

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 26th February 2015**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

Councillors

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)
PC Barnicoat
1 PCSO
Hilary Manns
1 Member of the press
7 Members of the public

Before the meeting began the Mayor introduced new Councillor Jenny Taylor to the Councillors and welcomed her. The Mayor also welcomed the new neighbourhood officer PC Barnicoat.

Mr Bennetto spoke to the Council with objections to the planning application at Biscovey Road, he said that the previous application for the same site had been refused by the planning inspector due to access, the inspector said that permission could be granted if access and turning could be proved. Mr Bennetto provided photos to disprove this. Mr Bennetto also believes that the build is too close to the neighbours and on road parking that the application allows for is on a blind bend.

1502/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Seel, Councillor G Allen and Councillor R Taylor.

1502/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th January 2015 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1502/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1502/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1501/19 The Clerk has contacted the affordable housing team at Cornwall Council with regard the affordable housing money from the Carlyon Bay Development that was passed to them in January 2011. Negotiations with Ocean have stalled due to their staff shortages but will try to progress with them and arrange a meeting date with us.

1502/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

January 2015

	Recorded 1/15	Recorded 1/14
Violence with Injury	3	6
Violence without Injury	1	3
Robbery	1	0
Burglary Dwelling	0	2
Burglary Non Dwelling	0	2
Vehicle Offences	1	6
Other Theft	2	3
Criminal Damage	7	4
Public Order Offences	0	3
Trafficking of Drugs	0	1
Possession of Drugs	2	5
Other Offences	1	0
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>35</u>

Detected 6 Under Investigation 10

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 1/15	Recorded 1/14
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	17
Crime not Recorded	0	2
Crime Recorded	7	11
Public Safety	41	21
Transport	10	7
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>58</u>

Councillor Jenny Taylor asked PC Barnicoat the difference between recorded crime and recorded incidents. He explained that an incident was investigated but no crime found.

Councillor Blackie said that he had driven to Truro just before Christmas and noticed a lot of vehicles with faulty lights and asked if patrols could be instigated. PC Barnicoat explained that he represented the neighbourhood team and if appropriate action was needed locally it would be taken. He would pass Councillor Blackie's concerns to highways but said both teams were restricted by budget.

Councillor Putt is concerned about vehicles without car tax parking in the Town Car Park as they do not have car tax discs. PC Barnicoat said to report any suspicious vehicles to the police station and they would be investigated and action taken if appropriate.

1502/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

The Warden reported that the Town Council owned bins are now having their lids replaced when the bins are emptied. Dave Pearce has found several fly tipping violations which have been reported to the relevant land owners and they have now all been cleared.

1502/07 **AHEAD OF ROSELYON SCHOOL TALK REGARDING THE PROPOSED LOCAL FREE SCHOOL**

Hilary Manns, Head Teacher of Roselyon Preparatory School told the Council that they are hoping to change to a free school from 2015 after 60 years performing as they are. The plan is for the new school which would be based at the Eden Project is to educate 350 pupils which is many more than the current 100. The current school has exceptionally high educational standards would be maintain by having longer school days.

The school is for 4 to 11 year olds and initially it would take a two form entry for years 1 and 2, 1 form for all other years. This will build until every class has a two form entry. A free school is differs from a regular school in that it reports directly to the Department for Education rather than the local authority. The School will have place for 275 children when it opens and at present there have been 450 applications.

Councillor Wheeler asked how the entry criteria would be met, Hilary said that all the current children would transfer to the free school first and then usual criteria would follow. The Eden buses would be used as transport.

Councillor Blackie asked how this would be achieved as the bendy buses cannot use Luxulyan Road, the planners from Eden who are keen to have a school on site have taken this into consideration.

1502/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor apologised for his non attendance but reported:-

The application to remove the affordable housing element from the application for 9 homes to be built on the site of the Cornish Arms had been turned down by the case officer using delegated powers.

The contractors have identified 23rd March for 5 days as a provisional date in the work programme for the erection of the average speed camera columns on the A390. This is dependent on the columns being received from the supplier. The installation and commissioning will follow on from this. The signing has started to appear but these are being bagged to avoid confusion.

1502/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton has attended his usual round of meetings at County hall, including:-

Full Council when it was decided to increase Council Tax by 1.97%.

The strategic Planning Committee, where he spoke in favour of reserved matters for Carlyon Bay which the committee approved unanimously.

The central Area Planning Committee, where he spoke against the planning application for 44 houses at The Mount which the committee rejected unanimously. Wainhomes have conjoined this application to their appeal against the original application due to go to public hearing on April 28th.

Councillor Scrafton will speak against the application to build homes on the site of Biscovey Social Club after considering the danger to traffic on the A390, concerns by English Heritage and taking into account the neighbouring listed buildings.

Fourways Management Committee have reached agreement with Cornwall Council for the current employees to take over commissioning of some youth services that would otherwise have ended 31st March. The Management Committee intend to contract a Community Interest Committee set up by the existing Fourways staff who are to be made redundant. Funding has been sought that should support 2015/16 financial year and maybe a little longer. Councillor Scrafton asked the Council considering providing funds for future years.

Par Bay Big Local have purchased Cornubia Hall and will be holding an open events for the public to look around the empty building and give their views on the facilities they would like to see in the building on the evening of 27th March and the morning of the 28th.

The next PBBL Big Giveaway will be on April 11th, at Tywardreath Methodist Chapel.

1502/10 **LOCAL COUNCILS AWARD SCHEME**

The Local Council Awards Scheme, Quality Status, expired on January 31st 2015 for any Council that held the award in September 2012 regardless of how long it was held. St Blaise Town Council was awarded in June 2012. Councils holding the award are invited to join the new scheme, free of charge, to automatically transfer to the new scheme. The Clerk has applied for this and so holds the certificate until January 2016. The Council must apply by October 2015 if they wish to continue beyond this date.

The Clerk told the Council that as yet the award has not been tested and so is reluctant to apply until more is known. All the Councillors agreed.

1502/11 **TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO LUXULYAN VALLEY PARTNERSHIP & PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Councillor Anderson was temporarily appointed to the Luxulyan Valley Partnership.
Councillor Jenny Taylor was appointed to the planning committee.

1502/12 **DONATION REQUESTS**

Cornwall Air Ambulance have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor Scrafton proposed a donation of £200, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Fleet have asked for a donation towards the resident who is running the London Marathon sponsorship, he is running with the aim of installing a defibrillator at St Blazey Gate. Councillor Blackie proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1502/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Burrows Centre – The Clerk has received revised plans for an extension at the Burrows Centre, the Clerk will liaise with Purl Design as there needs to be a few small changes.

Neighbourhood Planning – The group met on February 9th and different groups were designated to research different areas of the plan.

1502/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Councillor Putt, Dave Pearce and the Clerk met with James Clapp at the footpath by Biscovey School to discuss a solution to the sodden ground which makes the footpath unusable during and after wet weather. Mr Clapp suggested digging soak aways to feed the water into the adjoining field, laying 803 to build the path back to a reasonable height and hiring a roller and operator to secure the infill. We would need to apply for a path closure to Cornwall Council. This is an expensive solution, Mr Clapp is to see if there are any funding sources available.

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

Location: Prideaux Road, St Blazey
Timing: 16th to 31st March 2015 (0730 to 1800 hours weekends included)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - De- Silting Works

The above closure has been approved.

The Clerk is having difficulty finding anybody prepared to repair the solar lighting in Piggy Alley, she requested some help.

Councillor Putt thought the grassed area opposite St Blazey Garage might be worth the Warden looking after as it overgrown and untidy, the Clerk spoke to Cornwall Council to see if this could be a possibility. They replied that although they appreciate

the area is overgrown, with the stream just behind the growth acts as a natural barrier preventing people from getting to the stream. They do not want this area cut back as we would then need to erect fencing to prevent anyone from falling into the stream.

Cornwall Association of Local councils are offering training on becoming a better Councillor, the Clerk will distribute these details and asked the Councillors to reply to her if they wish to take part.

1502/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA15/01067 Outline Planning with all matters reserved.
Construction of a two dormer dwelling.
Pine Trees
Sea View Terrace
St Blazey

It was Resolved to OBJECT to:-

PA15/00768 Proposal for a new 3 bed roomed detached two storey dwelling
and associated works on:
Land adjacent to Belle Vue.
Biscovey Road
St Blazey

Reasons: Insufficient access which would then cause danger to traffic on Biscovey Road. Overdevelopment of site. Lack of amenity space. Lack of off street parking.

PA15/00750 Erection of detached two bed roomed dwelling
39 Polgover Way.
St Blazey

Reasons: Overdevelopment of site. Lack of amenity space.

We were not consulted on PA15/00885 as it is a permitted development.
Small extension to 9 Middleway, St Blazey.

Results Received.

PA14/12264 Reserved Matters
Non material amendment to application PA14/09637
The Carlyon Bay Development
Approved
Not Consulted

PA14/11729	Reserved Matter Application for the erection of a two storey dwelling Uplands, The Mount St Blazey APPROVED
PA15/00507	New dormer window for loft conversion 15 Rose Hill St Blazey APPROVED
PA15/10204	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 44 new dwellings. Land East of Mount Crescent St Blazey REFUSED

1502/16 ALEXANDER HALL

A carbon monoxide detector has been fitted in the reception area of the hall. Earlier in the year it was decided that due to the current financial climate we would not increase the rent during 2014/15, the Clerk asked when the next review should take place and it was agreed to add this to the April 2015 Agenda.

1502/17 ACCOUNTS

February 15

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	269.00
Interest	2.33
J Foye	100.00 1/15
NP Grant	600.00 1/15

Expenditure

Broadband	45.50
UK Fuels	29.00
Insurance	195.87
HMRC	498.89
CC (pen)	461.20
Clerks Sal	1330.68
Wardens Wage	545.67
Eclipse	14.38
Sno Embroidery	29.99
Scribe	234.00
SLCC	82.80
BT	68.40
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	78.50
EON	59.00
Pat Testing	40.00
Cleaners Wage	48.75
Chubb (parts)	12.78
CEF	94.73

<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	-52.00
Warden	59.00
D Smith	101.25
SWW	208.62

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1502/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Wheeler told the Council of a new Facebook Page that has been set up, St Blazey Community Page. This has been set up with a view of keeping the people of St Blazey informed of local news and events.

1502/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.