

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the THE BURROWS CENTRE, St Blazey, on Thursday 25th August 2016**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Miller, J Moore, A Putt, A Seel, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
One member of the public
The Community Warden

1608/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G Allen.

1608/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th July 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1608/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no expressions of interest on items on the Agenda.

1608/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1607/06 Archie Taylor of the Bridal Sweet has painted the bus shelter in Middleway and the Warden has washed the bus shelter at Lodge Hill.

1608/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

July 2016

	Recorded 7/16	Recorded 7/15	Difference
Violence with Injury	0	3	-100%
Violence without Injury	2	0	-
Rape	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	1	3	-66.7%
Burglary non-Dwelling	1	0	-
Vehicle Offences	1	1	0%
Shoplifting	0	1	-100%
Other Theft	2	1	100%
Criminal Damage	8	3	166.7%

Public Order Offences	5	0	-
Possession of weapons	1	0	-
Trafficking of drugs	2	0	-
Other Offences	2	1	-100%
TOTAL:	24	13	84.6%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 7/16	Recorded 7/15	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	15	13	15.4%
Crime Not Recorded	2	0	-
Crime Recorded	12	9	33.3%
Public Safety	73	35	108.6%
Transport	11	10	10%
TOTAL:	113	67	68.7%

Although crime figures appear to have increased compared to July 2015, seven of these crimes were relating to two specific properties, as a result of an ongoing issue/dispute which has hopefully now been resolved.

Crime figures have also increased, specifically public safety, this is as a result of Police being called automatically at least 13 times after the installation of an alarm at an address. This alarm was being activated accidentally.

1608/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave Pearce has had a busy month keeping the town maintenance up to date and has also emptied and cleaned the fountain with the help of Councillor Putt and Diane Greene.

The pressure washer has finally broken, the Council were presented with three quotes. All the Councillors agreed that a new pressure washer should be purchased.

Archie Taylor has approached Dave and asked if he could paint the railings on the fountain burgundy and gold. All the Councillors agreed to this.

The clerk has received an e-mail from a resident thanking the council and especially Dave Pearce for the improvements that have been made around the Town.

1608/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

August is traditionally a quiet time for Cornwall Council business as some members and officers take holidays and this year is no exception. I have attended various meetings including: Transportation PAC briefing, a Burrows Board meeting, a briefing on the Community Led Local Development Programme, St Blazey Community Watch, the future project management of Cornubia, a PBBL and a PBCT meetings.

I watched the turning of a large steam engine on the turntable at the Roundhouse. The Duchess of Sutherland was probably the largest engine ever turned at St Blazey and only just fitted on the turntable and I held a councillors advice surgery.

Bramble and other weed growth continues to be an issue across my division with several letters having to be sent to riparian property owners advising them of their duty to control hedge and weed growth. A litter pick has been requested and carried out in Par Lane.

Highways diverted Eden traffic from Prideaux Road at the request of the Eden Safety Officer. This happened on one of the busiest weeks this summer. The consequence being that many cars obeying their satellite navigation systems turned into Cornhill Road, some ventured onto The Lawn and one managed to scale Duke Street. The volume of traffic through St Blazey increased noticeably.

I was alerted by residents of Cornhill Rd and Bodelva, who noticed the signage changes in Bridge Street and immediately requested that the original signage be reinstated. Temporary signs were put in place and traffic has reverted to the previous and longstanding pattern. It seems that the Eden Safety Officer was attempting to resolve an internal traffic issue at Eden by guiding all traffic through the main entrance.

The road at Kilhallon is still closed and I am assured will be reopened before the given date of end September. The reason for the extended closure being the need to resolve more cracks adjacent to the area repaired (that I pointed out to the design officer when on site).

Councillor Taylor thanked Dave Pearce, Councillor Putt and Diane Greene for all the hard work they had put in cleaning the Fountain.

1608/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

August has been mercifully quiet in terms of meetings so far as Cornwall Council was concerned, though I did attend one concerning a peer review into the Council's communications policy.

I have had a number of housing and similar concerns passed to me, and have taken action on all of them (in some cases, with success).

Work has begun on the Wain Homes development on the land off Mount Crescent. It has been very distressing for some of the neighbours, one of whom has said to me that if she could move she would. This afternoon I saw no fewer than eight lorries, all trying to manoeuvre on The Mount and Mount Crescent at the same time. I have received a number of complaints, and have asked Cornwall Council if something might be done to control the flow of construction traffic. So far, I have received no response.

There also appears to have been some unusual activity on the Par Lane development, to do with drainage. I have asked for information about this.

Tywardreath & Par Parish Council's Finance Committee yesterday decided to endorse my recommendation that the group behind the acquisition of Par running track should be allowed to take over the skateboard park as well, and run the two together. This proposal has the support of both the skateboard group and the running track group, and will go to the full parish council next week for their approval.

You will recall that both Tywardreath & Par Parish Council and St Blaise Town Council agreed some time ago to offer up to £250 pa towards the maintenance costs of the skateboard park. If this should be part of a community group, then you may consider that this would no longer be appropriate. I have suggested to T&P parish council that instead of this, they consider granting the community group £250 pa for the first two years of operations, to help them smoothly to assume responsibility. If the Town Council felt able to do the same, it would be of enormous benefit to the community group, while at the same time limiting the length of the Council's financial commitment. I appreciate that no decision can be made tonight, but would be grateful if the Council would consider it at the appropriate time.

1608/09 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The purchase of the Police Station was completed on August 12th 2016. New locks have been put onto the door that enters the part of the building that the Council will occupy. The Clerk has visited the building to check certain details for insurance and asked for permission to install a fire alarm and fire protection measures. The Council agreed.

The Clerk was told that the police would have totally vacated our part of the building by August 16th, unfortunately they still have telephones and other electrical installations in place. The Clerk will write to the police Estate team and inform them that these all need to be removed by September 5th to allow us to begin work then.

Councillors Wheeler and Moore asked if the piece of land between the Police Station and the Julian Foye buildings could be used to plant pollinator foliage. Councillor Seel told them that the land had soakaways and flood prevention measures in place. The Council were assured that they would maintain the integrity of the soakaways. All the Councillors agreed to the proposal.

1608/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

When the Town Council agreed to undertake the waste incentive scheme with Cornwall Council it was decided that the best way to see if recycling was improving was to count the recycling bags/containers. The Clerk has been doing this and found:-

1. Not all bags are collected.
2. Cardboard is often left behind.
3. Informed by residents that their bags are no longer usable and therefore not used.

The Clerk will arrange with Esther O'Bearagh a day for all residents of the town to collect new recycling equipment locally.

1608/11 **RECRUITING NEW COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Miller and Councillor Wheeler had attended the CNPM and after the presentation given by Sarah Mason from CALC regarding recruiting new Councillors suggested the following ideas:-

The next Newsletter should be focused on information to attract new Councillors. This will include information regarding the duties of a Councillor and what this Councils aims are for the next four years.

Hold an open day in March to attract anybody that may be interested in becoming a Councillor.

Write a leaflet that can be given out at community events.

It was agreed that all these ideas would be followed through.

1608/12 **TO CONSIDER DONATIONS**

St Blazey Cricket Club have asked for a donation towards the repair to their roof. St Blazey Town Councillors said that as this was a repair to the fabric of the building and therefore inappropriate for us to give a donation. The Clerk was instructed to write advising them to apply for a donation towards the clubs activities instead.

Shelter Cornwall have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor J Moore proposed a donation of £250, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Merlin MS have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor R Taylor proposed a donation of £100, Councillor A Seel seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Cornwall Air Ambulance have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor A Putt proposed a donation of £250, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Victim Support have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor A Seel proposed a donation of £100, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1608/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – The results of the Local Plan have not yet been seen however Councillor Moore is to arrange a meeting for the end of September as there are decisions to be made.

Burrows Centre – It was agreed that some smaller funding sources would be looked into to see if an extension could be built.

1608/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The below event road closure request has been received.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A, St Blazey Street Party, 10th September 2016, Times: 15:00 to 19.00

The below request has been received.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic, Location: Beach Road, Carlyon Bay & School Road, St Austell (works to be carried out in phases), Timing: 3rd to 28th October 2016 (24 hours weekends included)

The St Austell Bay Resilient Regeneration Project (STARR) is a £30m flood alleviation and regeneration scheme led by Cornwall Council. It is an innovative scheme which aims to work across the whole of the Par and Sandy River catchments to reduce flood risk to communities living and working in the St Austell Bay area, particularly the people of Par and St Blazey. They would be happy to meet with the Town Council or Neighbourhood Plan group. The Clerk was instructed to invite them to October's meeting.

The Clerk told the Council that she had been unable to secure a choir for the Carol Service, it was agreed to work without a choir but to ask the Mount Charles Youth Band to perform a longer session.

We have received an invitation to Cornwall Community Flood Forum AGM on 6th October, both Councillors Anderson and Putt will attend.

1608/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| PA16/06548 | Demolition of existing single storey lean-to extension & replaced with a new two storey extension to rear of property
8 Carveor Moor
St Blazey |
| PA16/07234 | Proposed closure of fish & chip shop takeaway and the conversion of the sales and preparation area to living accommodation in addition to the existing ground and 1 st floor living accommodation.
5 Station Road
St Blazey |
| PA16/07376 | Change of use and renovation of Biscovey Social Club to create 2 x 1 bed self-contained apartments.
Biscovey Sports Club
St Austell Road, St Blazey |

PA16/06507 Variation of condition 1 in respect of decision notice PA14/03223(change of use for the installation and service a 58 bedroomed YHA Snoozebox Hostel, with a temporary planning permission for two years to run as a THA youth hostel on Strawberry car park with a reception unit appropriate to servicing the Hostel) to enable extension of the two year temporary consent.
The Eden Project
Bodelva

PA16/07472 Application to vary condition 1 to permit continuation of use in respect of decision notice PA156/03363 – Proposal to use amenity land adjacent to existing youth hostel operation for the temporary provision of a 60 pitch campsite including toilet and shower blocks 94 x toilets and 4 x showers)
The Eden Project
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Pre-Application Advice

PA16/02393/PREAPP Advice for proposed 6 Dwellings- 3 pairs of semi-detached.
Land off Hillside Avenue

Decisions Received

PA16/04303 Construction of a 114 bed sustainable accommodation.
(Revised design to application PA15/01671).
Land South of Vounder Farm
Garker
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

PA16/05938 Modification of S52/S106
Revision of affordable housing allocation, reduction from 40% to 30%
Land East of Mount Crescent
The Mount
St Blazey

1608/16 ALEXANDER HALL

The rotten barge boards, the guttering and down pipes have yet to be replaced. A new notice board has been installed.

1608/17 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	998.00
Interest	0.72
High Deposit Interest	188.63
VAT Refund	7820.20
CC Bus rate Refund	189.68
Plant Donation	30.00

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Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1351.57
Wardens Wage	568.47
Broadband	30.02
UK Fuels	84.00
Insurance	230.29
HMRC	576.40
CC (pen)	499.68
Eclipse	14.38
Icon Web	150.00
Euro Tool	71.28
CALC	39.38
Grant Thornton	480.00
Grahams GM	24.00
ICO	35.00
EDF	90.23
TMS	35.00
BT	76.32
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	51.00
Cleaners Wage	75.90
Chubb (parts)	13.02
PRS for music	150.35
Trago Mills	26.27
<u>PC</u>	
Business Rates	53.00
R Allen	120.00
Locking	31.00
SWW	129.54
<u>Roundhouse</u>	
CDC	3950.26
<u>Police Station</u>	
Trago Mills	32.24

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1608/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Putt asked for suggestions for winter planting, Councillor Moore suggested Winter Box shrubs.

Councillor Wheeler reported that the 1st light in Piggy Alley when entering from Station Road does not come on immediately, the Clerk will report this to the electrician that installed them.

Councillor Moore and a friend are aiming to gain permission from Cornwall Council to tidy the closed churchyard next to the Old Vicarage on the A390.

1608/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th September 2016 at 7.30pm.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.