

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 27th February 2020.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

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

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

2002/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

2002/02 **MINUTES**

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

2002/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2002/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Before last months meeting a resident of Old Roselyon Road who expressed concern about the proposed yellow lines opposite the car park between 190 and 192 Old Roselyon Road and the Town Councillors agreed to ask for them to be removed. Unfortunately it was too late to do this without incurring great expense. Councillors agreed to monitor the area.

2002/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave is now on holiday and all his work was up to date before he left. The Clerk has been carrying out his inspections and unfortunately due to high winds 2 bus shelters have been damaged and there was quite a bit of damage in King Edward Gardens and a tree surgeon had to be called. Trail Blazer Park has been inspected but due to the weather the Clerk has not picked up the litter.

2002/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

This month I was one of the two Cornwall Councillors representing Cornwall Council at the Fire & Rescue Leadership Essentials Seminar. It was interesting to hear how the role of a firefighter is evolving. They are spending more time out in the community, fitting smoke alarms and working closely with social services and reporting back to them. This includes reporting anyone they feel is in a vulnerable position, be that as a fire risk due to hoarding or someone who is socially excluded.

I was pleased to attend the inaugural meeting of Save Penarwyn Park, and it was heartening to hear the resident's commitment and enthusiasm in making their green space somewhere that all the community want to use.

I attended the monthly meeting of PL24 Community Association on Monday. Four members of the committee resigned, threatening the future of the association and the good work it does for our community. An extraordinary meeting has been called for Monday 30 March 6pm at St Blazey Football Club to discuss the future of the association and to gauge public interest in getting involved. We would welcome some of our community to attend and pledge their support in whatever way they can, it would be sad to see it fold.

At Full Council on Tuesday, I voted against the 3.99% rise in Council Tax, as I and many other Councillors felt that there hadn't been enough time to scrutinise the content. Never the less, it was voted through, putting another £60 on a Band D properties annual council tax charge.

2002/07 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE

I was pleased to see last week double yellow lines in place on Par Lane, by the Porth Meadow estate, on both sides of the road as part of Community Network Highways Scheme, along with other double yellow lines in the area is a good result.

Last year I started working closely with a group of local residents who live on Harbour Road concerned about the speed traffic and how dangerous it is there. My first task, before anything could progress was to get the speed of traffic monitored to see the facts. Only 0.6% of Westbound and 2.6% of Eastbound went over the speed limit. Therefore speed in the area does not seem to be an issue. We are now looking at other options such as investigating making the area more pedestrian friendly or looking at better traffic management on Harbour Road.

I have been working with residents who live around the green on St Marys Road. A group of residents have come together who want to improve the green and give it some TLC. It has taken a battering over the last 12/18 months as the gasworks have been using it as a compound. I have written to every resident within the immediate proximity of the green as part of a consultation exercise to see what they think about certain proposals. Clearance works would be funded by Cornwall Council, with all

replanting and future maintenance being provided by local volunteers. The deadline for responses to the consultation is 6th March.

Planning permission is now in for Phase 1 of the STARR project, the planning application for Bull Engine Park is the construction of an attenuation basin with associated highway drainage works, and relocation of existing Skate Park. I was able to secure funding to replace the existing with new equipment.

Unfortunately the StARR project needed to use the skate park land which has meant that the plans for the new equipment have been put back until the skate park is relocated on site. The plan is to use capital money from the financial year 2020/2021 for the equipment.

2002/08 **POSTCARDS OF ST BLAZEY**

The Councillors discussed producing a postcard of St Blazezy, the Clerk had contacted three postcard producers and two of them had stopped making them due to sales diminishing. It was agreed to re-agenda this later in the year.

2002/09 **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Clerk asked the council if Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solutions Ltd should continue as our Internal Auditors for another year. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2019/20 Audit.

2002/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No issues.

2002/11 **TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS**

Cornwall Air Ambulance have asked for a donation towards extending their air operations. Councillor A Seel proposed a donation of £100, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Cruse Bereavement Care have asked for a donation towards their running costs. Councillor Seel proposed a donation of £100, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Tanya's Courage Trust have asked for a donation towards their running costs, Councillor A Seel proposed a donation of £100, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

St Johns Ambulance have asked for a donation towards their running costs, it was agreed that due to them charging for their services and the Councils limited budget, no donation would be given.

2002/12 **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

St Blazey Church are including a time of Remembrance and celebration in their service on Sunday 10th May. It was agreed that the Football Club would be asked if we could use their room from 10 until 2.00 on this day where residents would be asked to bring their old photos and light refreshments would be served.

The Clerk will contact local organisations to bring their memorabilia along.

2002/13 **TOUR OF BRITAIN**

The Tour of Britain Route is yet to be confirmed therefore we cannot plan however Councillor Anderson will be speaking with Eden.

2002/14 **THE FUTURE OF THE WWII PILLBOX AT SPIT BEACH**

Cornwall Councilor Rowse told the Council that he had been approached by Imerys to discuss the future of the WWII pillbox/lookout at Spit Beach. Imerys have said that they will no longer maintain it and therefore are interested in passing the responsibility over to the community. It is in desperate need of repair. He believes it is a hugely important part of our local history, but a part that now attracts unwanted attention. He does not want to see it demolished

Councilor Rowse would like to see an open, enjoyable area with plenty of seating to take in and appreciate the views, and some information boards to educate visitors to the beach. As this year is the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII he is keen to see the pillbox is restored by then.

Councilor Rowse asked that the town council agrees to explore the option of taking on the lease of the WWII pillbox at Spit Beach. The lease will be a peppercorn rent and Imerys would spend money to make the pillbox safe and to a standard requested by the Town Council.

The Town Council asked Councilor Rowse to investigate the length of the lease that Imerys would be prepared to give before making any commitment.

2002/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

University of Exeter Penryn and Falmouth University run student volunteer programmes. They are obviously keen to be involved with communities and happy to work with Parish and Town Councils. For example, if we wanted to have a day planting trees, potentially we could get student volunteers to help us.

Devolution of Play Areas

Councillors expressed concern regarding the movement of the devolution as they really don't want to leave the play areas closed over the summer and we have had no further communication since the meetings on 29th and 30th January.

Peter Marsh has written to the Clerk thanking us for our help in positively moving this issue forwards. He says some of the play equipment is currently cordoned off to protect the public and whilst temporary repairs could be undertaken to keep some of the equipment operational for this season, he believes that we should press on quickly with replacement rather than commit funds to undertake short term repairs.

He has scheduled a call with us for 11th March, the Town councillors instructed the Clerk to change this to a face to face meeting.

Councillor Seel had attended a residents meeting and reported that they had raised quite a bit of money and had future plans for street parties, Bingo and VE Day Celebrations.

2002/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

Location: Phase 1 - Road From Junction With Eden Access Road To Croft Farm Park, Carne Cross, St Blazey & Phase 2 - Road From Carne Cross To Junction South West Of Wheal Par, Carne Cross, St Blazey & Road From Junction South West Of Wheal Par To Bodelva Road, Bodelva, St Blazey & Bodelva Road, St Blazey & Bodelva Road, Bodelva & Luxulyan Road, St Blazey Gate, Par

Timing: 9th to 13th March 2020 (07:30 to 18:00)

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

Location: St Andrews Rd, Par

Timing: 2200 hours on 13th March 2020 to 0700 hours on 16th March 2020 (weekends included)

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

Location: Penny's Lane, Par

Timing: 14th to 16th April 2020 (07:30 to 18:00)

2002/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA20/00802 Proposed Utility Room and 2 bedroomed extension
262 Manor View
St Blazey

PA20/00149 Sun Room Extension
9 Old Roselyon Road
St Blazey

PA20/00171 Construction of attenuation basin with associated highway drainage works, and relocation of existing Skate Park.
Bull Engine Park
Lamellyn road
St Blazey

The Clerk will comment that we have safety fears as this application is adjacent to a children's play area but we acknowledge that we do not have the expertise to comment further.

PA20/00927 Non-Material Amendment to enlarge bin store to accommodate gas and electric meter cupboards, plant cupboard door to north elevation, hanging slate instead of stonework to rear central wall, canopy steel post supports, lower front projecting bays in respect of decision ref: PA19/04813 dated 23.10.2019.
Polgrean Place
St Blazey

PA19/11020 Construction of vehicular crossing
St Blazey Pumping Station
Par Green.

Planning Application Results

2002/18 ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL

The portable appliance testing has been carried out on all Town Council owned buildings.

2002/19 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	424.00
Interest	0.47
High Deposit Int	
Com room Income	126.00
JA Room Hire	80.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	657.80
Broadband	29.50
UK Fuels	45.00
Insurance	205.32
HMRC	691.96
CC (Pen)	554.58
R Heyward	340.00
Trail Blazer	45.00
Viking	120.38
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	14.47
EDF (Elec)	62.00
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	71.00
Pat Testing	33.78

Cleaners Wage	55.95
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	30.00
EDF	12.00
SWW	163.60
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
EDF	72.00
SWW	55.58
BB	15.00
Pat Testing	6.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Pat Testing	5.00
Wisdom Signs	86.40

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2002/20TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Moore attended half of the Community Land Trust seminar on 3.2.20 there was talk of community led homes enabling hub to be set up on 31 March 2021. Potentially, there will be a soft launch in March. There is considerable support for co-housing, the success of Trelay was outlined and a new scheme starting at Marazion and of particular interest is the rise of Community Trusts.

Councillor Moore reported that Lanivet Parish Council has set up a housing working party within the Council, which has formed a Community Trust. She has emailed the leader to find out more about this. They are fortunate in having a commercial accountant on their board who had researched starting up a Community Interest Company (CIC).

One of the reasons for using CCLT was that they took all the legal paperwork away from them. A simple Working party under the town council would be sufficient for our purposes. Another reason was continuity and sustainability. CCLT ensures that management of the scheme, after the work has been completed, continues.

Councillor Moore believes that there may be money available from the Coastal Communities fund available.

Councillor Moore attended SABEF on 5/2/20 where there was much discussion of the Coastal Communities Fund, I get the impression that there is money that could come to St Blazey, partly because I have been pushing the Britannia roundabout works. There seemed to be more interest in what could be done for St Blazey Green Spaces. This also relates to the Green and Whitegold festival.

Councillor Jenny Moore chaired a meeting of the group to be known as St Blazey Flooding and Natural Amelioration Group (St Blazey FANAG). Councillor Moore

asked where responsibilities lay. Mark Allott said that he should be first port of call, but a list would be prepared indicating responsibility for each site. Tom Fletcher said that the EA would be leading on St Andrews Wetlands and they would be looking for community involvement. Councillor Jenny Moore said that she was treasurer of the wetlands group, and there would be a meeting shortly where she would raise this.

There had been some sharing of information with Eden, Mark Allott confirmed that he had met with Juliet Rose from Eden to discuss how they could assist, but they both needed more information in order to proceed.

Tom Fletcher reported that a Residual Flood Risk Strategy is being written which would include future adaptations that could be brought to the table. It would highlight what should/could happen after the 25 years is up and identify vulnerable areas.

It was emphasized that there should be consultation and engagement with the community over proposals, aspirational sites and plans. It was suggested that John Mitchell, head of Green Spaces at CC should be contacted to gather information and advice on funding sources.

There was general agreement that it would be a positive step to develop the St Blazey Community Rooms gardens into rain gardens, and additional areas where work such as this could take place, to raise the profile of StARR with the community.

Citizen Science was discussed, a scheme where the community could be involved in testing water quality. Local people could be taught how to do this.

The way forward is to teach residents how to live with water i.e. ponds and rain gardens. The Residual Flood Risk Strategy from the Environment Agency would have an adaption Plan. Ann Reynolds should be invited to attend a meeting, as she is an expert on Cornish hedges.

It was agreed that large scale maps should be provided, a clear definition as to who is leading on which sites, there would be a workshop organised on Property Flood Resilience (PFR) and a community event should be organised.

Councillor R Taylor has found that there is a culvert where the Tywardreath stream emerges from it into the culvert on the public footpath at Par Green between numbers 50 and 52 and continues towards the beach. The highest water measured is about 75 cms below the level of the base of the railing around the culvert. This could result in a higher level of water causing flooding upstream. He has asked - what is the situation with the backing up of Par River by the tide and by a storm surge? And what is in place to stop high tides and or storm surge from backing up the Par River and flooding property?

2002/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th March 2020 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.31 pm.