

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Present**

Councillor J Moore – Newly Elected Mayor  
Councillor J Anderson – Retiring Mayor  
Councillor A Pearce – Newly Elected Deputy Mayor

**Councillors**

R Chamberlain, T Nethercott, K Simms and R Taylor.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr P Giles  
Tasha Davis  
Dan Alford

Before the meeting began Dan Alford spoke to the Council regarding his application for an Altitude Snow Park at the Land North East of East Crinnis Farm. The Alford family have been resident at East Crinnis Farm for 120 years.

Councillor Moore expressed her concerns that the proposed park is in a residential area which would cause light and sound pollution. Mr Alford replied that for some time the farm had diversified to tourism and had a camp site and the proposed park would have reduced opening hours. Screening measures are already in place as there is a wetland on the green belt and an additional 150 trees have been planted.

Mr Alford explained that snow sports were his passion and therefore the current application and there is a similar site in the New Forest to the proposed application that attracts 85,000 customers a year. The plan is to build an attraction that will be well loved and looked after by locals and visitors and will give local youths a place to visit and so they are not roaming the streets or sitting at home using technology.

Councillor Taylor expressed his concerns regarding the mining history in the area, Mr Alford said that he was confident that there was no historic mines.

Councillor Taylor expressed his concerns regarding the closeness to Biscovey Schools, Mr Alford said that this had been considered even though access would be from Par Moor and additional turning space had been provided for the school in the application.

Councillor Chamberlain asked about job opportunities for local people, Mr Alford replied that although mainly a winter based attraction it would be all year round and Cornish residents that enjoy sea sport in the summer would visit in the winter and therefore create all year round employment.

Councillor Amy Pearce took the Chair.

2105/01 **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Jenny Moore be Mayor of the Town Council.

Councillor J Moore took the Chair.

2105/02 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor T Chapman-Gunner.

2105/03 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor A Pearce be Deputy Mayor of the Town Council.

2105/04 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Jenny Moore-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cornwall Association of Local Councils</li> <li>Employment Committee</li> <li>Eden Liaison</li> <li>Grow St Blazey</li> <li>GDPR Committee</li> <li>Grow St Blazey</li> <li>Historic Environment &amp; Heritage Representative</li> <li>Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group</li> <li>Emergency Planning Group</li> <li>Place Shaping Partnership</li> <li>Planning Committee</li> <li>PL24 Community Association</li> <li>St Blazey Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group</li> <li>St Austell Bay Economic Forum</li> <li>St Blaise Feat &amp; Fete</li> <li>Town Vitality Fund/Place Shaping Partnership</li> </ul>
Amy Pearce -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change &amp; Waste and Recycling Committee</li> <li>Community Network Panel</li> <li>Employment Appeals Panel</li> <li>Footpaths/Bridleways/Cycleways</li> <li>Par &amp; St Blazey Community Flood Group</li> <li>Emergency Planning Group</li> <li>Polgover Play Area Liaison</li> <li>St Blazey Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group</li> <li>St Blaise Feast &amp; Fete</li> <li>Town Vitality Fund/Place Shaping Partnership</li> <li>Waste and Recycling Committee</li> </ul>
June Anderson -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burrows Board of Directors</li> <li>Carlyon Bay Development Representative</li> <li>Employment Appeals Panel</li> <li>Friends of Coast Atlantic Line</li> </ul>

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Ryan Chamberlain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change &amp; Waste and Recycling Committee</li> <li>Employment Appeals Panel</li> <li>Luxulyan Valley Partnership</li> <li>Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group</li> <li>Emergency Planning Group</li> <li>PL24 Community Association</li> <li>St Blaise Feast &amp; Fete.</li> </ul>
Tamsin Chapman- Gunner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment Appeals Panel</li> <li>PL24 Community Association</li> <li>Press Officer</li> </ul>
Tony Nethercott-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burrows Board of Directors</li> <li>Cornwall Association of Local Councils</li> <li>Employment Appeals Panel</li> <li>Fourways Youth Club Management Committee</li> <li>GDPR Committee</li> <li>New Pavement Steering Group</li> <li>Par Liaison</li> <li>Planning Committee</li> <li>St Blazey Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group</li> </ul>
Kelvin Simms -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change &amp; Waste and Recycling Committee</li> <li>Doubletrees School of Governors</li> <li>Eden Community Geothermal Liaison Group</li> <li>Employment Committee</li> <li>GDPR Committee</li> <li>Internal Verifier</li> <li>St Blazey Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group</li> </ul>
Roy Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burrows Board of Directors</li> <li>Climate Change &amp; Waste and Recycling Committee</li> <li>Carlyon Bay Development Deputy Representative</li> <li>Community Network Panel</li> <li>Cornwall Community Flood Forum</li> <li>Doubletrees School of Governors (Deputy)</li> <li>Eden Community Geothermal Liaison Group</li> <li>Eden Liaison</li> <li>Employment Committee</li> <li>Fourways Youth Club Management Committee</li> <li>Grow St Blazey</li> </ul>

New Pavement Steering Group  
 Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group  
 Emergency Planning Group  
 Par Liaison  
 Planning Committee  
 St Blazey Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group

2105/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2105/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2105/07 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL N**

There were no matters arising.

2105/08 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

There were no matters arising.

2105/09 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Trail Blazer Park has been visited by Cormac and the Clerk and I will be meeting with them on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to discuss repairs to the Group Swing and the Cable Runway. Trail Blazer Park seems to be home of the local vandals, the bin has been removed from the paving slab which has been smashed and dispersed over the park along with the contents of the bin. The bottom of the slide has been purposely vandalised and so I have spoken to M Ankers to repair. The fencing has been cut to make a short cut entrance and exit even though the gate has not been locked.

I have has carried out the weekly play inspections on Deeble Drive and Trailblazer Park and cut the grass. The surrounding area of the park in Deeble Drive is seriously overgrown and has been high-lighted to me by a resident who I informed that Cornwall Council were responsible for the cutting.

I have started the repairs to the safety surfacing at Deeble Drive and Penarwyn Green, Polgover and King Edward Gardens grass cutting and strimming is up to date.

I have started kerb-side weed treatment and the LMP footpath maintenance including cutting down branches where necessary. I have prepared the planters ready for planting when they are available.

I re-arranged the container to allow for the mower and trailer but this left no room for the other tools. I have spoken to the fair who are allowing me to keep the trailer on their land.

**2105/10 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I am pleased to see the flood alleviation work is being carried out around St Blazey. The 'pond' at the Burrows has filled with quite a considerable amount of rainwater in the last few days, much to the dismay of the nearest residents. I have spoken to the StARR team who have said, "Standing water is to be expected, whilst the works are ongoing, this larger amount of water is due to having to remove the temporary bung from the inlet pipe. The water running downhill was overwhelming the temporary pump, which needed managing. This is not expected to happen going forward".

I am delighted to see Penarwyn's new park is well under construction. Both children and adults are extremely delighted, and cannot wait for it to be completed and opened.

Whilst out door knocking during my election campaign, there was a great deal of concern about anti-social behaviour, especially in the Burrows area. With this in mind, I have requested that the Network Panel meeting scheduled for Monday 19 July to be held at the Burrows Centre and will be ASB centric with Inspector Ed Gard and ASB Officer Helen Toms in attendance. I do hope that there is a good attendance, in order to achieve a positive outcome, it takes us all to do our bit.

I am honoured to be elected as Chairman elect of Cornwall Council and take office on Tuesday 25 May. I am extremely delighted that my Deputy will be Jordan Rowse, with both of us coming from PL24, attending Biscovey and Fowey Schools this is a real coup for St Blazey. To my knowledge, this is the first time a council member from St Blazey has been chosen. I will do my best both for my residents and others from the County.

After the meeting Cornwall Council banned all in person meetings indefinitely and so the meeting planned for July 19<sup>th</sup> was changed to virtual and then postponed to a date yet unknown.

**2105/11 COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE FOR 2020/21**

Councillor Chamberlain proposed the Town Council adopt the General Power of Competence for 2021-22, Councillor A Pearce seconded the proposal. All the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

**2105/12 TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

The clerk distributed the Health and Safety Policy. Councillor T Nethercott proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor J Anderson seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2105/13 **TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE TRAVIS PERKINS SITE**

Councillor Moore has had a couple of meetings with MakeSpace who would like the Town Councils endorsement for their funding application to purchase the Travis Perkins site. They don't want to partner with the TC, but want a working relationship.

Their vision is a creative centre for the community and want to buy the TP yard, they don't want to lease from another buyer. They have no money and are relying on successful funding bids to proceed with the purchase.

They are a CIC that has been in existence for less than a year and despite wanting the property for the community, if they were to purchase the site, the TC would not be associated in any way. They are going to rely on funding for any repairs also.

Councillor Moore is concerned that this community asset will end up not being available to the community but suggest that they make a presentation at next month's meeting. The Clerk will extend an invitation.

2105/14 **TO CONSIDER THE VOLUNTEER POLICY**

The clerk distributed the volunteer policy. Councillor Nethercott proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor K Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2105/15 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Mr Endean from Harbour Road Barber Shop has written to the Town Council regarding dog faeces outside his property with one particular offender re-offending. Cornwall Council have been contacted many times over the last two years but he has been told that they can't do anything without the offenders name and address. The dog warden replies that due to the offence being committed first thing he can't help as he doesn't start work until 9.00 am.

Cornwall Councillor Giles was asked for her opinion and stated that the Dog Warden does not start work until 9.00 am.

The Clerk and Warden will visit Mr Endean and try to gain additional information.

Cornwall Council are avoiding cutting the grass around Deeble Drive Park, the Councillors want to look at the land registry documents before instructing the Clerk further.

2105/16 **ADOPTION OF MARCH 2021 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Cornwall Association of Local Councils have sent a new Code of Conduct for Councillors which have been amended from the Cornwall Council Code of Conduct which they now suggest we adopt.

Councillor Nethercott proposed that the new Code of Conduct be accepted, Councillor R Chamberlain seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2105/17 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT**

The clerk distributed the Risk Assessment. Councillor R Chamberlain proposed that the current document be accepted, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2105/18 **PROJECT LIST**

##### **Neighbourhood Planning –**

Councillor Moore is still working on the Town Vitality Funding Application and therefore no further progress.

##### **Play Area Update**

Deeble Drive - The Warden has repaired the safety surfacing.

Penarwyn Green – The new play equipment is being installed.

Polgover Way – A member of the resident group informed a councillor that it was unexpected that anything would happen on the site for at least a year. The Clerk asked the company installing at Kompan for a quote to take out the old equipment. This is the company currently installing at Penarwyn. The quote received was approximately £500-£700 more than if taken out during installation and the site made safe this week. The Councillors decided against this and will wait to hear from the residents group with the information from Network Rail.

The constitution has now been received from the Roselyon Residents Group but the Town Councillors are not happy with this document. Councillor Pearce asked that the council's budget be given to the group but the Council still do not want this released until they are happy that they are legally and financially sound.

Councillor Pearce didn't think the Council were being fair asking for the group's progress for their plans for the park by the June meeting. It was explained that the area has been deemed dangerous and 3 months was long enough.

Barry West has asked the Clerk for correspondence to confirm the Town Councils formal position regarding wood play equipment. 3 Councillors were against, 2 councillors for and 2 had no opinion either way. The Clerk will reply that the town Council will not disregard wood play equipment.

#### 2105/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera recorded that 96.96% of incoming vehicles, up from 96.68% are below the speed limit (42661 cars) and 92.31% down from 93.42% (33777 cars) of outgoing traffic is below the speed limit.

CEG have written asking for a letter of endorsement for their application to the levelling up fund. The Clerk will reply not objecting to this.

A resident has written to the Council with concerns about the VetFest 2021 event being held at St Blazey FC on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Clerk has tried contacting the football club but not been able to speak with anybody. She will keep trying and keep the Councillors informed.

The Clerk will begin the Co-option process tomorrow.

## 2105/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been nine planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them-

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| PA21/01800 | Proposed residential dwelling and associated works.<br>Land North of 1 Bridge Street<br>St Blazey  |
| PA21/03306 | Erection of single detached dwelling<br>Land at 1 Southview Road<br>St Blazey  |
| PA21/03519 | Removal of conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension.<br>Fairweather, St Austell Road<br>St Blazey  |
| PA21/03817 | Removal of existing garage building and construction of three-bedroomed detached bungalow, utilising part of the existing large garden of Orchards, with extended access drive (over part of demolished garage) turning and parking facilities with variations of condition 2 of decision notice PA19/01979 dated 5/7/2019<br>Land North west of Orchards, Biscovey Road<br>St Blazey Gate |
| PA21/04118 | I respectfully request to conduct works on T1 (large Euc) the tree has one large limb over an apartment and I feel the cuts I have requested to do are responsible and won't affect the health of the tree.<br>Rosehill House<br>Middleway<br>St Blazey  |
| PA21/03875 | Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a two Storey extension<br>105 St Marys Road<br>Par   |

PA21/03907	Construction of plant greenhouse and nursery on the Eden Project site at Bodelva The Eden Project Bodelva
PA21/04609	Works to trees namely :- A001 (various), remove deadwood – T0001(Horse Chestnut), Fell – T002 (Horse Chestnut), remove dead wood – T003(Pine), remove dead branches – subject to a Tree Preservation order (TPO). Land North West of 53 Chyandor Close St Blazey
PA21/04828	Construction of side and rear first floor extension with flat and hipped roof and associated internal remodelling 54 Chyandor Close St Blazey
Results Received	
PA21/03752	Construction of a single-storey side extension 30 Ash Grove St Blazey APPROVED

2105/21 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

Slimming World has returned to JA and AH and it is hoped that if restrictions are lifted more will return after May 17<sup>th</sup>. PAT testing will be carried out on all three venues on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 21.

2105/22 **ACCOUNTS**

**Payments Received**

Precept	
Interest	0.52
High Deposit Int	18.20
LMP	
CTS Grant	
Grant	
Plant Donation	100.00
Burrows	714.98
VAT refund	

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1590.17
Wardens Wage	663.93
Broadband	30.74
UK Fuels	
Insurance	208.25
HMRC	650.03
CC (Pen)	582.19
Electric(foun)	23.57
Wardens Tools	402.57
Stationery	
St Austell GM	1824.00
Burning Garage	650.00
Mill Autoquip	10.58
Aalgaard Renshaw	402.00

S Vicary	60.00
Stationery	7.95
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	14.76
Corona (Elec)	48.93
SWW	21.50
Cleaners Wage	45.60
Intruder Alarm	12.00
Cleaning Mats	
S Vicary	30.00
Gas	
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	55.00
Locking	30.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	104.00
Water	41.79
S Vicary	65.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	67.37
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833.70	7641.93

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 2105/23 TOWN BUSINESS

New Mayor Jenny Moore thanked retiring Mayor June Anderson for all her years of service. All the Councillors concurred.

Councillor Anderson had received a phone call from the Dundee Courier as they wanted to know how the Eden Project had impacted the Town. There are plans for a similar site in Dundee.

#### 2105/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm at the Burrows Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21 pm.