

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillors:

R Blackie, R Heyward, G Miller, A Putt, D Scrafton, R Taylor and S Wheeler

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)  
1 x PCSO  
1 members of the press.

Before the meeting Emma Gale a trainee community organiser employed by locality, a government organisation, talked to the council about a scheme instigated to help deprived areas. Emma's position is hosted by Cornwall Collaborative and the schemes intention is to inspire the community by talking to residents about their loves, concerns and ideas and assist them in facilitating ways to achieve the outcome required. Emma will be asking residents to complete questionnaires which will be followed up with a home visit.

Councillor Scrafton told the meeting that PBBL have employed a part time community organiser who will be doing a similar job and hoped that they could work together.

Councillor Wheeler asked if Emma could work with the NP steering group, Emma explained that her questionnaire responses would have to be kept confidential but may in the future be able to work from the Big Ideas shop.

1408/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Allen and Seel.

1408/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1408/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1408/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1407/06 Councillor Taylor informed the council that at the meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> the proposed charges at the amenity centres will commence on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

1407/10 The Clerk has investigated the price of a movable height bar for the entrance to the Town Car Park and it would cost in excess of £10,000. Councillor Putt is investigating the cost of steel pipe to allow access into the parking area for cars only.

1407/14 The Clerk has received written confirmation that the boat on the A390 is now the responsibility of the Town Council.

1407/14 Councillor Wheeler was unable to attend the GWRSA event on August 10<sup>th</sup> but has apologised to the Club.

#### 1408/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

##### July 2014

		Detected	Under Investigation
Assault	4		1
Burglary dwelling	2		1
Burglary other			
Theft of MV	2		1
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	4	1	1
Theft (including from M/V)	4		
Damage	2		
Drugs	2	1	1
Other	5	2	
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
<b><u>July 2013:</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE July 2013 – 93

A slight decline in crime figures compared to the same month last year which is positive.

#### 1408/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

The planning application for a wind turbine at Polharmon Farm has been refused.

Councillor Taylor was approached by a resident who said that there is not a Bus Service between St Blazey and Treliske, he has looked into this and found that a private service (commercial not subsidised) runs from St Austell but does not meet the St Blazey service resulting in unacceptable journey times. Unfortunately as it is a private service, Cornwall Council cannot intervene.

Councillor Taylor attended the WW1 service at Par Running Track, a community employment meeting, NP meeting and enjoyed the fun day at Penarwyn. He wanted to thank Cory for ensuring the grass was cut before the event.

Councillor Taylor visited Tredenham Close earlier in the day where flood alleviation work is in progress and appears to be going well, he has also attended a Burrows meeting and a PBBL meeting.

**1408/07 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton has attended meetings at County Hall, held a surgery on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, attended the WW1 commemorations at Par Running Track, the Community Watch meeting and attended the Burrows board of Directors meeting.

Councillor Scrafton participated on the selection panel for a PBBL community co-ordinator who will begin work on 1<sup>st</sup> September as well as attending a PBBL meeting.

He is expecting an appeal to be lodged against the refusal of planning permission for the Wainhomes proposed development off Mount Crescent but as yet one has not been received.

Councillor Scrafton has received an e-mail from a resident asking for litter and dog waste bins at Spit Beach, he has explained that this is privately owned land and that the owner would be responsible for the provision. He emphasized that there was a risk that the owner could decide to ban dogs rather than install bins.

Councillor Scrafton has received a number of complaints about traffic in Par Lane, one was regarding the speed of traffic entering from Harbour Road, another about the parking opposite the entrance to Porth Meadow. He and Councillor Taylor have been seeking a meeting with Highways but without success and so has asked our Community Network Manager to organise a high level site meeting involving Cormac, Police and other relevant parties.

Councillor Scrafton has received an anonymous letter from somebody who appears to be a member of St Blazey Football Club asking for action by somebody using the Car Park as a Car Sales Business. He has been threatened with unspecified actions but will not respond to anonymous approaches. He is always prepared to treat matters confidentially but if he doesn't know who the complainant is, he can't respond or gather further detail. The same correspondent enclosed a letter for our mayor which he passed to her.

**1408/08 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave Pearce was unable to attend the meeting but the Clerk reported that he is up to date with all maintenance.

The Clerk told the Councillors that Dave's 1 year contract is due for renewal, all the Councillors agreed that he is an asset to the Council and that it should be renewed for another year.

The Clerk asked the Council if his hourly rate should be increased, Councillor Blackie proposed a 5% increase which was seconded by Councillor Putt, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Dave would be attending pesticide training from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

1408/09 **BUS SHELTER FOR OLD ROSELYON ROAD**

Councillor Taylor told the Council that he has been asked by a resident if a bus shelter could be placed in Roselyon Road or the top of Middleway. Councillor Taylor has taken photographs which the Clerk will forward to the Bus Company to see if we could be allowed to install one in an appropriate site.

1408/10 **REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS**

Merlin MS Centre have asked for a donation towards their running costs in helping people with Multiple Sclerosis across Cornwall. Councillor Putt expressed an interest.

The Clay Trails Partnership have asked for a donation towards their costs in improving the Clay Trails and encourage healthy activities.

Chicks Coastal Retreat have asked for a donation towards their running costs to provide breaks to under privileged children locally and further afield.

Councillor Taylor proposed a donation of £100 to each which was seconded by Councillor Scrafton, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1408/11 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

I wish to remind members that unless they are specifically mandated to do so by this Council they may not represent St. Blaise Town Council at any meeting of any other body. When they attend meetings of other bodies, without a specific mandate, they do so in a purely personal capacity and should take care not to allow the impression to be formed that they represent St. Blaise Town Council.

1408/12 **PROJECT LIST**

**Burrows Centre** – The Clerk has not yet obtained any new quotes for the extension of the Burrows Centre.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – CRCC have quoted £10,250 for various works to complete the plan. We have a grant from locality for £6,000, Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Council pay the other £4,250 which was seconded by Councillor Taylor. 5 Councillors agreed, Councillor Blackie voted against and so it was RESOLVED.

**WW1 Anniversary** – The unveiling service went well on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and the service at Par Running Track on 3<sup>rd</sup> August was well received. Councillor Miller asked if the sale of the brief biography of the War dead booklet was now his project as the Council's costs had been recovered, the Clerk informed him that it would have to remain a Council project. A discussion took place regarding how much longer they could remain on sale and it was decided that this should continue until Armistice Day.

**The Bell Tower** – The Clerk has received two quotes for the plaque to be placed at the entrance to the Town Car Park, £230 being the lowest. Councillor Scrafton

proposed we accept the lower quote, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk will write to Par Old Cornwall Society accepting their offer of a contribution.

#### 1408/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received a letter from a resident of Par Lane who would like a litter bin installed near the old electricity station. This is the first complaint from this area so the Clerk will reply that we will keep the area under observation and see how the problem persists.

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

**Location:** Par Green, Par  
**Timing:** 8th to 12th September 2014 (24 hours)  
**Reason:** DB Schenker Rail - Railway Inspection and Resurfacing Works

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

**Location:** Par Green and Moorland Road, Par  
**Timing:** 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 (0730 to 1800 hours)  
**Reason:** CORMAC Solutions Ltd – Patching and Resurfacing Works

We have been asked to fly a flag for the Commonwealth on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 Commonwealth day. As we do not possess a flag or a flag pole in the Town, it will not be possible to participate.

Cornwall Community Flood Forum will be holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Eden Project. Councillors Putt, Anderson and the Clerk will attend.

Cornwall Council are holding a number of Planning Conferences across Cornwall during the next few months, Councillors Anderson, Seel, Blackie and Wheeler have all opted to attend the event on 18<sup>th</sup> November in St Austell.

Chicks Coastal Retreat are holding an Open Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September between 2.00pm and 6.00 pm, all the Councillors have been invited to attend.

#### 1408/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA14/05913                      Listed Building Consent  
    Installation of new UPVC floor defender door to rear of  
    property.  
    8 Fore Street.  
    St Blazey

PA14/07232            Change of Use.  
 From shop to a two bedroom ground floor flat.  
 St Blazey Stores.  
 Station Road  
 St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to one

PA14/07195            To demolish existing ground floor extension and build new two  
 storey timber frame extension as shown on plans. Existing  
 extension requires demolition as it is leaking, damp and  
 inhabitable.  
 4 Pentour,  
 St Blazey.

Reason: We have concerns that this extension will impact on the structural integrity of the adjoining building. The divergent roof heights between the buildings will leave surface water running between them and no evidence of gully work/ run off is shown. We feel that planning/building control officers should look at these issues on site.

Planning Application Results Received.

PA14/05569            Convert small front garden into a parking space and  
 lower kerb  
 8 Par Lane.  
 St Blazey  
 REFUSED

PA14/06158            Extension and conversion of garage and extend roof line and  
 dormers over.  
 59 Rose Hill  
 St Blazey  
 APPROVED

PA14/06565            Erection of a conservatory  
 13 Middleway  
 St Blazey  
 APPROVED

PA14/03465            Outline Application  
 Construction of a single storey dwelling  
 Pine Trees  
 Sea View Terrace  
 St Blazey  
 APPROVED

1408/15 ACCOUNTS

August 14

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	388.00
Interest (high)	118.03
Black Sacks	35.00
Interest	5.02
War Publication	59.00
Eden Project	174.38
NP Grant	5400.00

**Expenditure**

Broadband	32.97
UK Fuels	68.61
Insurance	195.87
HMRC	475.18
CC (pen)	452.35
Clerks Sal	1307.13
Wardens Wage	520.00
Eclipse	14.38
Icon Web	70.00
Eden	8.00
Kitzkatz	74.60
St Newlyn Bd	160.00
BT	64.80
Asda	12.60
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	89.00
Cleaners Wage	34.71
Chubb (parts)	12.78
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	52.00
Warden	31.00
<u>Shop</u>	
BT	96.00

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6,179.43

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3,560.98

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1408/16 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Blackie asked why we have no Adult Education in St Blazey or nearby. Councillor Anderson told the Council that the Burrows Board of Directors are looking into this in the hope of starting classes there again.

Councillor Srafton asked if anybody knew if a piece of land off the Mount could be put to Community use, ownership will be investigated.

Councillor Putt said that he had sponsors for the plants in the flower beds at the entrance to the Town Car Park and he and the Warden would carry out the work.

Councillor Wheeler will be carrying out the zip wire challenge in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care and asked the Council if they would like him to do it in their name. The Councillors agreed that this is a good idea.

1408/17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.