

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 24th April 2014**

Present

Councillors A Seel – Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

G Allen, R Blackie, R Heyward, G Miller, R Taylor and S Wheeler

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)

1404/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Anderson, Putt and Scrafton.

1404/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1404/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1404/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Wheeler asked if the Warden had started work on the LMP footpath work and was told that the first footpath which runs from Biscovey School to Meadow Drive had been cut as had the footpath opposite which runs to the Mount. The other footpaths would be cut as soon as possible.

1404/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

March 2014

		Detected
Assault	7	4
Burglary dwelling	1	
Burglary other	2	
Theft of MV		
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	3	
Theft (including from M/V)	5	1
Damage	1	
Drugs	2	2
Other	7	4

TOTAL: 28 11

March 2013: 30 12

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE March 2014 – 83

There were no representatives from the police in attendance to give a report.

1404/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Since the last St Blaise Town Council meeting in a addition to my town council and county council duties, I have chaired a Burrows Centre board meeting and a Fourways Charity meeting. I have attended the funeral of Garth Netherton, a Biscovey Infants School Governors meeting, two St Austell Bay regeneration meetings, a Cornwall Council Chief Officers selection panel, a meeting with protestors and our MP on the farm adjacent to the site proposed for the Polharmon wind turbine, the opening of the PBBL/NP shop and the PBBL giveaway and Health and Wellbeing training. I have held an advice surgery.

I have been trying to get the Roundhouse turntable repaired, this is an expensive and an ongoing campaign. I have been trying to persuade the Co-op to repair the two lights nearest to the store on the footpath to Polgreaen. If they choose not to fix them then I will go down the enforcement route again. I have received a complaint about the lack of lighting in Piggy Alley and I have a new enhanced DBS check.

Councillor Taylor provided the Council with a breakdown of how the Cornish Arms development S106 money will be spent.

1404/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton was unable to attend the meeting but asked the Clerk to inform the Council that he had requested that planning application PA14/1614, demolition of 1 existing dwelling and erection of 44 New Dwellings on the land east of Mount Crescent, be referred to the development control committee. The meeting will be on 12th May 14.

1404/08 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

I have kept abreast of the overgrowth in Piggy Alley, the area around each of the welcomes stones has been strimmed as has the town car park. I have attended fixed penalty training but have yet to receive my certificate. I will continue with the LMP maintenance once the work on the Bell Tower has been completed.

1404/09 **COMMEMORATIVE SEAT**

St Blazey Labour Party have asked the Town Council for a donation towards a commemorative bench for Jim Gummoie, a retired Town Councillor and St Blazey Labour Party member. The Council considered a donation towards the cost of the bench but were concerned that this would set a precedent. Cllr Blackie proposed that the Council pay for plaque only, Councillor Miller seconded the proposal. Councillor

Taylor proposed an amendment that the Council pay for the plaque, hard standings and installation, this amendment was seconded by Councillor Heyward, the Council voted in favour of accepting the amendment in place of the original motion, the Council then voted on the amended proposition, all agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1404/10 **LAND AT POLGOVER WAY**

There is a piece of land that can be entered on a footpath between 92 and 93 Polgover Way and between 198 and 200 Old Roselyon Road currently belonging to Wainhomes. Wainhomes have offered this land for sale at £1.00 plus legal fees. Councillor Heyward proposed that the Council accept the offer, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal. Councillor Taylor abstained from the vote but all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1404/11 **2013-2014 END of YEAR ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2013/14 to the council. Councillor Allen proposed that they be accepted, Councillor Heyward seconded, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £190,852 into the new financial year. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Council running costs (in case of emergency) -	£ 70,852
Community Centre (purchase)	- £ 120,000

The Council all agreed and approved:-

The council approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper policies.

The Council have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness. The Council has made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.

The council has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.

The Council has during the year given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.

The council has considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.

The council has arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the council.

The Council have responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.

The council has disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end where relevant.

1404/12 **PROJECT LIST**

Burrows Centre – Councillor Taylor told the Council that he is concerned about a large Business Rates demand that has been received. The Burrows Centre has had a 100% Rate Relief until now. Councillor Taylor is talking with Cornwall Council representatives hoping that there may be a discretionary relief available.

Neighbourhood Planning – The Neighbourhood Planning Team will be meeting with our representative from Planning Aid on Monday to discuss our way forward and will be having training on Tuesday as we now ready to build Objectives.

WW1 Anniversary – Mount Charles Youth Band will be included in the celebrations on August 3rd. Par Old Cornwall Society are helping with the preparations for the exhibition to be held at Gott Hall. Tywardreath and Par are progressing with their plans for Poppy planting and Councillor Allen is making arrangements with Eden for St Blaise. A meeting is to be arranged regarding the placing of the plaque at the new Chapel of Rest. Tywardreath Royal British Legion are unable to join in the commemorations as it falls on the same day as their County Rally.

The Bell Tower – The Bell Tower has been moved to the entrance of the Car Park, the land preparations are underway and it is hoped that this will be completed next week. Councillor Taylor asked that his thanks be passed on to all those involved in the work that has taken place. All Councillors present asked that their gratitude be conveyed also.

1404/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk informed the Councillors of the proposed changes to take place at St Blazey Post Office from May 2014. The Council believe the changes to be acceptable and therefore the Clerk will not need to comment.

The Clerk has received a letter from Fowey Community College thanking the Council for supporting a Work Experience placement this year and asking if we would accommodate another next year. Our Warden is prepared to support the scheme and the Councillors agreed to do so too.

The Clerk has received a letter from Nature Trails who are a voluntary partnership working on the future of the Clay Trails. They are inviting a member of the Council to join them. Councillor Allen may be interested, the Clerk will write asking them to let the Council know of their next meeting so he can attend.

A small local group would like to hold a consultation event regarding the future of King Edward Gardens on site on 6th July 2014. They request that the Town Council be the umbrella organisation for this. The Councillors gave their consent.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: Harbour Road and Par Moor Road, Par
Timing: 9th to 10th May 2014 (1900 to 0700 hours)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Gully Emptying

1404/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been one planning application received and it was RESOLVED to object to it.

PA14/02390 Retrospective Planning
 Conservatory built without Planning Permission
 58 Bobs Road
 St Blazey

Planning Application Results Received

PA 14/01226 Proposed touring and caravan park, tent pitches, toilet and shower facilities and revised vehicular access.
 Britannia Inn
 St Austell Road
 St Blazey Gate
 WITHDRAWN

PA14/01477 SWW – Full Planning
 Siting of control cabinet (1m high, 0.4m wide and 1.5m long) to house electrical control system which is designed to manage storm water discharge from the combined sewerage system.
 1 Tredenham Close
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

1404/15 **ACCOUNTS**

April 14

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	653.50
Interest (high)	110.10
Hall Bookings	289.50 3/14
Interest	3.71
Black Sacks	24.50 3/14
Precept	35100.00
CTS Grant	6163.90

Expenditure

Broadband	32.55
Insurance 3/14	12.00
Insurance	187.11
HMRC	563.16
CC (pen)	427.38
Clerks Sal	1307.33
UK Fuels	98.79
Wardens Wage	520.00
PD Hire	22.00
Eclipse	14.38
W Bailey	10.47

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FP Training	95.00
CALC mem	1401.16
SLCC mem	165.00
Cory	199.20
EDF	66.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	42.00
CEF	24.05
Cleaners Wage	87.34
Chubb (parts)	12.78
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	50.48
Warden	30.00
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1404/16 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Cllr Blackie has noticed that road makings are on the road in Par Lane and assumes that this is in preparation for re-surfacing work, he asked that the white lines be re-aligned when this work is carried out. Councillor Taylor will speak to Highways regarding this.

Cllr Wheeler noticed that the temporary bollards in Trenovissick Road have been displaced, the Clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllr Wheeler is concerned that the fencing by the crossing at St Andrews Road is insufficient, Councillor Taylor will take appropriate action.

1404/17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th May 2014 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.56pm.