

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th February 2008
at 7.30pm.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

G Miller, D Scrafton, R Heyward, D Goddard, M Gill, D Hooper & A Putt

In attendance: Borough Councillor Taylor
Borough Councillor Bull
County Councillor Burley
Town Clerk
2 members of the press

0802/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Allen and Borough Councillor Bull

0802/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 31st January 2008 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0802/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no other declarations of interest of gifts of a value greater than £25. Councillors Scrafton and Gill declared an interest on minute item 0802/13 Donation to Restormel Citizens Advice Bureau.

0802/04 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 0801/10 Councillor Miller asked the Clerk to contact RBC to get their report following the regeneration meeting of 14.1.2008.

Minute 0801/12 The Clerk read the Council G Pinwell's letter in response to the Councils request to join the Area Action Force. The letter stated that the request was debated at the Area Action Force meeting but the decision was to refuse the Council this request but allow them to attend any Land Sub- Group meetings. Councillor Scrafton having read the minutes of said meeting said the reply was disingenuous and unfortunate that the only council that will remain in its present form is being denied access to discussions.

Ashley Shopland from Imerys replied to our letter assuring us that Imerys will keep us abreast of all developments.

Minute 0801/19 The Clerk read the Area Surveyors reply to the councils request for pavement in Prideaux Road outside White House Farm in which he says that there are presently no funds available but will add it to the list of future potential schemes.

0802/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

	Crimes	Detected		Crimes	Detected
Assault	1	1	Vehicle Crime	10	0
Theft	4	2	Theft of M/V	2	0
Damage	6	0	Burglary Dwelling	0	0
Burglary other	2	1	Drugs	1	1
Other	5	4			

TOTAL	31	8			

PC Toms told the Council that 21% is average immediate detection as February's figure shows, but other crimes will be detected later.

PC Toms told the Council about PACT- which stands for Partnerships and Communities Together. The police are involving local people and business's to report their concerns about the local community. Post cards are available locally for this purpose as well as the neighbourhood police team being readily available to speak to people in the community.

The system has been designed to help identify local concerns and recording issues that need addressing highlighting the three highest priorities which in St Blazey are Anti-social behaviour, illegal parking and speeding.

Local groups now have the facility to use a speed gun to collate evidence although this evidence can't be used for a prosecution. The speed gun can be loaned to them after the police have carried out a risk assessment of the area and individuals are trained. High visibility tabards will also be available.

0802/06 **REPORT BY ROB BEALE FROM FOURWAYS YOUTH CENTRE**

Rob Beale told the Council that the street work that they had helped fund would commence in May on Friday evenings. The youth staff would liaise with youths on the streets and ask them where they believe problems arise and if they believe there are practical solutions.

Fourways is starting a youth café at weekends and has C-card system which provides contraception to the young which it is hoped will alleviate the problem of STI's.

Rob Beale would like the Council to get involved with the youths of St Blazey and will come back to the March meeting and discuss this further.

0802/07 **BOROUGH ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

Councillor Taylor reported that Clearsprings are looking for premises in the Bodmin and St Austell areas. The premises would house ex-prisoners who have home detention curfews, the convicted and not yet sentenced or people on bail who have no permanent address. It has been proved that most re-offend and that there is minimal supervision in these homes and Councils are not consulted about these premises. The Chief Executive of RBC has written to the government opposing the scheme being housed in the area.

Councillor Taylor is in favour of Freshstart, a scheme that offers total rehabilitation to ex offenders including intensive training for future employment. It is a fully supervised scheme and only 3% re-offend.

Councillor Anderson asked if Councillor Taylor could arrange for a dog warden to visit St Blazey as there is still a problem, all be it reduced, even though nine bins have been sited in and around St Blazey

0802/08 **COUNTY ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

Councillor Burley believes that Town and Parish Elections will not be until 2013 although the final decision has yet to be made.

0802/09 **T BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS PLANNING POLICY – NEW BUILDS**

The Council had a discussion regarding new builds in the area and the impact on the local community. Each new property contributes to the sewerage system as well as lessening the area for surface water to drain away. SWW have not accepted that the sewers in St Blazey are at capacity contrary to the opinion of the Council.

Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Town Council amend its planning policy as follows:-

- 1 The Council consider all new builds on a case by case basis taking into account of the need for confidence that they will not impact on the sewerage system.
- 2 The Council work together to install a higher say in planning matters once the new authority is in place.
- 3 The Council work with the Borough and County Councillors to achieve these aims.

Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, the Council were all in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

0802/10 **OVERVIEW OF CALC CONFERENCE on FEBRUARY 9th 2008**

The Clerk attended the meeting on behalf of the Council and reported as follows

Julia Goldsworthy MP reported that Parish and Town Council Elections may be in 2009. The Clerk asked the Council their view and St Blaise Town Council decided 2013 which the Clerk will report back to CALC.

Quality Status Criteria would reduce elected members from 80% to 2/3 from April 2008.

Julia Goldsworthy gave a talk on the Sustainable Communities Bill which will change the way in which local authorities work and make Council Tax payers money more accountable.

One Cornwall who were going to provide CALC with a member of staff to oversee the change to the unitary authority are now going to provide funding instead. CALC still do not have enough money to pay a full time member of staff and therefore will add an additional voluntary £50 to each of our memberships for the coming year. CALC has approximately 160 members of which 70 were represented at the Conference and only 2 Councils said they would be unprepared to meet the additional cost although none could answer accurately on behalf of their Councils.

Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Council pay the additional £50, Councillor Goddard seconded, the council were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

0802/11 **NOMINATIONS FOR GOOD AND YOUTH CITIZENS AWARDS 2007/08**

The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Fowey School to see if they believed there was a youth living in St Blazey who is deserving of the youth award. Sally Grainger was nominated by Ocean Housing for the adult award and so the council RESOLVED to award Ms Grainger.

0802/12 **DONATION TO SNOWLANDS ANGLING & CONSERVATION GROUP**

The group asked for a donation towards coaching sessions for youths in the local area. Councillor Seel proposed a donation of £50, Councillor Heyward seconded, the Council were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

0802/13 **DONATION TO RESTORMEL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Councillors Gill and Scrafton left the room.

St Blaise Town Councillors discussed the merits of the bureau and the benefit to the people of St Blazey Councillor Seel proposed a donation of £400 which was seconded by Councillor Heyward. The Councillors present voted 5/1 in favour and it was RESOLVED that a donation of £400 be given.

Councillors Gill and Scrafton returned to the room.

0802/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Bus Shelters – The shelter outside Doubletrees School is due to be installed 11.3.08.

Proposed St Blazey Festival – A committee has been formed and the first meeting will be on Friday 7th March. The Clerk asked the council for a donation for a raffle prize. Councillor Putt proposed £150, seconded by Councillor Miller and all were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Town Car Park – A quote has been sought for re-surfacing the car park which was £45,111.64, the council agreed that this quote was too high and other solutions should be sought. The quote to infill the stones that J Foye has placed was for soil and therefore the Clerk will ask for this quote to be amended for concrete. The quote to clear the overgrowth on each side is for £80 and it was RESOLVED that this should be done.

0802/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Rodney Matthews asked the Clerk to bring to the attention of the Council recent newspaper articles which would see a railway extension between St Austell and Newquay and his concerns that the Par Line would be at risk.

The Clerk read the Council a letter from Tywardreath and Par Council thanking them and the residents of St Blazey for their help and support for the campaign to halt the freehold of Par Sands Caravan Site.

0802/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There had been eight planning application received. It was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

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| 07/02121 | Full Planning
Change of use: from garage to elderly person's annexe.
Proposed Development : Erect a Conservatory
15 Bobs Road
St Blazey |
| 08/00161 | Full Planning
Demolition of Conservatory and part of garage and replace
with garage and dining room extension.
15 Southview Road
Biscovey |

- 08/00200 Full Planning
Allow indoor market for another 42 weeks over 2years.Erection of 2 Bus Shelters and alterations to car park access to facilitate use of car park as park and ride scheme.
Cornish Market World
- 08/00098 Full Planning
Remove Conservatory and build dining room extension.
173 Old Roselyon Road
St Blazey
- 08/00175 Full Planning
Install replacement drainage pipe between 2 ponds Wheal Rashleigh and Waldon Pond
Walden Pond, Prideaux Road
St Blazey
- 08/00179 Full Planning
Rear conservatory.
17 Ash Close
Biscovey
- 08/00231 Full Planning
Conservatory
264 Manor View
St Blazey
- 07/01600 Full Planning
Proposed 4 bedroomed house with domestic garage.
Plot 2b, adj to Uplands
The Mount.

Application 08/0200 will have a request for a clause that an access road be installed in Par Moor allowing access to the car park for traffic coming from the A390.

The Clerk will write to the planning department about application 07/01600 which was received incomplete and dated 15/2/08. When the Clerk checked the online planning register found that consultation had ended on 27.12.2007 and the Councils deadline was January 17th 2008.

Planning Application results received

- 07/01984 Full Planning – Extend dwelling by conversion of outbuilding.
The Studio, St Blazey Road
GRANT PERMISSION

07/02044 Full Planning – UPVC conservatory to rear and new side door.
35 Trenovissick Road
GRANT PERMISSION

0802/17 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The hall is being well used.

0802/18 **ACCOUNTS**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Hall Bookings	688.50	Insurance	120.24
J Foye	100.00 1/08	Council Tax	76.00
Hall Bookings	198.00 1/08	Water	40.50
Donation	20.00	SWEB	55.00
Interest	327.80	Broadband	17.99
		Inland Revenue	121.68
		CCC	262.86
		Clerks Salary	691.72
		Cleaner	80.04
		Publication	15.95
		CALC Conference	10.00
		Ocean Housing	5000.00
		Viking	57.21
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	1334.30		6549.19

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

The Clerk asked the Council if the accounting system could be changed to scribe which is a system written for small Councils and is cheaper than the present system. Councillor Seel proposed that this be done, seconded by Councillor Heyward and the Council agreed. It was RESOLVED to start 2008/09 with Scribe accounting system.

0802/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Scrafton and Gill attended a meeting of Restormel parishes on 27th February at Roche to look at issues relating to the transition to a unitary authority.

0802/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 27th March 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.