

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held electronically on Thursday 27th August 2020.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, T Chapman, J Moore, A Seel, K Simms and
J Taylor

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

2008/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from St Blaise Town Councillors Nethercott and Pearce.

2008/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th July 2020 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2008/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2008/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

2007/06 The Clerk had sent all Councillors the reply from Kate Kennally, Cornwall Council Chief Executive, regarding moving problem tenants into the Town.

2008/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Grass cutting is up to date at Trailblaiser Park, King Edward Gardens, Doubletrees and Piggy Alley. More of the Local Maintenance Partnership work has been carried out and some have had their second cut. All the Planters are still being watered and fed daily.

Extra roadside weed killing has been carried out at Ash Close. The Pump at the Fountain has been repaired and a new fountain head has been fitted.

Councillor Seel asked who was responsible for weed killing around the Town. The Clerk said that as CC no longer carry out the service, the Warden does the main roads

and other areas when problems reported. Councillor Seel asked that the area around the pillar box in Landreath be treated.

2008/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I was delighted to go to Woodland Valley Beaver Farm at Ladock earlier this month. We had a very informative walk and talk from Chris Jones, who is running the project. Seeing how these industrious animals can build dams to slow down the speed of a river was amazing, and I am sure they would enhance the good work of StARR, I would love to see beavers introduced locally.

Although St Blazey Recycle is still only trading online, via the Facebook page, we are still managing to help furnish accommodation for people who have previously been rough sleeping. It is gratifying to make an empty property a home and let those suffering in hard times know, there are people out there that want to help.

At the Network Panel Chairs meeting this week, it was again brought up that Town and Parish Councils should be actively writing an emergency plan, to cover a possible spike in Covid19 in October. We can all hope that this is just a belt and braces move, but who knows what we may be facing in the future.

I have been working with White gold and a company called Clay ground, based in London, to set up some workshops making clay leaves with the theme being family trees. I have secured some SESF/UnLtd funding, which will allow me to enhance the project.

We will be running family clay workshops in Half Term, encouraging all generations to come along and make leaves out of clay, whilst talking about their family's connection with the clay industry. We want to open up conversation, enquiry and genuine interest to unlock Par and St Blazey's heritage with the next generation.

The funding will allow us to supply lunches for the families and there will also be socially distanced activities for our older residents to encourage them to leave their homes and return to some sort of normality, socialise in a safe environment and have their tea cooked for them.

I have been beavering away with funding bids, to ensure the residents of St Blazey are looked after through the winter. Although the funding was a lot less than I had asked for, I was astonished to find out that no other organisations in Cornwall were chosen to receive any. Ocean housing has also put forward £2,500 funding, which will be used to help our community until spring 2021.

2008/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

I'll start off by providing two updates on situations I have previously reported on.

Par Moor Road:

Following my previous reports on my desire to see an active travel route from Par Train Station to the A390, there is now an active group working together to create a route from St Blazey to the A390. The group, as it stands, is made up of myself, Cllr

Jenny Moore and Tasha Davies, the local Community Network Officer. This group is set to grow. To pull this off it will be a staged approach. The group has identified what needs to be done to pull this off and will start to look dividing this route up into stages, and working out how we will fund it. I now have some good news. It is now looking increasingly likely that Stage 1 of this project will be an 'active travel path' from the A390 to the Cornish Market World exit by Cypress Avenue.

An active travel path is wider than a normal path or cycle lane, and is multi-use, for cyclists, walkers and joggers. We are hoping to go out to consultation on this in the autumn.

St Marys Road Green:

The green has become very untidy of late, neglected and left as a compound for the gas works. I am pleased to report that the grass has now been cut, the green added back to the maintenance schedule and a package of works in place to tidy the green up. This package of works has now been signed off and work commenced earlier this week. Going forward I will continue discussions with the local resident volunteers who wish to take over the maintenance of the green. However, for now, I will ensure Cornwall Council maintain it properly as a nice, green, open space.

Crossing the border for the minute, I was pleased to recently get Tywardreath and Par Parish Council to agree to 2 solar powered, portable flashing speed signs. This comes with four solar packs which means you can swap the two devices between four locations. Concerns over the speed of traffic really has heightened since lockdown and the idea of these signs has gone down well with residents.

I continue to have concerns over how planning is working in Cornwall at the minute. Because of COVID-19, the way planning permissions are granted has changed with the most contentious planning decisions now being made by delegated decision by the Senior Planning Officer. I do not agree with this. Councillors are elected to make decisions, not officers. I have fallen foul of the process recently myself. It's not in the parish but it could happen in our parish. I called in the Planning Committee to a development on Sea Road in Carlyon Bay. It was to knock down a single dwelling and build more flats. Last year I called a similar application in relating to the same site, I won at committee and got the committee to turn the application down. I was hopeful that I could do the same this time. However, as planning committees are only meeting remotely, and only meeting to decide the really contentious applications, this application was assigned to the Senior Planning Officer to make a delegated decision. They approved the application. This is not acceptable and we need to ensure this does not happen to any applications in St Blazey.

Talking of planning, a planning application has now been submitted for various schemes along Luxulyan Road and the upper catchment as part of the StARR Project. The StARR Project is certainly progressing now which is poignant given it is almost ten years since the St Blazey floods of 2010.

2008/08 **COMMUNITY NETWORK HIGHWAYS SCHEME**

Councillor Seel proposed that all the problems below be reported in the following order.

- 1 Yellow lines from the bus stop in Middleway (left hand side going up the hill) down around the corner to the end of the grassed area in Roselyon Road.
- 2 Speed reducing measures from No 4 to 16 Par Lane.
- 3 Install double yellow lines on the Old Roselyon Road/Polgover Way junction to prevent vehicles parking between the existing lay-by and the Polgover Way junction
- 4 Yellow lines on Par Lane into the entrance to Penarwyn.
- 5 Extend double yellow lines on the 'car park side' from the existing lines on the car park entrance, towards the Bus Stop adjacent to 192 Old Roselyon Road.
- 6 Installation of a Bus Parking Bay on the Bus Stop to prevent cars double parking on the lay-by outside 192-198 Old Roselyon Road. This will make it safer for persons using the bus. Currently they are having to walk between parked cars to the middle of the road to mount and dismount the bus.
- 7 Remove existing double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road from the car park from the left-hand edge of 195 Old Roselyon Road wall to the garage entrance next to 199 Old Roselyon Road
- 8 Yellow lines on A390 between Nos 69 and 87 Rosehill.

The Councillors all agreed and these will be put on the Expression of Interest form and submitted to the Community Network Highways Scheme.

2008/09 **PIANO DONATION**

Councillor Chamberlain has offered the Council his unwanted piano for June Anderson Hall, the Clerk believes this will spoil the room as it is all new.

The Councillors discussed having the piano in Alexander Hall and agreed it should be situated there if proved to be in good working order and well-tuned.

2008/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

There has been no further impact on the Town Council.

2008/11 **DONATION REQUESTS**

The Clerk asked that the donation requests be postponed to be considered in February 21 as we are still unsure of our financial position due to the Covid crisis. All the Councillors agreed.

2008/12 **BURROWS CENTRE UPDATE**

The lease between The Burrows Centre Ltd and Bright Eyes is ready, our Solicitor is waiting to see a copy of the lease which was requested August 14th but has not heard back, and he has sent a chaser email today to enable him to process the grant of lease to sub-let.

2008/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

As some were worried what would happen if Jenny Moore ceased to function with the NP, she has ensured that all the documents from James Evans (Planner) have been lodged with the Clerk.

It seems that we can start pre submission consultation immediately, Jenny Moore is just awaiting for confirmation on how long this should take as the six weeks has been adapted due to current restrictions. Sarah Furley (|Group Leader Neighborhood Planning at CC) has said that a key constraint is making sure that everyone is aware of the consultation. Normally there would be public events however this is not possible during the pandemic. Now people are going out we will have to show that we have taken some steps to try to publicise the consultation in a way that acknowledges the restrictions.

Locality have also made an extra £1000 available to cover extra costs incurred because of the lockdown restrictions.

Devolution of Play Areas

Tasha Davis asked that the Town Council agree the devolution of Polgover Way changing the plan with amendments to the south and west entrances to the play area but not the north entrance.

The Town Councillors do not agree to this as they will only take on the area up to the railings and not part of private estates. We will have to wait for an outcome before we can proceed.

The Clerk has had a visit from play equipment company proludic for the third quote but has not yet received it.

2008/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received various e-mails regarding the possibility of CCTV for Trailblaser Park. She was instructed to write to Ocean asking if this was something that could be incorporated into their Polgrean build.

2008/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been four planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them:

PA20/06285
JM/RT/TN/JA

Works to tree namely –T1- Monterey Pine – Fell - the tree is on a raised bank adjacent to neighbouring properties – Subject to a TPO.
Lower Penarwyn House
Penarwyn Woods
St Blazey

It was asked that a tree be planted elsewhere on the property.

PA20/06603
JA/TN/RTJM/

Single-storey rear extension
29 Rose Hill
St Blazey

PA20/06829
JA/RT/TN

Non-material amendment (NMA1) to finished floor level (200mm) and an amendment to ridge height to 65.35 in respect of decision PA19/06810 dated 31/10/19.
Land West of Little Trenovissick Road from Lamellyn Road to Bayview Road
The Mount
Par

PA20/05714
JM/RT/JA/TN

Tree works namely to Oak Tree subject to a TPO
32 Ash Grove
St Blazey Gate

Results Received

PA20/04167

Tree works to various trees subject to a TPO
Roselyon School Trust Ltd
Access to Roselyon School
Middleway
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA20/05013
RT/TN/JA

Retrospective Consent for an extension to garden shed.
29 Station Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

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2008/16 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE
ANDERSON HALL**

Alexander Hall

Yoga and Slimming world are back, Friday Car Boot are not returning and we are yet to hear from Brownies, the Tea Dancers and Sat Car Boot.

St Blazey Community Rooms.

We have not heard from reach Out but Pegasus – a Counselling service for men have made some bookings..

June Anderson Hall

We have bookings for every Monday to Friday evening. From September as long as we are not given any further Covid restrictions.

Councillor Chamberlain offered to put an advert on PL24 to gain some extra bookings. The Clerk said that was not a good idea at this time as she is spending hours cleaning, writing Risk Assessments, checking each bookings Risk Assessment and sanitising. If somebody wants to book a hall/room even for a one off booking they need a Risk Assessment and the sanitisation takes hours.

2008/17 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	240.00
Interest	0.37
High Deposit Int	
Black Sacks	21.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1519.47
Wardens Wage	652.20
Broadband	21.95
UK Fuels	91.89
Insurance	208.25
HMRC	534.35
CC (Pen)	554.58
Viking	40.06
St Austell GM	163.52
Corona (foun)	22.66
St Blazey Fo Rep	50.29
ICO	35.00
Cormac	154.84
<u>AH</u>	
Business Rates	250.00
Chubb (parts)	14.47
EDF (Elec)	33.00
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	58.00
Cleaners Wage	44.60
CIS	45.22
Window Cleaner	26.00

	Co-op	6.60
	<u>PC</u>	
	EDF	11.00
	Business Rates	55.00
	SWW	71.04
	Locking	30.00
	<u>Community Rooms</u>	
	EDF	62.00
	Business Rates	104.00
	SWW	37.24
	<u>JA Hall</u>	
	Corona	88.83
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2008/18 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Moore attended a Beavers Group meeting by Zoom on 04.08.2020 which was attended by Dave Rymer (University of Exeter), Chris Jones (Beaver man), Sahran Higgins (University of Exeter), Matt Healey (South West Rivers Trust) and Mark Allott (StARR). Wide ranging discussions took place regarding the reintroduction of beavers and how this can move forward. Chris advised there will be an announcement from DEFRA which will hopefully have positive news on Thursday 6 August. Mark Allott is very much in favour of the reintroduction of beavers in the StARR upper catchment, as is Cornwall Council. This has given further impetus to consideration of more natural flood amelioration methods. Sahran Higgins mentioned the health and wellbeing aspect and she linked this to ecotourism. Obviously subject to the agreement of landowners, but a lot of them have small holiday let businesses as well, so this could be a means of getting them on side.

Councillor Moore visited Woodland Valley Farm on September 6th to see beavers in their habitat. Having previously seen the beavers three years ago, this was very informative, in that they have made extraordinary modifications to their environment. This also brought together the StARR project manager, Mark Allot, the ecologists, landowners (Imerys and James Kittow). In this sense it was hugely productive in terms of introductions made and conversations started. The beavers graced them with their presence as well. There is a general consensus that beavers in this catchment would be a good move. James will be having friendly chats with landowners. Councillor Moore has been invited to an event their on 10 September

Councillor Moore attended the planning reform event organised jointly by CC/CALC on August 18th by Zoom meeting which proved to be the best summary that can be given, at the present time, of the content of the White Paper. Councillor Moore is concerned. The briefing notes have been forwarded to all Councillors and it would be appreciated if Councillors could spend some time looking through it. NDPs are retained in the new system but it is not clear how much weight they will have.

Councillor Moore is pleased to report that Meadow Drive now has a dual language street sign.

Councillor Moore has had discussions with Matt Healy from South west Rivers Trust regarding water quality monitoring, raingardens and wetlands. She told him she knew community water quality monitoring had been successful at Luxulyan and had no reason to doubt that it would be successful here. He is to send her a link which she will put out on community pages to see what the reaction is.

Councillor Moore has had discussions with the Chairman of Par and Tywardreath Council and they are considering a joint bid to be applied for by us and T&P PC for funding to improve Par Moor Road, improving the footpath and creating a cycle route.

Tasha Davis organised a meeting to discuss this with interested parties, unfortunately only Cornwall Councillor Rowse and Councillor Jenny Moore attended. Adam O'Neill of Cormac showed outline plans for improvements to the Market end of Par Moor Road and are planning on consultation in Nov/Dec. This will be funded by S106 money. Plans will be circulated when finalised. A problem might be ditches along the route, which would cost a lot to move, and Councillor Moore suggested he contact StARR to find out their plans for the area as they may be in the position to move ditches.

Councillor Anderson expressed concern that conversations were being had with Par and Tywardreath Council as the area concerned is not in their parish but thought liaison with Carlyon Bay PC might be worthwhile.

Councillor Roy Taylor attended the Geothermal Liaison Meeting at Eden on August 18th and will distribute the notes when received.

Councillor Chamberlain attended a PL24 Community Association meeting on August 24th and said that they are rewriting their constitution.

Councillors R Taylor and J Taylor attended a Fourways meeting as the Youth centre are eager to re-open, unfortunately this hasn't been possible as CC are not prepared to open the building yet.

Councillor Chapman has concerns that Home Choice are placing residents from out of County into St Blazey and is concerned how this will affect the Town once the Polgrean Development has been completed. The Clerk will write to Home Choice.

2008/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 24th September 2020, time and place to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.