposed that the clerk respond to Mr Maguire, requesting that he discuss with National Highways three main points as follows: 1) Immediate traffic management measures 2) The obvious strategic importance of Plusha junction, and 3) To maintain regular engagement with the local parishes into the longer term, to support and secure a robust and enduring solution that delivers safe and efficient connectivity between the A30 and our local communities and into SE Cornwall.

Cllr Pannell seconded, and it was **resolved** that the clerk should write to the MP accordingly.

149/26 Building Local Benefit Through Community Ownership and Energy Generation.

Further to minute 133/26 the clerk advised that Community Energy Plus, Truro have responded to APC enquiries regarding the use of our assets for energy generation.

The land at Tredaule must be dismissed as being unsuitable at this time, because of insufficient area, as well as adjacent infrastructure to benefit from energy generation on the scale required under the terms of current grant funding.

However further research into the possibility of a solar installation on the village hall roof is being undertaken.

150/26 Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) as introduced by the Levelling up & Regeneration Act 2023.

The clerk provided a brief update on APC's designation.

151/26 Correspondence – for information only.

-From three Members of the public expressing anger and concern regarding road closures and congestion in the parish villages and hamlets because of current A30 works.

-TEEC Ltd regarding revamp of APC website at no charge.

-Principal Building Inspector Cornwall Council - confirming the fitment of locks on the gates of the Old Methodist Chapel, Rose Hill, Altarnun.

-Various NALC, CALC, Cornwall Council & Community Area Partnership briefings.

152/26 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 9.10pm.