

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 27th February 2014**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillors A Seel – Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)

1402/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from St Blazey Police.

1402/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th January 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1402/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1402/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1411/12 When Cllr Taylor was marshalling for the Feast Parade, he was informed by a bus driver that he had not been notified of the Road Closure.

1411/18 The Clerk has contacted numerous companies about replacing the lighting in Piggy Alley but has yet to receive any response.

1402/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

January 2014

		Detected
Assault	9	3
Burglary dwelling	1	
Burglary other	2	
Theft of MV		
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	4	2
Theft (including from M/V)	7	

Damage	3	1
Drugs	6	5
Other	9	
TOTAL:	41	11
November 2012:	42	8

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE January 2014 – 70

Very little difference in the crime figures compared to the same period last year despite a number of vans being broken into last month. There has also been an increase in the detection rate.

1402/06 **LUCI ISAACSON SPOKE TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE LEAF LITTER PROJECT**

Luci told the Councillors that 9 tons of leaf litter had been collected by the end of the project, 2nd week of January. The offenders working on the project enjoyed it despite their original dismay. 50% of the final week's collection was silt. Luci is writing a report for Defra which will provide a tool kit for use in the future.

Luci said that the waste was to be left on site for 12 months when it can then be used as mulch. The Environment Agency has designated the leaf litter waste as hazardous and can therefore not be used as compost. They do not consider it suitable to be fed back into the food chain. Luci is meeting with the EA to discuss this as part of her bid for funding.

Councillor Anderson thought the scheme had been tremendous and was a great way to use free talent to the benefit of the entire community. Councillor Seel would like to see the area expanded if it is to run again as there are many areas in St Blazey that could benefit. Councillor Allen asked if it could be given to allotment groups out of St Blaise as we don't have any within the Town. Luci responded that Lostwithiel allotments are benefitting and she couldn't see why others couldn't.

Councillor Anderson asked Luci for details of the process. Leaf litter – Mulch – Soil – Worms etc – Food chain.

Luci believes that in the future the scheme could be self-funding by selling the compost.

1402/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has attended many meetings in the last month as well as attending St Blaise Feast. He has attended Par Bay Big Local, Neighbourhood Planning, Community Network Area Meeting, Fourways Management Committee, Burrows Board of Directors, Biscovey School Governors and the combined flood group meeting at St Ewe. Councillor Taylor has met with Chris Comfret about St Austell bay Regeneration.

Councillor Seel asked about safeguarding as he had met a useful contact who could provide training and believes this could be a useful community project. Councillor Taylor will look into this.

1402/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton had attended the opening of the Par Bay Skate Park bids, an announcement will be forthcoming. He had also attended the Feast Parade along with Par Bay Big Local, Neighbourhood Planning, Community Network Area, Fourways Management Committee, Burrows Board of Directors, Community Watch and the St Austell Bay Economic Forum meetings.

Councillor Scrafton has met with the Planning Officer who is dealing with the application for a house at Biscovey Road, he believes that the planning officer is minded to give consent as he sees no planning reason to refuse. Councillor Scrafton has requested that it be dealt with by the planning committee as he will speak against the proposals.

Councillor Scrafton has met with residents that surround Biscovey Academy as they are concerned about parking when parents are dropping and collecting their children from School. He is speaking with the School Governors regarding this.

1402/09 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave told the Council that all the Town maintenance was up to date and had begun the Major cut back in Piggy Alley. He asked the council if he could remove the moss from the surface of the Triangle surrounding the Fountain as it was land not belonging to the Council but he considered it to be fairly hazardous. The Council agreed.

1402/10 **MAYORAL REGALIA**

The Clerk showed the Councillors the quote from Vaughan's for Mayoral Regalia. Councillor Allen proposed that we accept the quote, Councillor Scrafton seconded the proposal and six Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED. Two Councillors voted against the proposal.

It was agreed that public subscription would continue until the balance was paid from contributions already made. It was suggested that any profit from seagull proof sacks could be used for this purpose.

1402/11 **ST BLAISE TOWN CAR PARK**

Councillor Blackie had visited the Town Car Park late one evening and seen many commercial vehicles parked, he proposes that the Council start to charge vehicles for parking overnight. A discussion took place and consideration was given to the police and businesses that have to use the car park all day, every day and the viability of a scheme that would fine offenders or installation of equipment. Councillor Seel reminded the Council that the decision to have free parking was partially due to lack of parking in Station Road. Councillor Putt proposed that the Town Car Park remains

free, Councillor Allen seconded the proposal, six Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED. One Councillor voted against the proposal. One abstained.

The Clerk was instructed to order an additional sign to say that HGV vehicles that transgress the rule will be fined. Councillor Putt will arrange for the stones to be moved.

1402/12 **NEW STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk had distributed the model standing orders and now asked what should be kept in and what the council would like to see deleted. Various discussion took place and it was decided that Councillor Wheeler would work on them before the council made a decision.

1402/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – The Neighbourhood Planning Team have had the Exeter students visit the Town and will be presenting their work on March 21st. The Town Team are holding an event at the football club on March 26th where the NP team will have a stand.

WW1 Anniversary – Arrangements are continuing and it is hoped that Lostwithiel Town band will be included in the celebrations.

Bell Tower - After several builders and contractors being approached we only received one quote, Chris Biggs has provided a quote for the moving of the Bell Tower from Fourways to the Town Car Park for £1,428 + vat. Councillor Putt proposed we accept the quote, Councillor Scrafton seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Councillor Scrafton retired from the meeting.

1402/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has had the renewal for the Local Maintenance Partnership. A Cornwall Council scheme that asks parish and Town Councils to cut back footpaths as they cannot afford to do this but will give a financial contribution to the Council that takes on the responsibility. The Council agreed to renew the scheme for 2014/15.

The resident from 60 Bobs Road who is concerned about his neighbour building an extension without planning permission has contacted the Clerk again as a new enforcement case has been instigated.

The Clerk reported to the Council that the Warden is being paid in line with his offer of employment letter and contract.

The Clerk has had a letter from St Blazey Air Cadets inviting the Councillors to visit them on a Wednesday evening and offering us their services at Community Events. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will arrange a visit and ask them to attend the Remembrance Service this November.

1402/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- PA14/01177 Full Planning
Proposed enlargement of existing opening and installation of doors.
Brittania Inn
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate
- PA14/01178 Listed Building Consent
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Brittania Inn
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate
- PA14/01477 SWW – Full Planning
Siting of control cabinet (1m high, 0.4m wide and 1.5m long) to house electrical control system which is designed to manage storm water discharge from the combined sewerage system.
1 Tredenham Close
St Blazey

Planning Application Results Received

- PA14/00306 Works to trees covered by a TPO, namely felling of an Elm tree (T1), Reduction of branches of sycamore tree (T2) and Ash Tree (T3).
Roselyon School Trust Ltd
Middleway
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA14/00577 Application for works to Cherry Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order, Namely to remove limb growing over fence.
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Middleway
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA13/11477 Variation of Condition 2 of PA13/07594
24 Helleur Close
St Blazey
APPROVED

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1402/16 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk Has received the Independent Fire Risk assessment for the Community Centre and it has proved we have sufficient fire precautions in place.

1402/17 ACCOUNTS

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Payments Received

Hall Bookings	569.50
Interest (high)	120.83
Black Sacks	42.00
Interest	4.33

Expenditure

Broadband	46.33
Wardens Wage	520.00
Insurance	175.11
HMRC	499.92
CC (pen)	427.38
Clerks Sal	1295.80
UK Fuels	48.46
Fleet	100.00
Eclipse	14.38
CEF	123.26
D Smith	287.19
Fire Safety	150.00
Scribe	234.00
SLCC	82.80
BT	59.04
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	42.00
Dave Smith	77.32
DS Bld	200.00

	Biology	13.79
	Cleaners Wage	60.52
	Chubb (parts)	12.78
	<u>PC</u>	
	Bus Rates	54.00
	CIS	10.08
	Colin Matthews	135.50
	Warden	28.00
	<u>Shop</u>	
	Telephone & BB	100.80
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736.66		4,887.46

The Clerk asked that each councillor be asked individually whether the accounts could be approved. All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

The Clerk has contracted a new internal auditor who reported that the Toilet Warden could not be paid a tax free gratuity. The Clerk must round up the figure paid to him to a gross amount on the end of year return.

1402/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Heyward asked the Clerk to report to Highways that the build out at Trenovissick Road needs attention as the bollard is no longer in place and can't be seen by traffic and the road surface at the bottom of Par Lane has totally disintegrated. He also requested that the Clerk ask the Co-operative to re-paint the crossings in the Car Park.

Councillor Blackie asked the Clerk to report to Highways that the 20 mph sign in Lamellyn Road is hidden by overgrown trees and that there needs to be another facing the opposite direction on the other side of the road.

Councillor Wheeler asked the Clerk to report to Highways that there is a large pot-hole at Brooks Corner.

Councillor Allen asked the Clerk to report to Highways that there are large pot-holes under Skew Bridge.

1402/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 27th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12pm.