

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 25th April 2019.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, T Chapman, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Pearce, K Simms &
J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
L Pyle – Ocean Housing
B Clarke – Resident

Before the meeting began, Mr Clarke spoke against planning application PA19/01979 which he believes is too close to his property.

1904/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillor S Ford.

1904/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th March 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1904/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1904/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1903/04 The Clerk has yet to hear from PBBL after requesting a meeting with them.

1904/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave Pearce told the council that the floor had been tiled in the public toilets. All grass cutting is up to date and the work on the LMP footpaths has begun.

The Clerk and Warden looked at the lock up premises that Councillor Pearce kindly offered to house a sit on lawn mower however, when visiting St Austell Garden Machinery we were informed of a lawn mower that could be purchased for under

£1,100 that has a 223cc engine and a 30 inch cutting blade. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the larger machine be purchased, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal and all the Councillors agreed.

1904/06 **PRESENTATION BY LOUISE PYLE FROM OCEAN HOUSING REGARDING THE POLGREANE DEVELOPMENT**

Louise Pyle told the Council that Ocean Housing were aiming to have the planning application by the end of May after many months of consultation events which began last June. The first phase of the development is in Polgrean and they have had to rehouse the residents of the 30 flats and currently there are just 5 flats inhabited. The second phase is those housed in the flats towards Landreath Place. The 66 flats will be replaced with 60 new homes.

Phase 1 includes a block of 16 flats for the elderly which will have some additional facilities like a communal lounge and a lift but they will still be able to live independently.

Phase 3 which is the redevelopment of the Landreath shops and the current community centre will only be started after the first two phases have been completed.

1904/07 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale CIC moved on April Fools day! The added space has helped immensely. The good weather is just around the corner, and it is hoped to do some pop up workshops, teaching people how to look after and service their pushbikes.

Councillor Anderson and I attended an update meeting with Ocean Housing and saw the plans for the new development. Nearly all the flats are empty now, residents rehoused and future plans all but ready to go.

I was pleased to attend Grow St Blazey's water garden event at Wyevale and was pleased to be able to talk to people about the STaRR project and the exciting possibilities it could bring to our area.

John Gronwalt and I had a meeting with the Highways portfolio holder Geoff Brown, about the water retention outside the cottages near the traffic lights.

Whilst I had Cllr Brown's attention, I took him to the junction near the Burrows to highlight the lack of drains on Trenovissick Road which causes rain water to engulf the pavement meaning that in wet weather, school children were having to cross the road twice.

I attended the Fowey Community stakeholder workshop this week to discuss future plans for Fowey Hospital and services available in the surrounding area.

Although the discussion was positive, I sincerely hope that there will be some action, not just another talking shop.

As you will all know, some graves in Rosehill Cemetery were vandalised. This concerned me, more because those affected vented on Facebook, yet no one contacted the Police! I spoke to someone concerned and stated, if incidents like this aren't

reported, they go unknown to the Police. I would like to say once again, Facebook is not the first place to report a crime. By not reporting incidents in a proper manner, the likelihood of police presence being stepped up in St Blazey is zero.

As you know that our recycling lock up was broken into last month. Over the Easter holidays many of the boys came in to do some restorative justice. The boys were polite, industrious and interested when I told them what the shop does and its importance. Several said they enjoyed working in the shop, and hopefully they will think twice in the future before vandalising anything.

1904/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

At The April Full Council meeting I brought forward a motion along with Cllr Mustoe of Mevagissey regarding Better Beach Management, asking that Cornwall Council takes urgent steps to produce a new, up to date, costed and funded Beach Management Strategy. Cornwall Council manage 86 beaches in Cornwall, Par Beach being one but the Council's last beach management strategy ran from 2011 to 2015 therefore there is no beach management strategy in place.

Recently I met with MP Steve Double and representatives from the Office for National Statistics asking to have 'Cornish' as a tick box option on the next census

I met with, Imerys to discuss the World War II Pill Box at Spit Beach which is in desperate need of repair and is really starting to show its age. A hugely important part of our local history, for all its beauty, is beginning to become unsafe and a slight eyesore. Imerys have suggested that I do something to bring it back to life, whether that's in its current form or in a new form. I am therefore looking in to what could be done to this piece of local history and any help and suggestions would be warmly welcome.

I was in the St Austell Voice a couple of weeks ago talking about the state of some of the empty homes in St Blazey. I completely understand residents and nearby neighbours' concerns. It is clear to me that Cornwall Council are not robust enough when it comes to neglected and untidy sites. At a time where we have around 20,000 people in need of a home in Cornwall, I feel Cornwall Council should use its ability to compulsory purchase a property to bring it back in to use for a family if the property owners are not willing to cooperate and every avenue has been exhausted

Along with Cornwall Councillor Giles, St Blazey Town Councillors Anderson and Moore, I attended the EA/GrowStBlazey event at Wyvale a couple of weeks ago. A fantastic event showing us the real positive effects rain gardens could have on our community as part of the STARR project. We may even have the opportunity at the upcoming public exhibition to do a live demonstration and an example of a rain garden here at the back of the Community Rooms.

On Sunday myself, PL24 in Bloom and PL24 Community Association will be over at our PL24 Nature Reserve on Par Moor for an Action Day. It would be great to see some new faces and everyone is welcome to join us to lend a hand. We will be over there from 10:00 – 14:00 and parking is at the Spit Beach Car Park.

I won't be having my councillor surgery in May, if anyone needs me they can just email me or phone me.

1904/09 **EOY ACCOUNTS**

The Council all agreed and approved:-

The Council have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of accounting statements.

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

The Council have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.

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 statements.

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2018/19 to the council. Councillor Nethercott proposed that they be accepted, Councillor R Taylor seconded, all the council agreed and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £269,218 into the new financial year. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	69,218
Community Centre (purchase) -	200,000

Algaard Renshaw, our internal auditors gave our accounts approval and no issues were identified.

1904/10 TRAIL BLASER PARK

Zip Wire – The Clerk has received two estimates for the digging out and relaying the area beneath. The quotes are £2800 for membrane that grass will grow through and £3,000 for rubber matting. Councillor Pearce proposed that we accept the quote for membrane, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk is still awaiting formal quotes for replacement seats for the tyre swing, zip wire seat, toddler swing and flat swings.

The clerk will wait for these works to be completed before obtaining quotes to replace the see-saw.

The signage has been replaced.

The other work, weed treatment and surface cleaning is still outstanding.

The Clerk met with a contractor on site to get quotes for sandblasting the seats but was told this would be a greater cost than replacing the furniture.

The Clerk has installed new locks for the gate between Julian Foye and the park.

1904/11 PROJECT LIST**New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –**

Matt Dixon, Project Manager sent the following report:

Despite the requirement for the building contractors to spend a few days working on the temporary repairs following the vehicle damage, progress has been good with the main build, and at this early stage is in line with the expectations.

Within the period the contractor has also created the temporary pedestrian walkway which was not planned prior to commencement. Other small variations are the requirement for vision panels to be in the new doors between the existing hall and the new room (Building Control requirement), flashing warning beacon inside the disable toilet to be linked into the fire alarm system (Building Control requirement), knock off a small amount of concrete from the original foundations that was beneath the ground but in the way and knock off the sloping blue plinth bricks from ground level on what is currently the outside of the end wall but will be inside the new room (these weren't showing on the drawings but will need to be removed to keep the walls flush and the doors working as drawn). At this stage these are comfortably within the range of the contingency that was allowed. There is no reason at this point to suggest that the project will not come in within budget.

The bulk excavation is now complete and new clean hardcore is being laid and compacted ready for the positioning of the steel reinforcement, drainage will be positioned prior to laying of concrete.

Cornwall Council Building Control officer has made her first visit to site and has no concerns. The next visit is scheduled for an inspection of the steel reinforcing prior to laying of concrete.

SW Water & Western Power will be notified by the contractor when they are required on site to complete their works.

The contractor has made an interim application for payment and Huers Construction Consultancy first stage payment has been invoiced. Councilors agreed payment.

Happy Days nursery have raised a concern regarding the fire escape route for staff using the kitchen, should they not be able to escape through the main entrance doors. The Burrows Directors have said that they should use the exit gate to the left of the kitchen rather than the right.

The next site progress meeting takes place at the end of May and a report will be made available for discussion in time for the council meeting on Thursday 30th May. In the meantime we will continue with regular supervisory visits to site every 2-3 days and raise any issues that require attention with the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore gave an update from the NP meeting on Thursday 16.4.19. The deadline agreed for submitting the SEA version of the NDP is the end of May. Councillor Moore will be responsible for most of the actions in terms of supplying details of heritage etc.

James from CRCC will review all the policies and will add them into the document, before Jenny makes any changes to the actual document.

Parish History & Context - needs your local input.

St Blaise NDP Process (Section 3) – Councillor Jenny Moore to provide web-links.

Vision & Objectives (Section 4) - First objective (housing – more text needed).

Policies Overview (Section 5) -

Heritage Policies (No. 3) - Review heritage list and add reason for each.

Natural Environment Policies (No. 4) - Add in seascape.

Economic Policies (No. 5) James to action

Community Policies (No. 6 Green Space) -Review open spaces list and add reason for each one.

Community Policies (No. 7 Footpaths and Access) – Add Map.

Infrastructure Policies (No. 10/11/ & 12) -James to insert maps/figure references.

1904/12 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Cornwall Rural Community Council have told us that Cornwall Council have received a last-minute cash injection from the government to help smarten up high streets. Funding of up to £2000 is available to support community-led activity that will help make our public spaces look better.

The TC waste and recycling committee met earlier and discussed this, Councillor Pearce proposed that we apply for funding, Councillor Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk has heard from Crantock PC regarding the funding that was given to them for their judicial review, they would like to clarify that at no stage of the process did they withdraw, they followed the complete Judicial Review process but unfortunately the judge made the decision that we could not proceed to a final hearing. Therefore, it is not that the review did not proceed, we simply did not win the case.

The final costs have now been reconciled. The total cost of the action was £41797.60 (net), £36797.60 solicitor fees, £5000 were the costs awarded, £3000 to Kingsley and £2000 to Cornwall Council. The Parish Council managed to raise enough money to cover these costs but unfortunately, there was no surplus in order to refund any of our supporters.

Councillor Chapman left the meeting.

1904/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been four planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

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| PA19/03137 | Proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
Central Processing Unit
Eden Project
Bodelva |
| PA19/02662 | Proposed fodder store and stable/tack room.
Land at Dakara
Bodelva |
| PA19/02956 | Proposed utility and bedroom with en-suite extension.
11 Meadow Drive
St Blazey |

It was RESOLVED TO OBJECT to:-

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| PA19/01979 | Removal of existing garage building and proposed construction of three-bedroomed detached bungalow, utilising part of the existing large garden and orchards, with extended access drive(over part of the demolished garage), turning and parking facilities.
Land North West of Orchards
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate |
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We have no objection to the build, but we feel that the proposed construction could be moved to reduce impact on the neighbouring property.

Results Received

PA19/00942 Land adjacent to Penarwyn House
 Pentour, St Austell Road
 St Blazey
 REFUSED

1904/15 **ALEXANDER HALL REPORT**

The PAT testing has been carried out.

1904/16 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk has contacted the police regarding their alarm which was activated on Tuesday for no reason but we do not know how to turn it off for instructions.

1904/17 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	812.00
Interest	
High Deposit Int	
Com room Income	
Precept	43,750.00
CTS Grant	2,327.89
Plant Donation	30.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1490.11
Wardens Wage	637.00
Broadband	37.00
UK Fuels	38.01
Insurance	183.27
HMRC	730.89
CC (pen)	511.32
CALC mem'ship	1896.55
SLCC mem'ship	196.00
Biffa	253.97
EDF (foun)	139.04
Wisdom Signs	186.00
Huers	3000.00
AD Williams	24470.07
Walter Bailey	20.60
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	241.00
Cleaners Wage	61.30
Chubb (parts)	13.98
EDF (Elec)	66.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	64.00
Chubb (int)	130.13
<u>PC</u>	
CC Bus Rates	54.08
Locking	30.00
Cleaning	36.00
EDF	13.00

Harrowe Const	1364.11
TileWorld	977.68
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	100.83
EDF	71.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1904/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson believes that St Blaise Town Council does not promote itself as well as it should and asked the Councillors to consider how we could improve this.

Councillor Moore attended the Creating great green spaces at Heartlands yesterday and would like Craig Handford to speak to St Blaise Town Council. The Clerk will write inviting him to a future meeting.

Councillor Moore told the council that the Environment Agency will be holding a consultation event at St Blazey Football Club on May 22nd.

Councillor J Taylor told the Council that the footpath which runs from Grove Road up to Carveor Moor which has large stones underneath the bank that had fallen into the river. This was reported to Cornwall Council but had not been dealt with apart from a warning notice. The footpath has now been diverted further into the field so that it is safe to walk.

1904/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30th May 2019 at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28 pm.