

Altarnun Parish Council

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DRAFT Minutes of Altarnun Parish Council (APC) meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd September 2026, which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Masters, Cllr Halls, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Bloomfield & Cllr Branch. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons, twelve members of the public & APC clerk, Mr R Turner.

122/26 Apologies for absence: APC Cllrs Smith, Pannell & Wendon.

123/26 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality. Cllr Branch declared an interest in PA26/05579 & PA26/05580 tabled in minute 128/26 for the avoidance of bias & predetermination in view of legal proceedings involving the applicant and a member of Cllr Branch's family. Cllr Dowler declared an interest in PA26/05579 & PA26/05580 tabled in minute 128/26 because he signed statutory declarations which accompanied these applications.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting

Cllr Vickery joined the meeting

124/26 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

Members of the public raised their concerns regarding forthcoming closures on the A30 and the probable knock-on effect of significant volumes of A30 traffic being driven onto unsuitable local rural roads, as a result of diversions being put in place, specifically on the Trevague road between Five Lanes roundabout & Plusha. They requested that APC consider making representation to our MP, National Highways and Cornwall Highways to minimise the anticipated adverse impact.

Cllr Parsons reported:

- A generic update on forthcoming works on the A30 between Kennards House & Five Lanes
- An announcement from the Prime Minister suggesting that a new devolution deal for Cornwall would be possible.
- An update on housing, in that 25,000 people are recorded on the Cornwall Homechoice register.
- An overview of planning changes that will come into effect from 31.10.2026, which are likely to dilute the powers of local planning committees. However, town and parish councils will continue to be consulted by Cornwall Council on the planning applications they receive, but planning officers will become significantly more autonomous.

125/26 To approve the minutes of the Altarnun Parish Council meeting held 5th August 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Halls, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 5th August 2026 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

126/26 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 5th August 2026 and not included in this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

127/26 Finance Matters:

Responsible Finance Officer reported:

- Notice of conclusion of APC external audit 2025/26 was published 21.8.2026
- Transfer of APC employee payroll services to Cornwall Assn of Local Councils (CALC) via a partnership with Suffolk ALC would produce savings of £150 pa (£142.50 in year 1) based on current fees payable. After brief discussion Cllr Kendall proposed that APC payroll services be transferred to CALC, with immediate effect. Cllr Dowler seconded and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed.
- Funds received 12.8.2026 £14.50 from Altarnun Village Hall Tidy Village Fund re planting license fee
- Funds received 28.8. 2026 £11.77 from Nat West deposit interest
- APC bank balance as at 31.8.2026 £21250.16 credit.
- APC bank signatories with NatWest Bank be amended, if possible, to include Cllr Stephen Masters. Cllr Dowler proposed that Cllr Masters be added as signatory to the mandate to operate APC's account held with NatWest Bank plc. Cllr Halls seconded and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed.

Accounts payable

- £84.99 Microsoft 365 annual subscription. Chq 1579
 - £14.50 Cornwall Council – planting licence fee. Chq 1580
 - £252 BDO LLP – external audit fee for 2025-2026. Chq 1581
 - £382.05 Clerk salary September 2026 Chq1582
 - £280.97 HMRC Jly-Sept Chq 1583
 - £1079 Smart Brothers (General Maintenance £620, Toilet cleans £234, Penpont View grass cuts £40, Parish grass cuts £105, Bolventor cemetery grass cuts £80) Chq 1584
 - £50.04 Pennon Water Services – toilet block water bill May- Aug 2026. Direct debit 8.9.2026
- 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.

128/26 Planning Applications:

PA26/05302 Proposal: Removal of rear conservatory and side garage and replacement with new rear extension joining to new side extension Location: Wheal Bray, St Clether Applicant: Mr and Mrs Perran and Gina Berry

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Vickery proposed & Cllr Branch 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'***

PA26/04227 Proposal: Construction of new Agricultural Barn. Location: Polglaze, Altarnun Applicant: Mr Mark Hoskin

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr Dowler 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 development which is to be used as an agricultural barn'***

****Cllrs Branch & Dowler left the meeting****

****Cllr Bloomfield took the chair****

PA26/05579 Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use: The occupation, since 2013, of the subject dwelling as a C3 dwellinghouse by non-farming occupiers, in breach of the agricultural occupancy condition 3 to which planning approval E/88/3261/00P is subject. Location: Higher Popplestones Park, Altarnun. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Joe and Danielle Smith

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Kendall 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 objections to this application'***

PA26/05580 Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of agricultural building

Location: Cannaglaize, Altarnun. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Joe and Danielle Smith

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Halls proposed & Cllr Kendall 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'***

****Cllrs Branch & Dowler returned to the meeting****

****Cllr Dowler took the chair****

129/26 Planning Decisions – for information only: None reported.

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/>

130/26 Pre-Application Planning- for information only: None reported.

131/26 Highways

The clerk briefly reported on a recent online meeting at which National Highways outlined the forthcoming works on the A30 between Five Lanes & Kennards House. Having also attended, Cllr Parsons had covered much of the information earlier in the meeting.

The clerk undertook to liaise with the principles of the organisations involved as required, to try and minimise adverse impacts on our parish.

132/26 Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) as introduced by the Levelling up & Regeneration Act 2023.

The clerk gave an update on APC designation, including the requests for resident and business surveys to be completed, the receipt of parish specific supporting information from Cornwall Council and online meetings he has or is due to attend.

133/26 Building Local Benefit Through Community Ownership and Energy Generation

Cllr Bloomfield advised there is currently a grant and loan fund to support local energy initiatives to be established under community ownership. He suggested that the land APC owns at Tredaule or the Village Hall site may have potential for creating a perpetual income for the parish through energy generation. The clerk has previously tried to obtain help and support without response and will chase up.

134/26 Callington Town Council request for support for the provision of a banking hub in Callington.

After discussion Cllr Bloomfield proposed that APC give their support to Callington Town Council in seeking the provision of a banking hub in their town centre. Cllr Kendall seconded and the proposal was **resolved**. The clerk requested that all those present consider pledging their support by signing a form forwarded to APC by Callington Town Council. The form will be returned to Callington TC as soon as possible.

135/26 Correspondence – for information only.

-Member of the public requesting to site and maintain a planter at the entrance to Penpont View. The clerk confirmed Cornwall Council are agreeable to this being done and has replied to the request, confirming agreement.

-Various CALC/NALC/CAP/CC briefings.

136/26 Co-option to fill casual vacancy in the role Altarnun Parish Councillor.

The clerk advised there had been one respondent, Mr Ian Scott, to the co-option notice that expired 19.8.2026. The chair introduced Mr Scott (in attendance) and asked councillors present by a show of hands to give approval to the co-option of Mr Scott in the role of Altarnun Parish Councillor. The approval was unanimous.

137/26 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting expected to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7.30pm.

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