

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 31st August 2017**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Allen, R Chamberlain, J Moore, K Simms, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
1 Member of the public

Before the meeting began, the Mayor presented ex-councillors A Seel, A Putt and G Miller certificates to commemorate their work with the Council.

The Mayor welcomed the new Councillor Kelvin Simms.

1708/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor T Nethercott.

1708/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th July 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1708/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Wheeler declared that he attended St Mary's Church, Agenda Item 1708/10.

1708/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1707/13 The damaged flag is being repaired.

1708/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

July 2017

| | Recorded 7/17 | Recorded 7/16 | Difference |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Violence with Injury | 5 | 0 | - |
| Violence without Injury | 11 | 2 | 450% |
| Rape | 1 | 1 | 0% |

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| Burglary Dwelling | 0 | 1 | -100% |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Vehicle Offences | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Shoplifting | 1 | 0 | - |
| Other Theft | 5 | 2 | 150% |
| Criminal Damage | 1 | 8 | -87.5% |
| Public Order Offences | 2 | 4 | -50% |
| Possession of Weapons | 0 | 1 | -100% |
| Trafficking of Drugs | 1 | 2 | -50% |
| TOTAL: | 29 | 23 | 26.1% |

Incidents Recorded

| | Recorded 7/17 | Recorded 7/16 | Difference |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 23 | 15 | 53.3% |
| Crime Recorded | 19 | 12 | 58.3% |
| Crime Not Recorder | 2 | 2 | 0% |
| Public Safety | 43 | 73 | -41.1% |
| Transport | 10 | 11 | -9.1% |
| TOTAL: | 97 | 113 | -14.2% |

Councillor Anderson has been told by a resident that an adult has been seen passing something to youths in a local park, the resident does not want to report this as they are scared of reprisals.

1708/06 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

Dave Pearce told the Council that he was currently up to date with all work, the bus shelter at Lamellyn Road has been repaired. Residents have reported a homeless person sleeping in the doorway of the Burrows Centre, the Clerk said both Happy Days and the Burrows Centre Ltd are aware of the situation but he is doing no harm and so are happy for him to continue to use the shelter.

1708/07 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

I attended the flood warden training on 1st and 8th August, I think as a community it is important for those not affected by flooding to recognise their involvement as those not affected need to help those that are. There will be further training and anybody interested can contact Cllr Roy Taylor or myself.

August, contrary to bad press, has been business as usual with meetings Families Together, the children and young family's welfare team, Ocean Housing to discuss Polgrean regeneration, the Cornubia open evening, the GrowStBlazey fete and my surgery.

There have been two issues predominate over the past weeks, one being Eden traffic using Cornhill and causing havoc despite a tourist sign being placed near the railway crossing saying "follow A390 to St Austell for Eden". The other being anti-social behaviour in St Blazey. Many are not reporting incidents to the police via the 101 phone service and so are not being recorded. Elderly people are living in fear and

there is talk by many regarding taking the situation into their own hands. There is an underage drug culture in the town with I have discussed with some residents, I am meeting with Helen Toms, the anti-social behaviour case worker next week to see what can be done and will be talking to Alison Hernandez, the Police Commissioner, and her team with regard to extending their anti-social initiative from St Austell to cover St Blazey.

I have been in discussion with the local police about the use of a speed gun locally by members of the public as many have shown an interest.

Councillor Giles told the Council the St Blazey grass cutting schedule would be performed in September.

1708/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

August has been perhaps the busiest month for Council work to date. I'd like to start with the Britannia roundabout on the A390. Many of you will have seen, the roundabout has fallen in to a dire state which has been neglected for far too long. In the first instance, I have spoken with the Landscape and Environment Manager at CORMAC and she has agreed to go and tidy the roundabout up. Previously the roundabout was sponsored by a local business, which in principle is a fantastic idea and something that I support. However, after speaking with the previous sponsors, it is my understanding there are issues that need to be addressed before going forward. I will continue to look in to this matter and explore all options as I feel that this roundabout's importance is often overlooked. It is the first thing you see as you enter Par/St Blazey from St Austell, and the last thing you see before you enter St Austell from Par/St Blazey, which sees thousands of vehicles each day, so it is important that we get it back to a presentable standard.

I had a number of meetings this month with residents, organisations and with fellow councillors. One meeting I attended was a meeting with the residents of Bayview up at the Mount, after the decision by the planning inspectorate to give permission for the Hybrid Planning Application for the land North of Mountlea Drive. I met with them in their gardens to listen to their concerns regarding the development, which will be built right behind their properties. The meeting went well and I will be raising their concerns when I meet with Wainhomes to discuss this development. I was most grateful for Cllr Allen and his neighbours for taking the time to meet with me and I trust that they found it as useful as I did.

I also attended a meeting with Cllr Giles and the Managing Director of Ocean Housing to discuss the regeneration of Polgrean and I'm excited to work with Ocean, Cllr Giles and St Blaise Town Councillors to ensure that the money for the regeneration is used appropriately and effectively and to ensure that this scheme is a success.

As we all know, St Blazey and Par has a history of flooding going back decades. I was delighted to have been able to take part in the Flood Warden training at the beginning of the month in Alexander Hall. It's essential that we're ready and prepared if/when a flood hits and I can certainly say I feel a lot more prepared now if something as unfortunate as a flood occurs in the area again.

I was recently lucky enough to have been invited to attend the Happy Phoenix Club at the Burrows Centre last Friday to do a Q and A session with them. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They most certainly did not hold back and we discussed a variety of issues, including the Wainhomes development and how it will affect the local community, for the better or worse. I was delighted that following this session they have now asked me back to visit monthly after they too enjoyed it, and I have of course accepted their offer.

I am in the process of putting together 'my first 100 days' leaflet which I will be delivering to every household in my Division so that they can see what I have been up to since my election. It's important to have a social media presence in this day and age as a county councillor, but I also recognise that not everybody is 'online' so I will be doing regular leaflets to keep residents up-to-date with my activity. I feel that this is incredibly important.

Before I end, I would just like to tell you about my first 'Councillor Surgery' which I am holding at Par Library this Saturday, 2nd September 2017, between 10:30 – 11:30, where those living in my Division of Par and St Blazey Gate can come along and have a chat with me, or raise any issues or concerns that they may have. I will be holding a surgery from here on in on the first Saturday of each month, at this time, at the Library.

As ever, if the Town Councillors have any Cornwall Council issues they wish to raise with me then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

1708/09 **ANNUAL FETE FOR ST BLAZEY**

Cornwall Councillor Giles is talking with many people about a summer fete for the town and is determined that it will happen. A date in June is yet to be agreed with St Blazey Football Club. St Blaise Town Council are in full support of the project and feel it is important to work with St Blazey Reclaimed. Councillor Giles will report back monthly with developments.

1708/10 **TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS**

St Mary's Church have asked for a donation towards the repair to their church spire. Councillor J Anderson proposed a donation of £100, write a letter of support and ask for details of other fund raising events that the Council could support, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, Councillor Wheeler abstained as he attends the church, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (WRSAC) have asked for a donation towards the refurbishment and renovation of their premises supplied by Cornwall Council, 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 that the Council would offer 10 hours use of the Community Rooms.

iSightCornwall have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor J Anderson proposed a donation of £200, Councillor J Moore 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 K Simms proposed a donation of £100, Councillor J Moore seconded the proposal, Councillor J Taylor voted against the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1708/11 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre – There has been no progress with the Burrows extension.

Neighbourhood Planning – Councillor Moore told the Council that the questionnaires had been delivered to every home in St Blazey. Councillor Moore would be meeting with Wainhomes on September 5th and the Environment Agency later the same day. The next meeting of the working group would be 7th September. Councillor Moore has met with the Imerys Land Agent who has offered the Councillors and members of the NP committee a “pit to port tour”. All the Councillors are interested and so she will make arrangements.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk has been chasing the solicitor and is still waiting for information regarding overage which has been promised for next week.

1708/12 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received a letter from St Blazey Football Club asking for a letter of support for the club and their future plans. All the Councillors agreed a letter would be written.

The notice regarding the vacancy on St Blaise Town Council generated 10 requests for election. The Clerk has been asked if the Town Council require Poll cards at a cost of £1,200. The decision must be made by the close of nominations and so has to be decided without knowing if there will be an election or not. Councillors Nethercott, R Taylor, J Taylor, J Anderson, J Moore and G Allen voted against, Councillors Wheeler and Chamberlain voted for, Councillor Simms abstained and so it was decided not to have poll cards.

Cornwall Council Library services have contacted the Clerk regarding the Library Transformation Programme, the aim is to devolve local libraries to town and parish councils and community groups where possible. They have contacted us as Cornwall Council has no plans in place for Par Library. They would like to meet to discuss the options for the local service moving forward. The Clerk has collated dates and will try to arrange a meeting for October 11th.

Councillor Nethercott has been approached by a resident who believed that the slate from the top of the gate post of Penarwyn House had been used as a top for the gatepost in the Town Car Park. The Clerk is able to confirm that this is incorrect.

Councillor Nethercott has been confirmed as our member of St Austell Bay Economic Forum. The next meeting will be 5th September.

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

Location: A390 From Bridge Street To Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par

Timing: 2000 hours on 16th September 2017 to 0600 hours on 18th September 2017

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

Location: Driving Lane, Par

Timing: 9th to 11th October 2017 (24 hours)

1708/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been two planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to either of them.

PA17/06389 Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of room as ancillary accommodation previously used for post office/commercial.
The Old Post Office
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate

PA17/06989 Loft conversion and internal reconfiguration and renovation.
72 Par Lane
St Blazey

Results Received

PA17/06139 Works to trees subject to a TPO. Remove a group of Poplar and Alder Trees and crown lifting of Norway Maples to five metres above ground level.
59 Treryn Close
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA17/03422 Outline application with all matters reserved for proposed residential development of 17 apartments.
Biscovey Garage
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate
WITHDRAWN

PA17/03843 Outline Application for the construction of a 3 bed house with all matters reserved to include additional parking for two cars by removing front garden (Demolition of existing garage)
12 Helleur Close
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

- PA17/05287 Advertisement Consent for the retention of illumination polycarbonate black and green surround signage with illuminated white lettering. Halo illumination to polycarbonate surround.
Chrisseys Convenience and J Foye Furniture Store.
10A Station Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA17/06568 Proposed two storey rear extension
Bobtails Cottage
8 Carveor Moor
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA17/06846 Proposed covered sand school for schooling and temporary housing of rescue ponies and storing machinery. With associated access.
Land at Ngr 205536 54697
Road from Luxulyan Road to Cornhill Road
Bodelva
SBTC – Not consulted
APPROVED

1708/14 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The fire doors are to be repaired and the PRS for music license has been renewed.

1708/15 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Community Rooms are being used regularly by Memory Matters and we are picking up several one off bookings.

1708/16 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

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| Hall Bookings | 776.00 |
| Interest | 1.85 |
| High Deposit Int | 145.91 |
| C/R room hire | 272.00 |

Expenditure

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| Clerks Wage | 1371.85 |
| Wardens Wage | 590.73 |
| Broadband | 25.40 |
| UK Fuels | 82.69 |
| HMRC | 553.80 |
| CC (pen) | 483.00 |
| Eclipse | 14.38 |
| Aviva | 280.90 |
| The Range | 15.96 |
| EDF (fountain) | 90.03 |
| C Biggs Eng | 244.87 |
| ICO | 35.00 |

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| <u>AH</u> | |
| PRS | 166.58 |
| EON | 72.00 |
| SWW | 81.00 |
| Cleaners Wage | 71.63 |
| Chubb (parts) | 13.31 |
| T Huddy | 20.00 |
| <u>PC</u> | |
| PC's Bus Rates | 51.00 |
| Locking | 31.00 |
| SWW | 127.12 |
| <u>Community Rooms</u> | |
| British Gas | 328.76 |

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| 1195.76 | 4,750.01 |

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1708/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore said that the GrowStBlazey Fete went well on Sunday 20th August despite the weather. The next event will be the Polgrean Triangle planting on September 10th at 10.30 am.

Councillor R Taylor said that the next flood group meeting would be at Alexander Hall on 14th September at 6.30 pm. Everybody welcome.

1708/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.53pm.