

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 24th April 2008
at 7.30pm.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

D Scrafton, D Hooper, D Goddard, M Gill & G Miller

In attendance: Borough Councillor Taylor
Town Clerk

0804/01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Heyward, Councillor Allen, Councillor Seel and Borough Councillor Bull.

0804/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2008 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0804/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no other declarations of interest on items on the Agenda, Councillor Anderson had visited the Eden Project and declared this as a gift of a value greater than £25.

0804/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0801/10 Councillor Anderson has summarised the Draft Clay Area Strategy and the Draft St Austell & St Blazey Area Strategy in a report, this has been distributed to all the Councillors and will be discussed at next months meeting.

Minute 0803/07 Councillor Scrafton asked if a reply had been received from RBC regarding our refusal to join the Area Action Group, the Clerk has not received a response and will follow this through.

0804/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

James Ward introduced himself as the new Police Community Support Officer.

Mar2008

	Crimes Detected		Crimes Detected	
Assault	6	1	Vehicle Crime	2
Theft	3	0	Theft of M/V	2
Damage	5	0	Burglary Dwelling	2
Burglary other	0	0	Drugs	0
Other	2	2		

TOTAL	22	3		

April2008

	Crimes Detected		Crimes Detected	
Assault	4	3	Vehicle Crime	10
Theft	2	1	Theft of M/V	0
Damage	2	1	Burglary Dwelling	0
Burglary other	2	0	Drugs	2
Other	2	2		

TOTAL	24	9		

0804/06 **TALK BY SALLY LEWIS FROM THE ONE CORNWALL TEAM**

Sally Lewis gave an overview of the work of the One Cornwall Team so far. Data from the surveys are being compiled and will be distributed to all Parish and Town Councils in the next few weeks. The Implementation Executive have submitted a scheme based on 130 members of a new Council which will be reviewed by the Boundary Commission.

The new community network committee will be headed by the elected members with the second layer being made up of town and parish councillors and a lower level will be consulted on delivery.

The current Parish Charter will be replaced with a Local Charter and we can expect to see a discussion document in October. The new charter will establish the relationship between the new council and the existing town and parish councils.

Assets will transfer from the County and District Councils to the new unitary authority on 1.4.2009. Training packages will be available from Plymouth University and the South West Centre for Lifelong Learning for local Councils to educate

themselves on maintaining these assets. Once the asset register is available, Councils will be able to put a business case forward to take on delivery of these services.

0804/07 **TALK BY ROB BEALE FROM FOURWAYS YOUTH CLUB**

Rob Beale told the Council that a mobile unit will be in the Par/St Blazey area for a 4 week period and asked the Council on areas that they would like to see the unit visit. The Council suggested Lamellyn Road, The running track, Spit Beach and the Bunny Field. He explained that the idea was not just to encourage attendance of the Youth Club but moral welfare was also a concern.

Councillors will attend an evening at Par Running Track on Friday 18.7.08.

0804/08 **BOROUGH ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

Councillor Taylor apologised for being late and explained that he had attended the inaugural meeting of CATS (Community Action Through Sport) meeting, he asked if a member of St Blaise Town Council would be prepared to join the committee and Councillor Scrafton volunteered.

Councillor Taylor had attended a meeting of the One Cornwall Implementation Team earlier in the day where the restructuring of services at borough level had been discussed, county services have not yet been considered.

Councillor Taylor referred to Draft Clay Area Strategy and the Draft St Austell & St Blazey Area Strategy where St Blazey is not considered a deprived area. He has provided documentation to the contrary which the Clerk will distribute to each of the Councillors.

Councillor Taylor asked the Council their views of the presentation of the future of Par Driers. Most Councillors liked what they had seen but didn't expect to see in change for at least 10 years.

0804/09 **QUALITY STATUS**

The Clerk asked the Council for funding to contract a web designer to build a web site for the Council as a web site is a mandatory criteria for Quality Status. The Council RESOLVED that the Clerk proceed.

0804/10 **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS**

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR 2007/08

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2007/08 to the council. Councillor Scrafton proposed that they be accepted, Councillor Goddard seconded and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £104.779 into the new financial year. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	40,000
Community Centre (purchase) -	40,000
Repair and maintenance of the Town Car Park -	20,000

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 controls and accepted responsibility for safeguarding public money and reviewed its effectiveness.

The Council have taken all reasonable steps to comply with law.

The Council have assessed all risks to public money and given all interested persons the opportunity to inspect the accounts. The accounts have been advertised for public inspection.

The Council have carried out a risk assessment, considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the council and taken appropriate action. An internal auditor has been appointed.

We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council's accounting records and control systems and carried out a review of its effectiveness.

All previous issues raised by the auditors have been addressed.

The Council conclude that there are no potentially damaging hidden issues.

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

0804/11 **WAR DEAD PUBLICATION**

Councillor Miller has completed his research into the St Blazey War Dead and is currently investigating the best way for it to be viewed or published. He will look into how many copies would be needed if published and thought that a link through the Councils web-site would be beneficial.

0804/12 **PROJECT LIST**

Bus Shelters – The shelter outside Doubletrees School has been installed, the Clerk will start seeking the permission necessary to install a new bus shelter outside Kemutec.

Proposed St Blazey Festival – The Clerk gave the Council an out-line of planned events.

Town Car Park – Due to the absence of Councillor Putt the matter was deferred to next month.

0804/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk read the a Road Traffic Regulation to take place in St Andrews Road,, ST BLAZEY from 19TH May 2008 for 1 Week for WATER MAINS WORK

The Clerk read the a Road Traffic Regulation to take place on the road from Carne Cross to the junction south west of Wheal Par, Carne Cross, ST BLAZEY from 14TH July 2008 for 1 Week for ACCESS TO OVERHEAD PLANT TO RESTORE SERVICE.

Councillor Putt will represent the Town Council at the Citizen Awards ceremony on Wednesday 30th April.

May Whetter & Grose have written asking for final bids on the Old Sunday School as the highest bidder has recently revised his offer following a change in the clawback provision. The Council decided that due to the transfer of property assets that may be available with the introduction of the unitary authority, now was not a good time to consider a major purchase.

Snowlands have invited the Council to an Open Day on Friday 23rd May 2008, Councillor Anderson will attend.

A resident has written to the Clerk with their concerns over planning application 08/00503, the Council noted and sympathised and will respond accordingly.

A resident has written that Highways were due to re-surface Par Moor but due to the work being undertaken would now only fill in the pot holes. The Clerk has spoken to Highways and the work has been post-poned not cancelled,

0804/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There had been four planning application received. It was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

08/00401	TPO
R Heyward	Ash crown reduction to old trimming point. 161 Old Roselyon Road St Blazey
08/00431	Full Planning
J Anderson	New windows, car port and lean to shed. 9 Old Roselyon Road

St Blazey

- 08/00514
A Seel
Full Planning Major
Repositioning of Gospel Hall
Land off Par Moor Road
Biscovey
- 08/00564
A Seel
Full Planning / Change of Use
Change from takeaway to Café & takeaway
Shop 2, 5 St Austell Road
St Blazey

Planning Application results received

- 07/01600
Full Planning – Proposed 4 bed roomed house with garage.
Plot 2B adjacent to Uplands, The Mount, Par.
GRANT PERMISSION
- 07/01935
Full Planning – Proposed 4 bed roomed house with garage.
Plot 2A, Uplands, The Mount, Par.
GRANT PERMISSION
- 08/00098
Full Planning – Remove Conservatory & erect extension.
173 Old Roselyon Road, St Blazey.
GRANT PERMISSION
- 08/00175
Full Planning – Installation of replacement pipe.
Wheal Rashleigh to Walden Pond, Prideaux Road..
GRANT PERMISSION
- 08/00294
Full Planning – Construction of garage.
Greenacres, Cornhill Road.
GRANT PERMISSION

0804/15 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk has purchased a new microwave.

0804/16 **ACCOUNTS**

Income

Expenditure

Hall Bookings	565.50	3/08	Insurance	120.24
Interest	250.91	3/08	C Tax	79.05
Hall Bookings	1370.00		Water	40.50
CCC	2544.89		EDF	37.00
			Broadband	17.99
			Inland Revenue	121.48
			CCC	213.11
			Clerks Salary	1023.00
			Cleaner	88.32
			Viking	116.84
			SLCC	52.88
			SLCC	129.00
			Audit	240.00
			Notice Board Repair	70.00

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The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller has contacted Lloyds TSB and been advised of an account that invests money for two months at a higher rate of interest, it is up to the customer to diarise. The Council RESOLVED to invest £50,000 into this account but two of the current signatories will advise the Clerk of their approval each time the arrangement is reviewed.

0804/17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be 29th May 08 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.16pm.