

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor A Seel – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Blackie, G Miller, A Putt, R Taylor, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Community Warden  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
Tasha Davis  
One member of the public

1504/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Scrafton and Councillor G Allen.

1504/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1504/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1504/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1502/07 Further to the bid by Roselyon School to become a free school being unsuccessful, the head teacher has decided not to appeal. A new application will be made.

1504/06 The amount of £200 budgeted to pay for additional help with the installation of boarding at the Mount footpath should be amended to £500. Councillor Putt has met with Geoff Richards of the Community Pay Back Team who are willing to help with the boarding.

1504/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

March 2015

Recorded 3/15

Recorded 3/14

Violence with Injury

4

3

Violence without Injury	8	6
Rape	1	1
Burglar Dwelling	0	1
Burglary Non Dwelling	0	2
Vehicle Offences	2	1
Shop Lifting	4	2
Other Theft	4	3
Criminal Damage	8	4
Public Order Offences	1	1
Possession of Weapons	0	1
Trafficking of Drugs	1	1
Possession of Drugs	0	1
Other offences	0	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>

Detected 6 Under Investigation 10

Incidents Recorded	Recorded 3/15	Recorded 3/15
Anti-Social Behaviour	18	12
Crime not Recorded	1	0
Crime Recorded	12	13
Public Safety	34	37
Transport	9	7
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>

#### 1504/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

The Warden has been advised that the planting of the Boat at St Blazey Gate shouldn't be replanted until May. The Warden is continuing to dig out the footpath by Biscovey School.

Councillor Anderson asked if the bus shelters could be smartened up.

#### 1504/07 **A REPORT FROM TASHA DAVIS**

Councillor Anderson introduced Tasha Davis who is our new Community Link Officer which is the position previously held by the Community Network Manager. Tasha's main duties are Neighbourhood Planning, Devolution and working with partners.

Tasha's previous role was as a Town Team Manager, this is a position that Cornwall Council no longer have due to budget restrictions.

Tasha gave apologies from the link support, Rosemary Stone who was unable to accompany her.

Councillor Putt asked Tasha if she could look into Cornwall Councils safety checks of Trailblazer Park as he has not seen anybody there for a while.

1504/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor gave the Council the following information regarding the new average speed safety cameras on the A390 through St Blazey.

Questioned legality of mounting. The camera by St Blazey Church

Roy Taylor: I am told that there is no legal requirement for the mountings to be painted yellow, although they also say that the reason for the cameras is to reduce speed and increase road safety, not to catch out motorists.

Comment made: They are a cash making swindle, there hasn't been an accident on that road for at least 10 years.

Roy Taylor: There were 27 accidents on this stretch of road prior to the speed cameras being installed over ten years ago and none since.

Who is the organisation that provides them?

South West peninsula safety camera partnership.

Councillor Taylor gave the following information-

The cameras have been commissioned and are being monitored. Prosecutions are a matter for the police in Plymouth.

The new cameras cannot record speeding individually, they rely on Automatic Number Plate Recognition data and the time taken to travel the known distance between two or more cameras.

I have requested more signage to advise the presence of the cameras and increase their deterrent effect. I have to point out there is no guarantee that we will get it.

Other questions asked:-

Do these new cameras also check registrations to see if they are correctly taxed? The simple answer is 'no'. It is possible to run a check on the road tax status from the vehicle registration; as a matter of course any vehicle registration that is identified as speeding by the Police, would be run through a check to identify the registered keeper using national databases.

If you are going 30 it won't be a problem as that's the speed limit on that road? I absolutely agree.

Councillor Taylor has attended the usual meetings this month including Fourways, Burrows, Neighbourhood Plan, Eden Project, Cornubia, Skatepark, PBBL, PBCT, Town Team, Area Network as well as those at County Hall.

In addition, he visited the Tamar Bridge and the Torpoint ferry on 29<sup>th</sup> May as a part of the work of the Transportation PAC, fascinating and clever technological solutions to maximising the throughput of vehicles and minimising delays.

Councillor Blackie asked if a sign for lorries could be put at the entrance to Biscovey Road, Councillor Taylor referred him to Councillor Scrafton.

#### 1504/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton sent his Apologies due to his attendance at the 3 day Wainhomes enquiry which commenced at 10.00 am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Roche Victory Hall. He reports that the enquiry will finish tomorrow May 1<sup>st</sup>. All witnesses including Councillor Scrafton have now been heard, and only the closing statements remain. There is no way of knowing what the result of that will be. Imerys have been represented there, and have explained their concerns. The Inspector's view of these is likely to be the deciding factor either way.

#### 1504/10 **2014-15 END of YEAR ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2014/15 to the council. Councillor Seel proposed that they be accepted, Councillor Taylor seconded, all the council agreed and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £222,688 into the new financial year. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	32,688
Community Centre (purchase) -	150,000
Repair and maintenance of the Town Car Park -	40,000

The Council all agreed and approved:-

The statement of accounts have been properly prepared and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.

The Council have maintained adequate internal control, including measures designed to prevent and deduct fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.

The Council have taken all it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practice in doing so.

The Council has provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Council have assessed all risks facing the council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including internal controls and external insurance cover where required.

The Council has maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council accounting records and control systems.

The Council has taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.

The council considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting systems.

#### 1504/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Our Community Link Officer, Tasha Davis and the Clerk have completed the initial proposal form for the devolution of King Edward Gardens.

#### 1504/12 **PROJECT LIST**

**Burrows Centre** – The Clerk is to meet with Purl Design regarding the revised plans received for an extension at the Burrows Centre next Wednesday. The Chairman asked if anybody could produce the documents that PBBL have that prevent the Town Council applying for funds. Councillor Jenny Taylor will investigate.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – There is to be three intensive consultation sessions on Housing and The Eco Town, Economic Development and Regeneration to be held on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Following the recent video clip of the journey of a neighbourhood plan that was distributed, Jenny Moore has met with the lecturers of the media and journalism students at Falmouth University. One of whom is Tom Ingate whose students worked with the architecture students in 2013 which produced a lot of research and consultation work. Approximately 30 students are willing to produce a short video clip charting the progress of the neighbourhood plan and to conduct further consultation with the community. The final product will be a number of ‘talking heads’ expressing their views, which will go on the website.

There are cost implications of approximately £2.5k. The students’ timetable is 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May, plus working on the edits at the University for the rest of the week.

Councillor Seel proposed that we proceed with the student work, Councillor Miller seconded the proposal, Councillor Blackie voted against the proposal, Councillor Wheeler abstained, all the other Councillors voted in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk has worked with Claire Hurley and have received a grant of £4,000 from the Community Development Foundation to proceed with the NP.

## 1504/13 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

Cormac have requested to close the following road(s) to carry out works to their apparatus, this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has now been Issued.

Locations: Road from Luxulyan Road to Cornhill Road. Road from Bodelva Road to Trenowah Road and Cornhill Road.

Timing: 20th April 2015 to 15th May 2015 (24 hours weekends included)

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

CORMAC Solutions Ltd have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus

Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

Location: Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 25th April 2015 to 30th April 2015 (24 hours weekends included)

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

CORMAC Solutions Ltd have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus. Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

Location: Par Moor Road and Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 11th May 2015 to 12th May 2015 (1900 to 0700 hours)

The Chairman used her Allowance to buy the retiring Canon Malcolm Bowers a gift, he has written a letter of thanks.

A cheque has been sent to Help for Heroes from the sale of "A Brief Biography of the St Blazey War Dead" for £123.11, a letter of Thanks has been received.

## 1504/14 PLANNING MATTERS

There has been eight planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to seven of them.

PA15/01671	115 bed sustainable accommodation. Land South of Vounder Farm Garker St Austell
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- PA15/02059 Proposed installation of solar arrays supporting a maximum installed capacity of 64.25Wp and associated infrastructure for the purpose of testing and research of smart solar technologies on an area of unused low grade land on the rim of the Eden Project pit.  
The Eden Project  
Bodelva
- PA15/02481 Erection of ancillary garden centre and provision of ancillary in-store café (up to 190msq).  
Stadium Retail Park.  
Par Moor Road  
St Blazey
- PA15/03017 Modification of Condition 11 of PA13/03729 to relocate the A1 leisure sales in a different part of the market.  
Stadium Retail Park.  
Par Moor Road  
St Blazey
- PA15/03501 Erection of a conservatory.  
Trenovissick Farm  
The Mount  
St Blazey
- PA15/02998 The erection of three entrance canopies and changes to the market façade including the installation of new windows and weather boarding.  
Stadium Retail Park.  
Par Moor Road  
St Blazey
- PA15/03610 Subdivision of dwelling into two smaller letting properties.  
31 Bridge Street  
St Blazey

Comment – We are concerned about the lack of amenity space and would request the planning officer visits the site before making a decision.

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT To;-

- PA15/03395 Conversion of retail building to a three bedroomed detached dwelling.  
Land and Stores to the rear of the Furniture Cellar.  
Station Road.  
St Blazey

The property is on a flood plain adjacent to a river.  
The current build has no mains water supply or no foul drainage and so the proposed build would put undue pressure onto the existing drainage and sewerage system.

We do not believe that it is acceptable for the occupants to remain in the upstairs of the property during a flooding episode.

Results Received.

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| PA15/00750 | Erection of detached 2 bedroomed dwelling<br>39 Polgover Way<br>St Blazey<br>REFUSED  |
| PA15/00768 | Proposal for a new detached 3 bedroomed tow storey dwelling<br>and associated works on land adjacent to :-<br>Belle Vue<br>Biscovey Road<br>St Blazey Gate<br>REFUSED   |
| PA15/01067 | Outline with all matters reserved: - The construction of two<br>dormer dwellings.<br>Land South East of Pine Trees<br>Sea View Terrace<br>St Blazey<br>APPROVED   |
| PA15/01667 | Change of use from D2 to A3 (café).<br>Stadium Retail Park.<br>Par Moor Road<br>St Blazey<br>APPROVED   |
| PA14/09293 | Proposed Parking Space<br>40 Rose Hill<br>St Blazey<br>APPROVED   |
| PA15/02809 | Discharge of conditions 3 & 4 of PA14/05766 for listed<br>building consent application for proposed roof renewal to all<br>elevations.<br>Par Inn<br>Harbour Road<br>St Blazey<br>S52/S106 discharge of Conditions<br>Not Consulted |

1504/15 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Council discussed increasing the hire charges at Alexander Hall but decided not to at this time.

1504/16 ACCOUNTS

April 15

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	485.00
Interest	
High Deposit	
Precept	37,000.00
CTS Grant	5,124.47

**Expenditure**

Broadband	38.17
UK Fuels	35.45
Insurance	195.87
HMRC	1141.13
CC (pen)	465.39
Clerks Sal	1350.98
Clerks pen adj	112.80
Wardens Wage	545.67
Eclipse	14.38
PD Hire	22.00
Travis Perkins	25.54
Chair All	52.39
Help for Heroes	123.11
CALC	1499.24
EDF (foun)	57.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	78.50
EON	59.00
Cleaners Wage	105.20
Chubb (parts)	12.78
Chubb	118.66
CIS	41.83
Window Cl	57.00
Elec H&S	405.00
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	51.40
Warden	30.00

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42,609.47

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6,638.49

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1504/17 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillors Miller and Wheeler attended the Community Network Panel meeting on Monday and were informed that the capacity for wind turbines in Cornwall is near its limit. There is still scope for smaller individual wind turbines but the limit has been reached for wind farms with multiple turbines. In the same way solar farms may be a problem but domestic solar panels are still ok.

Applications for planning can still be put and must still be considered regardless of the technical problem of actually linking them to the grid. The National Grid are committed to link up all existing approved turbines but may not agree to link up new projects even if they get planning permission. So if an application is put in Cornwall Council needs to consider it on the applications planning merits rather than on whether it is practical or not.

Councillor Putt informed the Council that he is now a member of St Blazey Town Team.

1504/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.