

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th January 2014**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

Councillors:

R Blackie, R Heyward, A Putt, R Taylor and S Wheeler

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
PCSO R Harris  
11 members of the public

Before the meeting began Mr Bennetto spoke on behalf of himself and several neighbours regarding planning application PA13/11538, he informed the Council that there is a dispute being handled by an independent solicitor regarding the boundaries of the land with adjoining properties. Mr Bennetto believes that the proposed site less his land is below 35 square meters which is less than the space required for the build. He is also concerned about the access onto Biscovey Road, insufficient amenity and curtilage space, proximity to existing properties and doesn't believe that the design of the dwelling is in keeping with the existing houses.

James Kittow spoke regarding a pre-application submission that has been made to Cornwall Council regarding land to the rear of Rosehill. He told the Council that it was a piece of land that had been owned by his family for many years which have long standing connections with the Town. The family are eager to preserve the wildlife and habitat, he expressed his vision of a community build for local people and would ensure that eco-friendly housing would be of paramount importance.

1401/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Seel, G Miller, D Scrafton and G Allen.

1401/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1401/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1401/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1311/14 A dog bin has been placed at the Mount.

1401/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

## November 2013

		Detected
Assault	6	2
Burglary dwelling		
Burglary other		
Theft of MV	1	1
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	4	
Theft (including from M/V)	6	3
Damage	5	2
Drugs	2	2
Other	4	3
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>

**November 2012:** **32** **6**

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE November 2013 – 115

## December 2013

		Detected
Assault	5	1
Burglary dwelling	3	
Burglary other		
Theft of MV	2	
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	9	1
Theft (including from M/V)	3	1
Damage	3	1
Drugs	2	2
Other	4	2
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>

**December 2012:** **35** **7**

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE December 2013 – 160

PCSO Harris told the Council that there is a new Sergeant in St Blaise, Innes Dowlen, who started in December. There has been a spate of theft from vans so it is expected that January's crime figures will be high. Councillor Blackie asked if highway patrols could be made around the Town of an evening as there are a lot of cars on the roads with lights that don't work.

1401/06 **PROPOSED HOUSING TO THE REAR OF ROSEHILL**

Sue Walters from Situ8 planning consultancy spoke to the Council regarding the pre application submission that has been made to Cornwall Council regarding land to the rear of Rosehill. Ms Walters said that the site is currently open agricultural land

but it is proposed to build in excess of 10 affordable homes. The access would be from either Rosehill or the access way to the rear of 1 Doubletrees with improved entry. The build would be a sustainable urban development with plenty of amenity space.

Councillor Putt asked that they recognise that the area is prone to flooding and is a critical drainage area.

Councillor Anderson asked how they could improve access and was told that they would demolish No 1 Rosehill if necessary.

Councillor Blackie asked to see an A4 plan of the site which was provided.

Councillor Taylor said that he would like to see a more detailed plan with the improved junction.

#### 1401/07 **PROPOSED HOUSE AT BISCOVEY ROAD**

Robert Rowett from Robert Rowett Architectural Services presented the Council with the plans for the land at Biscovey Road along with the existing site plan. He showed the Council the maps from 1880, 1900 and 1930 showing buildings on the site. Cornwall Council in their pre-application advice states that they are in favour of sustainable development and would be infill between two dwellings which means this development would be considered acceptable.

#### 1401/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has attended many meetings in the last month including local meetings, Par Bay Big Local, Neighbourhood Planning Training, Community Network Area Meeting, Fourways Management Committee, SK8, Burrows Board of Directors, Biscovey School Governors and Geo-thermal at Eden. Councillor Taylor attended a planning site meeting at the proposed house at Biscovey Road.

Councillor Taylor has provided Hands Together Residents Association with money from his Community Chest for a Notice Board at Penarwyn. He has met with the new owners of the Packhorse Inn who are looking to improve the parking and access. He is assisting an Ocean resident with their financial problems who is being threatened with eviction.

Councillor Taylor is involved with the Community Transport Initiative and will keep the Council informed.

#### 1401/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report.

I have attended numerous meetings, including the Burrows board, Fourways, the Par Beach Management Group and the Eden Project geothermal liaison group: as well as innumerable ones at County Hall.

With Councillor Roy Taylor and others, I have had a number of discussions concerning the regeneration of the St Austell Bay area, including with Matthew, Lord Taylor, and with Alex Folkes, CC portfolio holder for finance and resources. A number of other discussions are in prospect.

I have been involved in (successful) attempts to revivify the Par Carnival Committee, and am delighted to report that there will after all be a carnival this year.

On 27 January, I chaired the meeting of the Community Network Area. Jeremy Rowe, portfolio holder at Cornwall Council for Devolution and Localism was with us. I should, perhaps, note that he would be happy to come and talk to the Town Council, should members so wish.

I have held surgeries on the first Saturday of each month at the neighbourhood shop and Par Library, I have dealt with approaches from residents on issues ranging from development and potholes through to public spending.

I am happy to provide a more detailed account of the way I have been spending my time to anyone who would like this.

#### 1401/10 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave told the Council that all the Town maintenance was up to date. There had been a leak in the Station Road public Conveniences but this had now been repaired. He asked the Council if he could give the bushes in Piggy Alley a major cut back and the council agreed.

#### 1401/11 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS 2013 CAROL CONCERT**

All the Councillors agreed that the event was another success and that we would repeat all performances and refreshments this year.

#### 1401/12 **ROAD CLOSURE SIGNS ST BLAISE FEAST**

Cornwall Council are no longer able to lend road closure signs to organisers of community events, therefore 10 new road closure signs have had to be bought for this year's event. Councillor Putt proposed that St Blaise TC fund half of the cost, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1401/13 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Further to the announcement that Cornwall Council have agreed to cease general weed treatment, the Clerk obtained maps that were treated and a quote of £5,300 per year if we should ask them to continue the service. All the Councillors RESOLVED not to accept the quote.

Although the transfer has been completed on the public conveniences, the Land Registry conveyancing still had to be fulfilled as we worked without a solicitor. The Clerk visited the Land Registry in Plymouth yesterday to complete the registration.

Cornwall Council have refused our application for Vehicle Permit to visit the waste recycling facility. They classify the Wardens waste as commercial. This will mean that the Warden will have to drive to Launceston at the nearest to dispose of cuttings. The Clerk asked the Council to consider how this could be avoided.

#### 1401/14 **DEFIBRILATOR FOR ST BLAZEY**

The Council has received a letter from a resident of Station Road who will be running the London marathon for FLEET supporting their 2014 project to install public access defibrillators (PADs) across the county. These devices will improve the chances of survival from a sudden cardiac arrest from 5% to 70%. The pads are situated and made available constantly unlike many defibrillators that are within buildings that are locked at the end of a working day.

If the fundraising target of £2,000, FLEET will provide and install a PAD in St Blazey. At present, the resident is over half way towards the target and is confident with the support from local businesses he will not only achieve but exceed the target.

He has approached the Town Council for three reasons.

- 1) To gain your support for the project, the Council agreed this unanimously.
- 2) To request a financial contribution.

Councillor Heyward proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

- 3) To seek our views as to a preferred location. Councillors suggested Middleway Surgery, Lloyds Bank, Station Road and the Police Station.

#### 1401/15 **GROUNDWORK IN ST BLAISE**

Jan Philips is organising a green team from St Austell Job centre in association with Ocean Housing from early February for 6 weeks. Jan is keen to help out with anything around St Blazey that you have identified that needs attention. Jan thinks that it would be 12 people and she could allocate 1 or 2 days to work in the town. Councillors suggested;-

Cut down the overgrowth in Middleway

Paint the doorway at Alexander Hall.

Paint the Fire doors at the Burrows Centre.

Cut down overgrowth in Piggy Alley.

Lay hard core in the water logged footpath by Biscovey School.

Lay hard core in the water logged footpath Rundles Walk.

#### 1401/16 **THE BURROWS CENTRE**

The Town Council have funded new light bulbs and a first aid box at a cost of £48.10 and repaired the out-side lighting at a cost of £87.30 We have replaced the light in the main hall and the light in reception along with the emergency lighting which has not worked for many years. We have yet to receive the invoice for this.

Councillor Taylor expressed an interest and left the room.

The Burrows Board of directors want the Council to pay for replacement Emergency doors. The Clerk reminded the Councillors that at Octobers meeting it was stated that as the Business is making a profit, they should pay for this themselves. The Councillors present re-enforced this.

#### 1401/17 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning** – The Neighbourhood Planning steering group are having assistance from Exeter Students. The training evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> December gave an excellent start in determining vision and objectives.

**WW1 Anniversary** – It has been agreed that poppies will be planted to mark the event and to involve the local schools. There will be an exhibition from the 11th to 13<sup>th</sup> July at Gott Hall by the Old Cornwall Society which will also go on show at the shop but this date has not been decided. There will be a Church Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> August but the placing of the plaque event has yet to be organised.

#### 1401/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

##### **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A**

The Order will be in effect for one day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 (1730 to 1815 hours).

Middleway for its entire length  
 Station Road for its entire length  
 St Blazey Road for its entire length  
 St Andrews Road between the junctions of Station Road and Driving Lane

**Event:** St Blazey Feast Lantern Procession  
**Date:** 3rd February 2014  
**Location:** St Blazey  
**Times:** 1730 to 1815 hours

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

**Location:** A390 from Bridge Street to Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par  
**Timing:** 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (2100 to 0700 hours)  
**Reason:** Centurion Site Services - Essential Rail Track Works

Clear Mapping and the new Business Group have met and produced a collection of different proposals that may be introduced if funding is available.

The Clerk attended the Larger Councils CALC meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the meeting was told that Andrew Kerr, new Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Council, will be attending the next meeting as he is eager to engage with the Parish and Town Councils. Cornwall Council are preparing a new protocol for dealing with the Parish

and Town Councils. It is hoped that if capping is brought in for Town and Parish Councils, it will be a monetary cap rather than percentage.

Kevin Barnes from the Environment Agency gave an informative talk about the need for local communities to have Emergency Plans which Cornwall Council are looking for every community to have. Charles Richards has informed the Clerk that he is in the process of re-writing the Flood Plan which could be easily adapted to become an Emergency Plan but would have to cover other events such as a severe road traffic accident or a plane crash. Charles is happy to do this if the Town Council would like him to.

Charles is organising extra training for the flood wardens during February which includes Health and Safety and he will be accompanied by other Agency's.

Councillors Anderson and Miller attended a meeting at St Austell One Stop Shop along with the Clerk to discuss the possibility of a Community Bus. Andrew Robertson from Cornish Market World is keen to have a service locally especially as the Market plans to open 3 or 4 days per week starting later this year. There are two types of Community Bus, a section 19 which is a not for profit but do not accept bus passes and a section 22 which accepts bus passes but is constrained by the same laws as a regular bus service.

Andrew Robertson was asked about the permission that currently allows them to run a Park and Ride service, he explained that it is not currently a viable project. The Market currently has 7,500 visitors a day and 80% travel for less than 20 minutes to visit. The Market would probably contribute to a service.

The Clerk has received complaints about the lighting in Piggy Alley which has not worked for some time, the Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for replacement solar lighting.

The Clerk and Councillor Putt have met with Donald Martin from Cornwall Council at Trailblazer Park, he has agreed to repair all the safety surfaces at no cost to us. He is to provide us with a quote for painting the equipment.

## 1401/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA14/00577	Application for works to Cherry Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order, Namely to remove limb growing over fence. Roselyon School Trust Ltd Middleway St Blazey
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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

PA13/11477 Variation of Condition 2 of PA13/07594  
24 Helleur Close  
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to one.

PA13/11538 New detached 3 bedroom two storey dwelling and associated works  
Land at Biscovey Road  
St Blazey

Over-development of site.  
Insufficient amenity and curtilage space.  
Proximity to existing properties.

#### Planning Application Results Received

PA13/10083 Construction of a new three bedroom two storey dwelling  
Ty Gwedden  
The Mount  
St Blazey  
REFUSED

The Following application which St Blaise Town Council OBJECTED to will be passed by the development officer:-

PA13/09207 Full Planning  
Removal of Condition 8 attached to decision notice  
96/24/00209: To enable annexe to be used separately from the main dwelling.  
6 Luxulyan Road.  
St Blazey Gate

The reason given:-

I have visited the site and viewed the accommodation. It is the Local Planning's Authorities view that the unit is capable of being occupied independently, as it provides a bedroom, separate bathroom and living/kitchen area. The property also has a sizeable rear garden area that could be divided to provide private outdoor space for an independent unit. There is a large parking area to the front of the house that would provide space for additional vehicle parking.

The appellant for Planning Application PA13/01385 to paint the front of the house with Magnolia paint which was refused has made an appeal with DCLG.

#### 1401/19 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk expressed her thanks to Councillor Putt and Diane Green as when a couple of weeks previously, a user of the hall locked her out, they immediately came and gained access to the building. This avoided having to cancel bookings.

A Fire Risk Assessment has been performed by Fire Safety Cornwall but the Clerk has yet to receive the results.

RCLP have made the decision to close all of their groups at the end of March and have asked that they be allowed to use the hall for free until then. The Council all agreed.

Hands Together Residents Association will be holding a Jumble Sale in the Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The Council agreed that the booking would not be charged for.

Councillors Anderson and Putt have met with a local resident who is a member of RCLP and would like to continue to use the hall for her and a few of her friends could meet. The Council agreed that this request would have to be refused.

#### 1401/20 ACCOUNTS

December 13

##### **Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	505.50
Interest (high)	109.54
Black Sacks	28.00
Interest	4.28

##### **Expenditure**

Broadband	45.61
Wardens Wage	520.00
Insurance	175.11
HMRC	509.52
CC (pen)	427.37
Clerks Sal	1295.80
Mileage	145.80
Hospitality	24.14
Stationery	19.90
Wardens Phone	20.00
Newspapers	0.90
Parking	3.00
Key cutting	73.37
Cleaning Mats	6.94
Wardens Tools	14.86
Subsistence	23.65
Carol Concert	45.94
Xmas Lights Pl	2.17
UK Fuels	35.01
Mince pies etc	50.60
Trago Mills	38.61

Xmas Trees	80.00
Members All	1531.00
Highway gar	224.32
Hog Roast	300.00
Eclipse	14.38
Ampsmart	54.00
Mike Davies	696.00
CIS	48.10
Cuddra Aquatics	40.98
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	42.00
Cleaners Wage	93.34
Chubb (parts)	12.78
Homebase	6.99
Premier Heating	90.00
Travis Perkins	8.87
Southern Elec	145.92
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	54.00
<u>Shop</u>	
Telephone & BB	25.20
Rent	2250.00
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	9,285.18

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647.32

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### Payments Received

Hall Bookings	833.50
Interest (high)	106.09
Black Sacks	
Interest	4.44

### Expenditure

Broadband	32.44
Wardens Wage	520.00
Insurance	175.11
HMRC	514.12
CC (pen)	427.38
Clerks Sal	1295.60
UK Fuels	30.00
Walter Bailey	4.68
Melba Swintex	260.09
DLH	25.00
Eclipse	14.38
CEF	15.73
Viking	208.61
SLCC	35.50
SSE	87.30
Archer Signs	307.50
Speedy Assets	374.94
EDF	57.73
MCYB	250.00

	<u>AH</u>	
	SWW	89.00
	EON	42.00
	CEF	23.26
	Cleaners Wage	37.93
	Chubb (parts)	12.78
	<u>PC</u>	
	Bus Rates	54.00
	CIS	163.48
	SWW	1376.96
	Warden	62.00
	<u>Shop</u>	
	Telephone & BB	97.20
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944.03		6,594.72

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

Due to the leak at the Station Road PC's and the large bill from South West Water, the Clerk is being sent the forms to claim compensation.

Councillor Miller would like the Council to invest a higher amount in the High Interest Account, Councillor Blackie believes he can get our money a greater interest rate. It was agreed to transfer funds into our High Interest Account until councillor Blackie finds an Account with a greater return.

#### 1401/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Heyward asked the Clerk to pass on information about the Pont's Mill Community Grant Fund to the resident raising money for a defibrillator and other community groups.

Councillor Blackie asked the Clerk to write to the Environment Agency asking them to dredge the waterways around St Blazey to avoid future flooding.

Councillor Putt has been asked by a resident if they could sponsor the flower beds at the end of Station Road with the request he is able to advertise his business. The Council all approved. The resident would also like to install a bench in remembrance to his wife. Councillors will consider where this could be placed.

#### 1401/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm.

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