

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 29th August 2019.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

T Chapman (late), J Moore, T Nethercott & J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
Tasha Davis

1908/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors R Chamberlain, A Pearce & K Simms.

1908/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th July 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1908/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1908/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1907/11 The Clerk has advertised to co-opt a new Town Councillor.

1907/08 The Clerk has found a company that may be able to install an Electric Car Charger, a meeting will be organised.

1908/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave has been watering the flower beds, cutting grass, maintaining footpaths and weed killing. Dave has spent a lot of time working in Trail Blaiser Park and has filled all the holes in the safety surfacing and now all the new swings are safely in place. Outstanding work.

Zip wire seat – Dave is working on loosening the nut.

Tyre swing – Nipple needs greasing – Grease gun has been ordered.

Roundabout – Needs oiling – Tool needs acquiring.
 Seats – Need painting – Winter work.
 Bushes – Need Cutting back – Winter work.

1908/06 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I hope you have all enjoyed summer, once more the good weather has all but passed and the evenings are pulling in.

On a sunnier note, I visited Launchpad, at Falmouth University, and was very impressed with the entrepreneurial business projects going on down there. It was heartening to know that over 50% of students on the programme had a Cornish postcode with over 35% being born and bred here.

Launchpad runs a creative bridge, and works opposite to the Dragons Den, in that the University work directly with industry to find gaps in the market, and from a bank of profiled students, they pick four, who they believe will work together and achieve a positive result.

Many projects have evolved into successful businesses creating £35,000 salaries keeping Cornish talent in Cornwall, giving them an opportunity to grow lucrative businesses in the County and take on further staff, it was inspiring.

Ryan, Kelvin and myself had a good brainstorm at the Climate Emergency and Waste Management meeting, putting together the makings of a plan, I hope to see a full house at our next meeting on 2 September.

I attended a briefing on renewable energy, some of which was pretty hard to digest. 2010 is the peak of fossil fuel production, from thereon we will not be producing enough to cover global consumption.

The Wave Hub, (which will shortly be replaced), are looking at installing floating windmills out to sea off the Cornish coast, one of the best places in the British Isles to site them. We were assured that they would be a long way out, and hardly visible from land. The one issue with this is, in order to put in the infrastructure in, it will involve boats (run on diesel) lorries (run on diesel) all whilst production is on the wane. It is a necessary objective in order to ensure we will have power for future generations.

Work on St Blazey Recycles kitchen starts on Monday. We will do our utmost to ensure our customers are not inconvenienced and intend to stay open during the installation.

1908/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

The situation continues in Biscovey concerning the mineshafts that have been identified through investigations on Ocean Housing land (Lesnewth) and the roads and pavements on Lamellyn Road. However, following extensive surveys by mining

consultants during the summer break, mining features have also now been identified within Biscovey Infant School's boundary.

The safety of pupils, parents and staff is of paramount importance and the decision has been made to close access to the top playground. Whilst not directly at risk, classes in the top classroom block in the vicinity of the affected area will, therefore, temporarily relocate. Year 2 will move to the classrooms at the rear of the Biscovey Academy Junior site and the Year 1 class will be relocated to within the main building of Biscovey Infants.

To allow time to make these changes, Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy will delay opening until Monday 9th September. The school has taken these justifiably cautious measures to not only ensure that every member of the Biscovey Nursery & Infants' Academy remains safe at all times, but to minimize further disruption to the children's education as remedial works are carried out. Biscovey Junior Academy will open as planned on Thursday 5th September. Thank you to the parents for their understanding, patience and co-operation.

On a more positive note, I am delighted to confirm that I have some positive news on the stretch of coastal path from the car park at Spit to Spit Beach. I have been working with some very helpful officers at Cornwall Council to improve the stretch of coastal path from the car park at Spit to Spit Beach. This is often regarded as one of the worst sections of the South West Coastal Path. The current path is dark, overgrown and the surface is very poor. We have been working on a package of works with Imerys and Network Rail, which will see the footpath widened, the overgrown hedges and trees cut back and the footpath completely resurfaced. The ugly wire fencing will be removed on both sides and replaced with a new timber rail. This will make the path to and from Spit Beach more user friendly.

There are only two packages of work this substantial on the coastal path put forward for Cornwall, this and one on the North Coast, so this really is good news. There is no doubt that Spit Beach is a hidden gem for locals, the proposed works will be a huge improvement and I am very much looking forward to seeing it and trust the Town Council welcomes this investment on this stretch of the coastal path.

The consultation for dogs on beaches is now live. This is a consultation to inform the Public Safety Protection Orders on what people want to see on our beaches. Currently there are no restrictions for dogs on Par Beach. This is now your chance to have a say on what you would like to see on Par Beach, restrictions including dogs only allowed on the beach during the winter months, dogs only allowed on the beach before/after certain times of the day or, if you are happy with what the current situation is, we want to know this too.

I am keen that cycle lanes are introduced so I have put my thoughts forward to this year's Members Highway Fund. This is important in this area given that next year St Blazey is set to host a stage of the Tour of Britain, one of the world's most important

and famous cycle races. Aside from this, also encouraging people to cycle to work will go a long way in tackling the climate emergency. Personally, I would like to see a cycle lane along Par Moor.

Recently I met with the residents on Harbour Road to discuss the speed of traffic and the traffic management here. It is clear there is a safety issue here and I have also put this forward to be considered and a solution drawn up as part of my Highways Fund. I would be grateful for the Town Council's support on this.

I want to plug a local business who have just moved in to the Food Hall at Par Market. They are called 'Fill Good'. They are a new, zero-waste, plastic-free shop where you can go and get your dry food; cereal, pasta, oats, nuts etc. Their aim is to make plastic-free shopping easy and convenient for all those in the local area. I think it's absolutely brilliant and we should do all we can to support them, and to cut down on our own waste and single-use plastic usage. They opened yesterday and are open every day, so do go and see them.

1908/08 **TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE SOME MOBILE SPEED ACTIVATION SIGNS BY THE COMMUNITY NETWORK HIGHWAYS SCHEME**

The Councillors discussed the possibility of using the Community Network Highways Scheme monies to purchase some Mobile Speed Activation Signs (MSAS) as a solution to the speeding issues. Our Community Link officer showed the Councillors the costs of two different MSAS supplied by Cormac ranging in cost from £17,154 to £29,687.

Councillor J Taylor proposed that the CAN scheme be rejected, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Councillor Nethercott will report back to the Community Network Panel at the meeting on September 9th although we could still be out voted by our neighbouring councils.

In addition, Councillors were asked to consider a proposal that the £50,000 per year (for 4 years – a total of £200,000) be split via the 5 Cornwall Council Wards that would then see a collective approach supports the aim of the Community Network Panel and unspent remaining amounts being disbursed to the Community Network Panel collective funds. This principle is to be agreed annually.

Councillor R Taylor proposed that the Annual £50,000 be split 5 ways, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1908/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The Clerk has not heard of any further cuts.

1908/10 **CYCLE PATH EACH SIDE OF LUXULYAN ROAD AND BODELVA ROAD**

The Clerk has received a request for a cycle paths on the roads towards the Eden Project. Councillors agreed that an Expression of Interest should be submitted to the Community Network Panel.

Tasha Davis left the meeting.

1908/11 **EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

The External Auditors report highlighted that the Section 2 of the Accounting Statement was not signed by the RFO before approval by the Town Council.

Councillor Chapman joined the meeting.

1908/12 **TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS**

Biscovey Junior Football Club have asked for a donation of £250 towards start-up costs. Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £250, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1908/13 **TO CONSIDER A SEAT FOR PAR MOOR ROAD**

A seat has been requested for a seat opposite Par Market. Councillors looked at the photographs and realised that it is within Carlyon Bay Parish.

1908/14 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROPOSALS**

The Climate Emergency and Waste Management Committee met on August 12th and discussed some actions. The Clerk has reviewed these and is to respond with various comments as below.

Introduce Recycling Bins in all TC Properties – The TC do not have any waste collection as it is expensive, all users dispose of their own rubbish.

Amend Town Council Room Hire Policy to include LOAF and Plastic Free – There is nobody on site when premises are hired and therefore impossible to supervise.

Plastic Bag Station Outside Co-op - Encourage those with excess 5p/10p bags to fill a box for those who have forgotten their bags. Co-op have been previously asked but their head office have refused due to cleanliness.

Work with Cornwall Council to put more bins around the town – Cornwall Council have been asked for more bins and replied that we have more than required. All additional bins would have to be paid for by the TC at a cost of £253.97 (2019/20 figure) plus the initial cost of the bin.

Introduce a Town Council Policy of zero Tree Felling on Planning Applications – not possible.

Introduce More Cycle Routes and Foot Paths – This is within the Neighbourhood Plan and an EOI has been submitted to the CNP.

Solar Panels, Burrows Centre & Community Rooms- the Burrows have considered solar panels many times but whilst youths continue to climb on the roof, it has been deemed a danger. – The community Rooms could consider this once the police have vacated the building.

Create a Community Land Trust to adopt and manage green spaces – How would this affect the TC.

1908/15 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

Matt Dixon, Project Manager sent the following report:

At this stage works are currently just a few days behind the program and the contractor should finish w/c Monday 9th September, as programmed. There will be some cleaning/clearing and snagging etc. continuing until Friday 13th September when all works should be complete.

The under-floor heating pipework has been laid, the floors have been screeded and the last of the plastering should finish by Wednesday 28th August. Decorating will commence on Thursday 29th August. Windows are all in place along with fire escape doors. The main entrance door frame is also in place with doors to follow shortly. The kitchen units and worktops have also been fitted.

Due to holiday cover the site manager has changed – Darren who managed the first phase will return next week to oversee that last of the external works, while Steve the current site manager will stay until the conclusion of the job to oversee the internal works.

The Cornwall Council Building Control officer has made five visits to site and has no concerns – works meet the required standard. The next visit is scheduled for completion of the works. New incoming water and electrical services are installed and complete and it just remains for EDF to supply and fit the new electricity meter.

There has been one additional small variations to cost during this month: Requirement for chlorination of the new incoming water main – required by SW Water on new pipe work over a certain length however there is no reason at this point to suggest that the project will not come in within budget.

The next site progress meeting takes place on Friday 13th September at 2.00pm to confirm handover of the completed project. All Councilors are invited.

Neighbourhood Planning –

James Evans, the planner, has completed a table of responses. Cllr Jenny Moore I asked James what exactly the position was in relation to Policy 1, relating to housing.

The question - If the Town Council, subsequent to the adoption of the plan, consider planning applications for more than 10 houses, does the TC effectively open the door to applications for larger developments?

The response: If the parish agree over 10, then they are conflicting with the neighbourhood development plan policy, every application is required to be read against the development plan as a whole and material considerations, an applicant would no doubt say it is material that the TC has breached the over 10 policy, and then the planner/ decision maker will have to consider this, they would be an argument of precedent.

Councillor Moore asked the Council to consider James comment carefully – once this is in the plan and the plan is adopted, whatever is in the policy cannot be varied without risking opening the door to larger developments therefore St Blaise Town Council will have to object to any applications of more than 10 houses. Councillors agreed to this as we already have satisfied our housing need as t the figure provided in the Local Plan.

1908/16 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk told the Councillors that Luxulyan Parish Council will no longer contribute to the cost of the Community Rooms.

The Clerk has approved the draft drawings for the Community Network Panel Scheme for Old Roselyon Road Penarwyn Woods/Par Lane.

Following a safety inspection of the churchyard by Cormac the wooden war memorial was found to be in poor condition and poses a threat to the public. In the interest of safety Cormac has taped off the area. The Church were informed that as it is classed as a Closed Churchyard, the church is not responsible for its care and maintenance.

Councillor J Taylor has found that the Memorial is grade 11 listed and Cormac will be making repairs in due course.

1908/17 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA19/06941	Change of use B2 to B8 Storage
	Carvear Dry
	Par Moor Road

PA19/07176 Reserved Matters application for the construction of a dwelling
Land west of Tanglewood
Cornhill Road
St Blazey

Results Received

PA19/05284 Construction of four high quality dwellings with associated
garages, amenity and visitor parking.
Land North of An Skyber
The Mount
Par
WITHDRAWN

PA19/04674 Reserved Matters Application in respect of PA18/00547
Land south of 49A Rose Hill
St Blazey.
APPROVED

1908/18 ALEXANDER HALL

PPLPRS for Music are now considering us eligible for the discount applied to village halls, therefore the licence cost has increased by approximately £200.

1908/19 ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS

In response to our request to the Police to take back our space in the Community Rooms, they have replied that the matter was reviewed at the Estate Governance meeting. It was agreed that the space continues to be utilised and this is likely to increase due to the impact of the recent announcement by the Prime Minister to recruit additional Police Officers.

1908/20 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	224.00
Interest	
High Deposit Int	
Com room Income	

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	637.00
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	18.00
Insurance	198.43
HMRC	617.71
CC (pen)	554.58
S Vicary	195.00
Huers	4,500.00
AD Williams	67,919.68
M Ankers	2,800.00
PK F Littlejohn	480.00
Cumbrian CI Co	198.00

Toolstation	57.96
Postage	83.00
ICO	35.00
TMS Tech Sol	32.90
EDF (foun)	161.08
Donations	350.00
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	53.90
Chubb (parts)	13.98
EDF (Elec)	76.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	71.00
PPLPRS	442.73
<u>PC</u>	
CC Bus Rates	54.00
Locking	30.00
EDF	12.00
CIS	117.53
SWW	96.18
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	64.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1908/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councilor Anderson was in Rosehill Cemetery when Cormac were working, she asked that they cut back some of the overgrowth which was actioned immediately.

Councilor Moore told the Councilors that Make Lunch had been very successful.

Councilor Moore has found that PBBL are releasing some funding that may be able to help with the improvements to the Britannia Roundabout.

Councilor Moore told the Council that the StARR project will be establishing a Community Working Group.

1908/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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