

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held electronically on Thursday 29th April 2021.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, K Simms & J Taylor

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
Gitty Ankers - CRCFF
Molly Flynn - CRCFF

2104/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Pearce, T Chapman & A Seel.

2104/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th March 2021 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2104/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2104/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

2104/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Trail Blazer Park had its Annual Inspection on April 21st with the Warden in attendance, there were major faults found. The main findings are:-

Group swing:

Tyre seat severely damaged around one suspension mount and wearing significantly around another. Advice -Replace seat RA 16 – The Clerk has already instructed Cormac to make repairs to the suspension mechanism and has asked for a quote for a new tyre.

The Warden has cut the tyre and chains off to stop all usage until repairs are made.

Cable runway:

Heavy corrosion / perforation on the cable mount casing, the inspector could not determine whether this has any effect on the structural integrity of the mounts and the internal components could not be accessed to carry out an assessment on their condition.

Inspect mount and internal components to ensure continued structural integrity, replace any compromised components. 15 (based on the fact it can't be told the extent or effect on structural integrity). The Clerk has asked Cormac to quote for repairs

Dave has carried out the weekly play inspections on Deeble Drive and Trailblazer Park and cut the grass. All other grass cutting and strimming is up to date. At Penarwyn on the area to the north of the play equipment which had to be strimmed, Dave removed the litter but there were dirty nappies that he will not remove.

2104/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COMMUNITY FLOOD FORUM**

Gitty Ankers who is the new Chair of Cornwall Community Flood Forum told the Councillors that they were formed in 2010 as a result of the November flooding that year although not established until 2012 and gained charitable status in 2015. The forum was set up to support communities with flood plans, warden training, sourcing finance and any other ways that could help communities during severe flooding. They will also assist 21 current flood groups and any new ones with flood plan testing.

Gitty was born in Iran and came to England in 1979, moved to Cornwall in 1983 where she first worked for Cornwall Council and then the Environment Agency and retired in 2020. Gitty loves the County and has a vast knowledge of problems that flooding can cause.

CCFF holds an Annual conference on the 1st Friday of November each year which is open to everybody and produces two newsletters each year. The group has 14 trustees and 1 employee, Molly Flynn, who spends half her working time with flood groups and the other half on pathfinder.

Molly Flynn has been working with Cornwall Council on the Pathfinder Project and Property Flood Resilience (PFR) which includes Resistance -keeping floodwaters out and Resilience- getting owners back in their properties. The project was supposed to run from September 2019 to March 2021 but has been extended to September 2021. They will be running a Virtual workshop on July 6th which is open to all to register go to www.befloodready.uk

2104/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I would like to take the opportunity tonight to reflect on four busy years as St Blazey's Cornwall Councillor. The community has played a big part in my term as the Cornwall Councillor, whether it was judging the Easter bonnets for the over 60s, making pom-poms for a Guinness Book of Records attempt, litter picking or judging the Par Carnival, it has been a huge honour.

My project to get the recycling shop up and running and seeing the massive impact it has had on hundreds of residents, has been humbling however in between it all, there have been pot holes, speeding, dog poo and a huge amount of casework, much of which no one knows about due to its confidentiality and many meetings.

We are now seeing the StARR project coming to fruition, the Polgrean flats have disappeared and are currently being replaced with new houses. I am pleased to see funding secured for new play equipment for two of St Blazey's parks and have in place funding for a pedestrian crossing at Middleway.

Through Covid I arranged lockdown quizzes, food boxes, children's cookery classes and supplied furniture to those who needed it when all the shops were closed. I have enjoyed making a difference to my community and want to thank those in St Blazey who have helped me in the past four years. A special mention to the Mayor, June Anderson who no matter what was going on, attended, assisted and has done St Blazey proud.

I would like to remind you all that St Austell HWRC (dump) has now commenced its Wednesday late opening until 6pm, and will continue until 6 August.

2104/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Here we are four years on – my last St Blaise Town Council meeting before the elections next week, and our last meeting before I step aside. I cannot believe how fast the past four years have gone. I was elected as a fresh faced 20 year old, and leave with a beard and having found my first grey hair last week.

In all seriousness, this is a sad day me, but one which we knew was coming. As we all know, from next Thursday Cornwall Council will be reducing the number of councillors from 123 to 87. This is nothing to do with a councillor's performance, it is simply the re-drawing of lines on a map. I am upset that I am one of the casualties. From Thursday – The Mount, Biscovey, St Blazey Gate and everything in between will go in to one big St Blazey division.

In those four years we have achieved so much, by working together. From day one I have been committed to making a positive difference in this area. I have well and truly loved every day so far. It has been the greatest privilege of my life.

As a Councillor my style has been very much hands on. I like to roll my sleeves up, get involved and make a difference. I hope I have shown that.

We have known this day was coming for a while, but I continued to fight for this area right until the end. Recent success in the last couple of months alone include the works on the coastal path to Spit Beach, and the money secured for active travel on Par Moor.

From next week it will be onto the next chapter, whatever that may be. My time may have been cut short but I genuinely believe I can look back and say I made this area a better place than it was when I started. There is still much more to be done but we have made great progress.

Everything we have achieved would not have been possible without the help and support of the local community. We've had exceptional highs and certainly some lows, but I couldn't have done it without you. A big thank you specifically to Gaynor and Dave, but also to June – for her support and friendship over the past four years. Thanks to fellow councillors for their hard work and support.

I will be forever grateful to everyone who put their trust in me four years ago. I hope they feel it was a vote well used.

Regardless of your politics my aim was to be committed, compassionate and approachable. I hope I stood by that.

I wish all of you, the next council and all those who I currently represent, the very best for the future. Perhaps one day we will get the chance to work together again.

2104/09 **ADOPTION OF MARCH 2021 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Cornwall Council have sent a new code of conduct for Councillors which they have asked us to adopt. Since being received the Clerk has had an e-mail from Cornwall Association of Local Council and been informed that they have raised a number of questions about the changes and more particularly where the code no longer reflects the differences between unitary and local council members.

The Council agreed that they would wait until further advice is received before adopting the new code.

The key issues relate to the training requirement, declarations of gifts and hospitality, authority for actions as individual members and some numbering issues.

2104/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Cornwall Council have sent the Clerk many messages of services that they will be cutting however all have been diverted to us already...

2104/11 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONTROL OF MONEY**

The current system ensures that a Councillor should scrutinise all cash processes, verifies all orders, purchases and payments. A Councillor should scrutinise all purchase processes and a person independent of the process to verify the transaction. A Councillor should scrutinise all General Ledger processes and a person independent of the process to check all transactions. .

Investments and Treasury – A Councillor should initiate investment transactions and reviews and approves investment transactions.

Councillor R Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2104/12 REVIEW OF ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY

The clerk distributed the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy. Councillor T Nethercott proposed that the current document be accepted, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2104/13 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The clerk distributed the Standing Orders. Councillor T Nethercott proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor R Chamberlain seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2104/14 EOY 20-21 ACCOUNTS

The Council all agreed and approved:-

The Council have prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Council made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.

The Council has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices.

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

The Council has considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and 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 this authority.

The Council has 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 if relevant.

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2020/21 to the Council. Councillor R Taylor proposed that they be accepted, Councillor R Chamberlain seconded, all the council agreed and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £180,755.40 into the new financial year. £700 belongs to Emergency/Flood group and £17500 belongs to Burrows Centre Ltd. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Our actual balance is £162,555.40

New Play Equipment	50,000.00
Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	50,000.00
To build up Reserves	-
	62,555.40

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

2104/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore told the Council that she would be unable to make further progress until the Town Vitality Funding Application had been completed.

Play Area Update

Deeble Drive - The Warden went to Deeble Drive to do the weekly inspection on April 12th where a lot of the safety surfacing had been dug out. The Clerk went later to look at the damage and was informed by a dog walker that the damage had been made by two adult men.

Penarwyn Green – The new play equipment is due to be installed from May 17th.

Polgover Way – A constitution has not been received from the Roselyon Residents Group. Councillor Pearce sent around the notes from their meeting of March 30th where they have asked for a Budget. Councillors agreed a budget but said that this figure is not to be disclosed until the constitution has been received by the Town Council. RT/TN

Also in the notes was a comment that a nearby resident would like work to a tree, the Clerk asked Councillor Pearce to get in contact with the Council. Councillor Pearce told the Council that the residents group have had an engineer's report from Hi-Spec Engineering Ltd stating that a lot of the equipment is repairable. The group ask that the Town Council think about options to advertise the old equipment to those that might be able to reuse it in another play area. The Councillors discussed this but due to any safety implications that would fall on the TC if anything happened after we sold/gave it away was a risk not worth taking.

Councillors discussed when progress at the park might be seen and decided that we would ask for an update of their plans with real ideas for the meeting in June 21.

2104/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 para 7 (Annual Assembly or Annual Parish meeting) stipulates that in an election year the Annual meeting must be held within 14 days of the election. The Annual Meeting will be held on May 20th 2021.

The Annual Assembly which must be held between 1st March and 1st June will be held on the same evening.

As we do not have sufficient candidates for the number of seats on our Town Council we will make arrangements to co-opt new members at our first meeting after the 6th May 2021 which will be May 20th. We do have enough Councillors to make our council quorate for meetings.

There will not be a meeting on May 27th 2021.

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

Location: Par Moor Road and Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 17th May 2021 to 19th May 2021 (19:00 to 06:00 hours daily)

The Clerk told the Councillors that a lawn mower and trailer had been purchased, the lawn mower was delivered two weeks ago but the trailer only arrived yesterday and today the van had been fitted with a tow hook.

The speed camera has been put up in Station Road, the Clerk has had criticism of its positioning and has explained that Highways would only let us put it where it will not flash into homes at that end of the road and if it is effective another will be placed at the other end.

The Councillors believe that as 96.68% of incoming (23947 cars) and 93.42% (20515cars) of outgoing traffic is below the speed, the cameras may be doing some good and all agreed that if they don't have the desired effect of reducing speed we will have evidence to take to Highways.

2104/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| PA21/03208 | Proposed domestic garage with hobbies room over and kitchen, utility, bedroom and games room extension.
Rievaulx
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate |
| PA21/03258 | Demolition of existing garage/store and erection of single storey rear extension
19 Meadow Drive
Par |
| PA21/03752 | Construction of a single-storey side extension
30 Ash Grove
St Blazey |

A21/03306 Erection of a single detached dwelling.
Land at No1 Southview Road
St Blazey

PA21/03433 Certificate of Lawfulness for Lawful development certificate
for the works to re-align a short stretch of the private road
affected. The design minimise the works by effectively sliding
the road over the width of half one carriageway locally to the
slip area.
The Eden Project
Bodelva

It was REOLVED to object to:-

PA21/02675 Hybrid application comprising full planning permission for
Altitude Snow Park and associated parking and access and
outline planning permission for additional car parking and play
area for Biscovey School and six self-build residential plots
with access only considered and all other matters reserved.
Land North East of Crinnis Farm
Par Moor Road
St Blazey

There are historic mines in the area that we do not believe they are fully covered in
the application.

We are concerned testing of soil which is potentially contaminated by heavy metal
materials (principally arsenic, copper and tin) and other historical mining waste. The
paperwork discusses the probability and consequence but we see no sample testing
results.

The mining history shown is considerable. This presents risks of ground failure,
water access to redundant mine workings and contaminated outflow at currently
unknown locations. Ground disturbance increases the risks.

We believe the plans are unsuitable for a residential area.

We are concerned about light pollution and noise pollution.

The local infrastructure is not capable of supporting the application.

2104/18 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE
ANDERSON HALL**

Yoga has returned to JA and AH and it is hoped that more will return after May 17th.

2104/19 ACCOUNTS**April 21****Payments Received**

Precept	50,000.00
Interest	0.52
High Deposit Int	17.68
LMP	430.71
CTS Grant	1,816.04
Grant	8,000.00
Park Devolution	640.00
Burrows	429.17
VAT refund	4,287.47

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65,621.59

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1590.37
Wardens Wage	664.13
Broadband	23.95
UK Fuels	73.71
Insurance	208.25
HMRC	841.80
CC (Pen)	582.19
SWW (foun)	
Electric (foun)	26.61
Wardens Tools	67.85
Stationery	177.77
St Austell GM	2249.00
CALC	2142.82
Westward Bld Soc	75.00
E-bay	9.99
Elan-city	2266.80
Burrows Electric	714.98
SLCC	208.00
Kompan	12,518.40
Printerland	1,121.90
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	14.76
Corona (Elec)	58.80
SWW	21.50
Cleaners Wage	45.60
Intruder Alarm	144.05
Cleaning Mats	
Gas	77.68
Gas Safety Cert	45.00
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	54.12
Locking	30.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	82.71
Business Rates	99.43
Water	
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	262.17
Business Rates	1164.33

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27,663.67

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2104/20 TOWN BUSINESS

Mayor June Anderson thanked Councillor Jenny Taylor for her hard work over the years as she has chosen not to stand in next week's election.

Councillor Jenny Moore said that she had been working hard with FANAG and the Town Vitality application and would update us further as her work progressed.

Councillor Chamberlain told the Council that the PL24 magazine would need articles for the next issue by May 14th. He had been working with a Councillor from a nearby parish and they will be organising street cleans, Spit Beach is on the list but would welcome other suggestions.

2104/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 20th May 2021 at 7.00pm at Alexander Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.51 pm.