

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 27th August 2009**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

M Gill, D Hooper, A Putt & G Miller

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
12 Members of the public

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman expressed her condolences to the family of William Howell who was a St Blaise Councillor from 1991 to 2002.

0908/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Goddard and Councillor Allen.

0908/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th July 2009 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0908/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda or of gifts of a value greater than £25.

0908/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0906/05 Councillor Putt has spoken with PC Toms about the proposed Porta – cabin to be placed in the Town Car Park, he has been promised detailed plans shortly.

Minute 0906/08 The Clerk has arranged for the Imerys visit to the Par Complex on Wednesday 23rd September at 3.00pm.

Minute 0907/07 Councillor Hughes thanked the Councillors for attending the appeal site meeting on the land in Old Roselyon Road for the planning application for the proposed two houses to be built there. The appeal was not successful.

Minute 0907/10 The Clerk has received a reply from Mary Cooper stating that the issue of Community Network Panels is presently under review and therefore our concerns regarding discriminating between co-opted and elected members may not be relevant. We have been asked to write to her with our concerns and she would be glad to make our representations to the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Minute 0907/13 Due to bad weather, the working party did not meet on 4th August to replant the planters at the end of Station Road. Councillor Putt has had the planters cleared out and has asked the Clerk to contact Eden to see if they would be able to donate some plants for them.

0908/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

June 2009

	Committed	Detected		Committed	Detected
Assault	4	3	Burglary	0	0
Burglary other	4	0	Theft of M/V	0	0
Vehicle Crime	7	0	Theft	4	1
Damage	5	0	Drugs	0	0
Other	3	2			
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Total	27	6			

July 2009

	Committed	Detected		Committed	Detected
Assault	4	2	Burglary	1	0
Burglary other	1	0	Theft of M/V	1	0
Vehicle Crime	20	0	Theft	3	2
Damage	3	0	Drugs	0	0
Other	1	1			
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Total	34	5			

PC Toms is currently on leave and apologises for missing the second meeting in succession. A spate of car crime in St Marys Road has increased the crime figures dramatically.

Residents of Station Road have reported to the Clerk their concerns over motorbikes using Rundles Walk as a race track, the Council will write to PC Toms regarding this.

0908/06 **A REPORT FROM SPEAKERS FROM SOUTH WEST WATER, THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, CORNWALL COUNTY HIGHWAYS & CCC LAND DRAINAGE ENGINEER**

Theresa Frost from Cornwall Council Highways introduced herself and introduced Martin Clemmow Land Drainage Engineer from Cornwall Council, Mark Venn from South West Water and Kevin Barnes from the Environment Agency.

Theresa explained that after the recent flooding at Brooks Corner, the combined agencies have been looking underground in the area; it is a very complex piece of land as the responsibility is shared by all of them but they are committed to working together to look at ways to move forward.

There had been a Cornwall Council meeting at Strategic level to discuss the problems in St Blazey as Brooks Corner is only one of the areas affected by flooding in St Blazey.

Kevin Barnes from the environment Agency told us that a Community Flood Plan will be written and asked for the Council to be involved in its development. Councillor Hooper will be the principle councillor involved with this.

Kevin has been inspecting the culverts and has ensured that these have been cleared and assured us that this would continue, the pump at Tredenham Close is to be replaced and the environment Agency will continue the maintenance of St Blazey Stream.

Mark Venn from South West Water explained that the issue to be considered was why flooding of this nature is happening and to look for ways to prevent or limit this in the future. St Blazey Sewerage Works had been updated 2 years ago and has the capacity for more homes.

Mark was asked that if new homes are built are the soak aways for the rainwater sufficient, and is the drainage system adequate. He was unable to answer these questions but assured us he will get the answers. Councillor Hooper explained that the homes specifically affected were below the water table.

Martin Clemmow is eager to see a Community Action Plan in place and assured us that works are planned for the forthcoming months; he said that research into this was important, it would be necessary to find out why this happened, what was the cause to regain confidence.

Kevin said that there are different types of flooding and that it will never be stopped but everything will be done to minimise the risk.

Councillor Hooper asked why planning permission for 150 houses in Par Lane had been given, as there was not a representative from planning this was not answered until Councillor Roy Taylor informed us that Restormel Borough Council had refused the application on insufficient infrastructure but the application was taken to appeal and central government over ruled Restormel.

Councillor Anderson asked why they did not come under one agency as previously promised, it was explained that this would not be practical but they are now working together.

Councillor Anderson thanked the representatives from the different Agencies and the residents for attending. These people all left the meeting at 8.25pm.

0908/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has researched the history of the proposed footpath that was to be installed outside Kemutec and found that the plans had been abandoned.

Councillor Taylor is continuing his investigations with Theresa Frost with regard the flooding issues at Doubletrees.

Councillor Taylor had attended Waste Panel meetings who are looking into Cornwall's problems but solutions will not be easy to find.

Councillor Taylor has requested a bus stop is installed at the top of Middleway.

0908/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes was extremely pleased that the appeal against two houses being built on the land in Old Roselyon Road was successful and said that he felt it was due to the support of the public and local Councillors.

David Hughes reported that the Central Planning Committee meetings were unorganised but a process for change is in place.

0908/09 **OVERVIEW OF TOWN PLAN**

The information has been collated and put into a spreadsheet, the comments are being assessed and a meeting of the steering group will be arranged in due course.

0908/10 **ELECTION OF CNA REPRESENTATIVE**

Due to the review of the Community Network Panels it was agreed that a representative would not be elected at this time. The Council will write to the Head of Localism and ask whether it is moral or legal to change the previous Implementation Executives decisions.

0908/11 **DONATION TO ST BLAZEY CHURCH EXHIBITION OF INTEREST.**

St Blazey Church have asked for a contribution towards their exhibition, Councillor Seel proposed that a donation of £75 be given, this was seconded by Councillor Gill, the Council voted unanimously and so it was RESOLVED to give the donation. LGA 1972 s144.

The Council will write encouraging them to continue with this Annual Exhibition as it well attended and enjoyed by resident and visitors to the Town.

0908/12 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – Exchange and completion of the transfer of the Burrows to us took place on 12th August. The Clerk will speak with Ed Thomson to proceed with funding and plans for an extension for the use of St Blaise Town Council.

0908/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Electoral Services Officer has received requests from more than the required ten electors for an election to fill the latest vacancy on St. Blaise Town Council. The Notice of Election will be published on notice boards on Thursday 3 September 2009. Anyone wishing to be candidate at the election will be able to obtain nomination papers either from Cornwall's Elections office or from the clerk from that date. Candidates must submit their completed nomination papers to the Elections Office by and no later than Noon on Friday 11 September 2009.

If two or more candidates are nominated, a poll will be held on Thursday 8 October. Alternatively, if only one candidate is nominated, the candidate would be elected without a poll being held.

The Clerk asked the Town Council whether or not they want poll cards sent to every eligible elector in St. Blaise, Councillor Seel proposed that poll cards not be sent, this was seconded by Councillor Gill and the Council agreed unanimously and so it was RESOLVED.

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

Location: **PAR MOOR ROAD & HARBOUR ROAD, PAR**

Timing: **2ND NOVEMBER 2009 – 1 WEEK 7.00pm to 7.00am**

Reason: **BRIDGE INVESTIGATION WORK**

The Clerk asked the Councillors to respond to both the NALC consultation strengthening Local Democracy and the Boundary Committee Electoral Review of Cornwall. The Clerk also forwarded each Councillor David Hughes' response to the Boundary review that is happy for them to use.

The Clerk has received a letter inviting comments on a proposal to widen the A390 road from the Britannia Inn to St Austell Garden Centre; the Council are against the proposals.

Several residents have complained about the state of Piggy Alley, Councillor Putt will ask E Veerman to give the area some attention.

CPRE are holding a planning workshop in Truro on Saturday 31st October 2009, Councillors Anderson and Gill will attend.

0908/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to two of them.

09/00886 Full Planning
Demolition of existing garage & replace with two storey extension.
64a Polgover Way
St Blazey

09/01037 Full Planning
Proposed garage extension.
163 Manor View.
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to one of them.

09/01059 Full Planning
Erection of two 3 bedroomed detached dwellings instead of one 4 bedroomed dwelling already permitted.
Land adjacent Roselyn House, Middleway
St Blazey

Planning Applications results received.

09/00546 Outline Planning – Variation to conditions.
Land Adjacent to rear of Station Road
GRANT PERMISSION

09/00726 Full Planning – Install Window.
2 Penarwyn Woods
GRANT PERMISSION

Appeal – APP/D0840/A/09/2109954/WF
New detached two storey house and garage
2 Old Roselyon Crescent, St Blazey
Dismissed 11/8/2009

Planning permission was given to 09/00546 contrary to St Blaise Town Councils safety fears for pedestrians. The Council do not believe permission should have been given as there is no footpath to the entrance of this site which the original plans were subject to.

Councillor Seel has spoken to the planning officer responsible for the application who denied receiving our objections and had an offensive attitude. The Clerk will write to Phil Mason with our concerns.

0908/15 **ACCOUNTS**

August 09

Income

Hall Bookings	539.50
Interest 7/09	2.90
Hall Booking 7/09	346.00

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888.40

Expenditure

Insurance	144.20
SWW	54.50
Community Charge	83.00
Electricity	37.00
HMIT	249.35
CCC	314.89
Broadband 7/09	24.91
Broadband	29.14
Bins	466.46
Web-site	60.00
Publication	26.70
E Veerman	431.82
Parish Plan	382.50
Training	25.00
British Gas	93.30
Viking	391.06
Telephone	48.64
Clerks Sal	942.62
Somerfield	547.84
Cleaning Materials	62.91
P Farry	100.00
Parish Plan Prizes	210.00
Solicitors	1343.30

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The council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

0908/16 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Putt asked the Clerk to enquire as to the reason that there are no road markings from St Blazey Road to Brooks Corner or Brooks Corner to Par Lane.

Councillor Hooper reported that the footpath from Par Moor Lane to Fishermans Rock across the golf course is in need of attention. Councillor Putt will investigate.

Councillor Anderson reported that the footpath from Middleway to Treryn Close is in need of attention. Councillor Putt will investigate.

Councillor Hooper reported that turning right from Lamellyn road into Par Lane has viewing difficulties due to hedge overgrowth. The Clerk will report this to CC Highways department.

0908/17 **PART TWO - ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DABATED IN ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC** As per Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Richard Heyward to the Town Council.

0908/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 24th September 2009 at 7.30pm.

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