

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th August 2013**

Present

Councillor J Anderson - Mayor
Councillor A Seel – Vice Mayor

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllrs R Taylor & D Scrafton (incl above)
PC Toms

1308/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

1308/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th July 2013 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1308/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1308/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1306/14 The pot holes in the Town Car Park have been repaired, Councillor Putt reported that some of the holes are sinking. The Clerk will contact the contractor.

1307/10 Cornwall Council have been paid for election costs. CALC spoke with them regarding the validity of them but were unsuccessful in their attempt to have them withdrawn.

1307/16 The Clerk has not heard back from CC regarding the fencing and play equipment in Trailblazer Park that needs repairing. The Clerk will chase this up.

1305/17 The Clerk has contacted Cormac since learning that there are no risk assessments for Bull Engine Play Area and been informed that the play facility and multi sports area are fenced which is compliant with national guidelines to keep children in and dogs out. Beyond the play areas is green space and there is fencing along perimeters adjacent to Trenovissick Road/Par Lane and adjacent to the junction of Lamellyn Road. The only section of the green space that is not fenced is adjacent to Lamellyn Road and there are boulders to show the boundary. The green space leads

onto a pavement, then onto a highway which has a 20 mph speed limit and traffic calming with good visibility along this road.

1308/05 POLICE CRIME FIGURES

July 2013

		Detected
Assault	15	1 Conviction 2 Pending
Burglary dwelling	2	
Burglary other	4	
Vehicle Crime	7	2 Convictions
Theft	26	1 Conviction
Damage	3	1 Conviction
Drugs	3	2 Convictions
Other	10	1 Conviction
TOTAL:	70	8 Convictions 2 Pending
July 2012:	38	12

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE July 2013 – 88

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There were no police in attendance at the meeting.

1308/06 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR

Councillor Taylor said that it had been a quiet month for Cornwall Council due to holidays but had attended the following meetings and events:-

Meeting with Fred Jackson to discuss the plans for a sports centre at St Blazey Football Club.

St Blazey Community Watch.

Assisting with the painting of the boat to be placed on the green opposite Edgcumbe Terrace.

Hands Together

The Fourways Open Day.

Par Beach Consultation Event

Landreath Street Party

St Blazey Reclaimed.

Councillor Taylor reported that there is a motion for Cornwall Council to adopt “Wealth from Waste”, a report from the Local Government Association, shows that a greater focus on recycling saves money, creates jobs and makes waste management

more sustainable. This motion has been passed the discussion to the waste portfolio committee.

1308/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton attended the passing out of the Phoenix group who are young people who have spent a week working with the staff at the St Austell, Fire Station. He had attended the Cornwall Council cabinet meeting and St Blazey Community Watch.

Councillor Scrafton has met with John Pollard at St Austell One Stop Shop to discuss plans for development of the local area.

Councillor Scrafton attended the Par Beach consultation event and the Par Beach Management Committee meeting who have concerns about the vehicular access to the beach.

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that he had attended the open day at Fourways Youth Club and said what a worthwhile event it was being attended by many local children who are not members of the youth club and were accompanied by their parents.

Councillor Scrafton had met with representatives of Commercial Estates Group and the Cornwall Tourism who have agreed to make the site entrance friendlier to visitors and look at the possibility of providing an alternative means of access to the beach.

Councillor Scrafton attended the service of dedication at the new Chapel of Rest in Station Road.

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that he would be supporting the Cornwall Council motion to ask the government to introduce legislation to control satellite navigation.

1308/08 **COMMUNITY WARDENS EMPLOYMENT**

David Pearce has been recruited to the position of Community Warden and began work on Tuesday 27th September 2013. He was introduced to the Councillors. Dave has holiday booked from September 24th until October 10th but has said he will endeavour to get the hedge strimming and other Town Maintenance up to date before his holiday begins. His uniform has either been purchased or ordered.

The Clerk was instructed to put a press release together introducing the new Warden to the community, add his details to our web-site and put an article in PL24.

1308/09 **STATION ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

We have received the transfer documents for the toilets, the Councillors would like to see the overage restrictions removed from the transfer schedule.

There are no signs on the toilets displaying whether they are male or female, the Clerk has spoken with Cornwall Council who will be re-instating them shortly. Councillor

Putt told the Council that there is a section of the plumbing that he is unhappy with and the men's cubicle does not lock. The Clerk will report these issues to Cornwall Council also. Some of the lagging around the piping has been stolen, Dave will be attending to this. Outside the men's toilet there is a piece of tarmac that needs attention.

St Blazey FC have written that they will be happy to assist with the locking and unlocking of the facility but the Council are happy with the arrangement currently in place but would like the Football Club to do so on occasions that we do not have cover. The Clerk will write to the Football Club.

1308/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Cornwall Council have not informed us of an additional reductions in service since our last meeting.

1308/11 **THE CLERKS PAY AWARD**

The National Joint Council for Local Services has reached agreement on the pay scales for 2013-14. Consequently the National Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks jointly recommend that all Local Councils adopt the new pay scales which reflect a 1% increase for Local Council Clerks.

The Clerk left the room.

Councillor Seel proposed that St Blaise Town Council award the Clerk the increase, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk returned to the room.

1308/12 **PRESS MEDIA POLICY**

A Press Media Policy had been distributed to all Councillors. Councillor Scrafton proposed that the policy be adopted, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Wheeler, all Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1308/13 **SHARING THE COST OF THE SKATEPARK**

Tywardreath and Par Parish Council have agreed to take over the lease and assume ownership of the Skatepark proposed on the area beside Par Running Track once it has been built. They have written and asked us to share the cost of the facility once the land has been transferred to them up to a value of £250 per year.

Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Town Council support Tywardreath and Par Parish Council, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Seel, all Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1308/14 **REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS**

RCLP Rural Community Link Project have written asking the Town Council to support them in some way due to their funding streams drying up. It was agreed to defer the matter to next month as the Clerk has been approached by another group wanting to hire the hall on a Monday which will affect the type of help the Council can provide.

CORNWALL BLIND ASSOCIATION. Cornwall Blind Association have asked for a donation towards the volunteer transport service that assists visually impaired people living in the St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel Network Area. Councillor Allen proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, all Councillors agreed and so it was **RESOLVED**. LGA 1972 s139.

1308/15 **MAYORALTY FOR ST BLAISE**

It is usual for Towns to have a Mayor, however St Blaise Town Council decided against this when they changed from a Parish Council due to the cost. It is recognised that a small town without a Mayor sends a message that we are of less value than those with a Mayor. When attending functions within our own Town and Mayors from neighbouring towns are wearing regalia, the public are given the impression that we are subservient to the other Council.

St Blaise Town Council still believe that regalia is unnecessary but insignia may up the profile and that local business could be approached to assist with the cost which could be limited.

Councillor Scrafton proposed that St Blaise Town Council change the Title of Chairman to Mayor and Vice Chairman to Vice Mayor and research subscription locally. Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, Councillors Allen, Heyward, Putt and Taylor agreed. Councillors Blackie and Wheeler voted against the proposal and Councillor Miller abstained. Due to the majority vote it was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

1308/16 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The clerk has had a rejection letter from stage 2 lottery appraisers. The Clerk was instructed to renew the current planning permission and speak to Cornwall Council to remove the clause from the transfer that says the extension should be built within 7 years.

Neighbourhood Planning – The Clerk has completed on the lease of the shop, the next Neighbourhood Planning meeting will be on 2nd September and the process can now continue.

WW1-Anniversary – Councillor Miller has collected a plaque commemorating the WW1 soldiers that fell who used the Methodist Chapel which is now the new Chapel of rest. It was agreed that this should be re-furbished and the undertakers be asked if we could place it on site.

1308/17 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT****Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic**

Location: Station Road, St Blazey
Timing: 2nd September to 22nd November 2013 (24 hours weekends included)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Culvert Repair Works

The above closure has been approved

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

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

Location: Par Moor Road, Par
Timing: 14th to 15th October 2013 (2200 to 0600 hours)
Reason: Centurion Site Services - Bridge Works
Contact: Centurion Site Services, Tel:01924 372957

Cornwall Council Strategy Localism and Communications department have received our Community Right to Bid applications for the Traction Engine Turntable, St Blazey Football Club and The Philip Varcoe Playing Field. They will consider the applications and let us know the outcomes within eight weeks.

Cornwall Council will be holding a Budget Consultation Event at Alexander Hall on Monday 9th September between 6.30pm and 8.00 pm.

Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust have asked for St Blaise Town Councillors support to complete their process to become a Foundation Trust. The benefits to be coming a Foundation Trust are that they will have more control over the budget and developments at RCHT, they can aim their service at the Cornish public and can work with them on RCHT issues. The Clerk will obtain membership forms for the Councillors.

Cornwall Council have informed the Council that under the Highways Act 1980 – Section 278, the development at Par Lane, Par developed by Wainhomes (south West) Holdings Ltd have been adopted.

Residents of Station Road remain concerned about the speed of traffic and have expressed their desire for a crossing. Councillors were asked for suggestions.

Councillor Wheeler will attend the 2nd Town and Parish Council Annual Summit at Kingsley Village on Saturday 21st September.

Councillors Wheeler and Blackie will attend the Neighbourhood Planning event on 2nd October in Truro.

The Clerk has received an e-mail from a resident recently moved to the Town who is extremely concerned about the stream behind the Co-op as it full of rubbish.

Councillor Wheeler volunteered to try and put a working party together to get the stream cleaned. The Clerk will forward the e-mail to both Co-op and the environment Agency.

Tony Nethercott from PL24 (who are providing the boat to be placed on the green opposite Edcgumbe Terrace) has negotiated with St Stephen Garden Centre and found that the evergreen plants will cost approximately £150. The Councillors agreed that Mr Nethercott could buy the plants on behalf of St Blaise Town Council from the plants and trees budget.

1308/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| PA13/07370 | TPO
Application for works to trees subject to TPO. Crown lifting of English Oak to 5 metres.
45 Hillside Avenue.
St Blazey. |
| PA13/07471 | Full Planning
Proposed maintenance to and repositioning of existing timber windows to create a recessed aperture including new slate sills.
1 Par Lane
St Blazey |
| PA13/07594 | Full Planning
Two storey extension to incorporate garage with additional bedroom to the first floor.
24 Helleur Close
St Blazey |

RESULTS RECEIVED

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| PA13/03346 | Certificate of lawfulness.
For the existing use of caravan as a residential accommodation
Caravan 1
Bodelva
REFUSED |
| PA13/05385 | TPO
Application to fell one wild cherry tree subject to TPO.
Sibbys Cottage
Tregrehan Mills
St Blazey
APPROVED |
| PA13/05859 | Reserved Matters
Application for approval of reserved matters (access |

appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of
 decision notice PA13/03724 for outline planning for single
 dwelling
 39 Trenovissick Road
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

PA13/05824 Full Planning
 Demolition of existing attached dwelling and erection of pair
 of detached dwellings, widening of existing access and
 incorporation of non-domestic land for parking.
 Bank View
 16 Biscovey Road
 St Blazey Gate.
 APPROVED

1308/19 ALEXANDER HALL

Cornwall Council One Stop Shop have suspended the out and about service throughout August and September due to staff shortages. RCLP have reduced their booking to 2nd and fourth Mondays of each month. The Clerk wants to change their day as there is another booking waiting for Monday mornings if this can be arranged.

1308/20 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	516.50
Interest (high)	112.79
Hall Bookings	161.00 7/13

Expenditure

Broadband	38.83
SWW	66.50
Insurance	161.41
HMRC	
CC (pen)	423.47
Clerks Sal	1285.37
Warden Wage	432.50
EON	42.00
Cleaners Wage	81.80
UK Fuels	32.01
D & S build	120.00
Planters	46.53
AD sales	96.00
Land Registry	3.00
Grant Thornton	408.00
Eclipse	14.38
D & S builders	530.00
Cumbria Cloc	174.00
BT	61.20
ICO	35.00
Viking	147.07

	Brewers	54.50
	PRS	158.02
	ASDA	10.00
	DLH	34.00
	CC Elec costs	271.20
7/13	PC Bus Rates	51.37
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	JG	26.00
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	790.29	4,858.16

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1308/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson informed the Council that the Burrows Centre AGM will be at the centre at 2.30pm on Tuesday September 10th 2013.

Councillor Anderson is concerned that there is not enough St Blazey people represented on the Par Bay Big Local Group. Councillor Taylor who is the only Councillor represented will take her concerns to the group.

Councillor Blackie suggested that the Council start to think about the next planting of the planters at the end of Station Road. It was explained that this would now be part of the Wardens duties and should be discussed at next month's meeting.

Councillor Taylor suggested that the Clerk speak with Cornwall Council planning department regarding the Bell Tower before we arrange it re-situating at the Town Car Park.

1308/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 26th September 2013 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.