

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th January 2016**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor A Seel – Vice Mayor

Councillors

R Blackie, J Moore, A Putt, J Taylor, R Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton
One member of the public
1 Community Warden
1 representatives from Cornwall Council

1601/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G Miller.

1601/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1601/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1601/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1507/12 The lighting work has been completed in Piggy Alley and is working well.

1511/11 The funding request to Cornwall Council for the Emergency Planning Grant has yet to be applied for as a completion of plan has not been given. It was explained that the application was to be made jointly with Par and Tywardreath PC and as they were unable to hold a meeting in January, they were unable to adopt the plan. It is expected that the application will be made shortly.

1601/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

November 2015

	Recorded 11/15	Recorded 11/14	Difference
Violence with Injury	3	5	-40%
Violence without Injury	5	3	66.7%
Other Sexual Offences	0	1	-100%
Burglar Dwelling	1	0	-
Shoplifting	0	1	-100%
Other Theft	5	2	150%
Criminal Damage	9	6	50%
Public Order Offences	0	1	-100%
Possession of Weapon	1	0	-
Possession of Drugs	0	2	-100%
Other offences	1	0	-
TOTAL:	25	21	19%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 11/15	Recorded 11/14	
Anti-Social Behaviour	15	13	15.4%
Crime not Recorded	1	2	-50%
Crime Recorded	12	11	9.1%
Public Safety	31	42	-26.2
Transport	9	5	80%
TOTAL:	68	73	-6.8%

December 2015

	Recorded 12/15	Recorded 12/14	
Difference			
Violence with Injury	5	1	400%
Violence without Injury	5	2	150%
Other Sexual Offences	0	1	-100%
Burglar Dwelling	2	0	-
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100%
Other Theft	5	2	150%
Criminal Damage	4	1	300%
Public Order Offences	1	0	-
Other offences	1	1	0%
TOTAL:	23	9	155.6%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 12/15	Recorded 12/14	
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	12	41.7%
Crime Recorded	10	4	150%
Public Safety	56	32	75%
Transport	12	9	33.3%
TOTAL:	95	57	66.7%

On the face of it figures appear to have risen compared to the same period last year. When looked into at more depth, there are three cases where two crimes have been generated for one incident (6 crimes as opposed to 3) and two other crimes which Police do not consider as crimes but have to be recorded as such due to our crime recording standards.

1601/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave Pearce told the Council that due to the wet weather he had been restricted with the duties he had been able to undertake. He had cut back branches that had been severed during the high winds and clearing pavements of weeds and debris. He had cleaned out and repaired the guttering at Alexander Hall.

Councillor J Taylor asked if he had fined anybody for dog fouling as it seemed to be becoming an even bigger problem lately. Dave said that he had never actually seen anybody commit the offence although he appreciated the problem and always used the blower to clear walk ways when he found the evidence.

Councillor Wheeler asked when the roadside weed killing would begin as it is needed in Middleway, Dave explained that it would be dependent on weather.

1601/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Doug Scrafton and I tried everything we could think of to reverse the decision to close the A390 at the Tywardreath Highway / Bridge Street level crossing from tomorrow night till the morning of Monday the 8th of February. We were not successful however. A drop in session at the Football Club saw nine staff brought in by Network Rail to tell us what they were going to do, while continuing to not listen to local people.

My thanks go to all of the people that have shown their support or otherwise contributed to our efforts to minimise the damage. Many people are of course going to use local country roads to get around rather than the official diversion route. I understand that Cormac are preparing an advisory (not compulsory as opposed to diversion signs which are) one way system using the local back roads.

I have requested that the yellow lines on the approach to the level crossing from Tywardreath Highway are not enforced for the ten day period of closure to enable people to park and cross on foot and go about their business. Please be mindful of access to properties.

This has been a Public Relations disaster for Network Rail. Forms to enable claims for compensation for loss incurred by the closure will be emailed and made available through Facebook in due course. I cannot say what if anything NR may pay but it is certainly worth making them aware of the financial burden they have placed on the local community.

We have learned a lot over the last few weeks that I won't go into here but I am determined that this will never happen again and no other community in Cornwall will face this degree of severance for what should be a routine replacement of equipment.

I have attended various meetings during the last month that include PBCT, PBBL and a Member briefing on the government financial settlement. I had walkabout with Councillor Scrafton, EA, SWW and CC officers in the Par Lane / Brooks Corner area. I attended a visit to Biscovey Infants School, a Roundhouse board meeting, a meeting with Happy Days meetings with the Fourways charity and Fourways cookery.

I attended a meeting of full Council at County Hall, a CNA meeting in Fowey, a Planning meeting and a Waste management meeting here and today a CCFE business planning meeting in Truro.

Pathways, a local house for youngsters with special needs has achieved an "excellent" status from Ofsted. That is very difficult to achieve and I asked the portfolio holder to convey my thanks to the staff for the dedicated work they have put in to reach that level of performance.

The Roundhouse Group who have been set up to try to bring the building into local ownership have received a grant of £50,000.

1601/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Doug Scrafton presented the following report:

Councillor Taylor has already spoken of our concerted but ultimately futile efforts to convince Network Rail to see sense over the closure of the A390.

I continue to work on the future of the Par Running Track. On Monday, I am meeting a group of volunteers who are willing to help prepare a business case and other documentation ready for submission to Cornwall Council. I remain convinced that it will be in the best interests of the wider community for the track to be brought into community ownership.

I introduced a motion to Cornwall Council on Tuesday calling for the portfolio holder responsible to convene a round-table discussion between all interested groups to discuss the problems created by traffic and parking near schools. I would like to see schools, parents' representatives, police and other blue light services, neighbourhood groups and anyone else with an interest sit down and discuss between themselves what could be done to alleviate some of the problems. That motion has been referred to a committee.

I also supported a motion calling for the introduction of a bye-law that would enable wardens to fine dog owners who cannot prove that they have on them the means to pick up after their dogs. All too often, wardens know who the offenders are, but are unable to catch them *in flagrante delecto*. This would be another tool in their arsenal. That motion has also been referred to a committee.

Wain Homes have this week proposed a change to the extant planning permission for the land behind Mount Crescent. They wish to reduce the number of affordable homes. This follows recent changes in central government guidance reducing the requirement on developers.

The other Wain Homes application, for the top of Mountside Avenue, has been revised and re-consulted. I await the views of the Environment Agency before putting together my own observations. But I will, of course, be asking that the application should go to a planning committee for full and careful scrutiny.

I continue to be involved with others in the exciting work relating to the future of the Roundhouse.

1601/09 **RACHEL BICE from CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING STARR FUNDING**

St Austell Resilient Regeneration Project wants to work to reduce the risk of flooding and contribute to the regeneration of the area. Starr is a partnership of the Environment Agency, Cornwall Council, South West Water and others who aim to work on the area from the A30 to St Austell Bay. They are preparing an application for Euro funding of £20million.

The successful project would affect 500 homes, 200 businesses, reduce flood risk to roads and the rail line and therefore encourage investment. 7 km of river corridors would be restored by working with nature and increase the wellbeing of the affected local communities.

STARR are holding an engagement event on 24.2.16 and if the application is successful the work would be carried out within 4 years.

1601/10 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioners have asked for addition space to that agreed at St Blazey Police Station. After consulting by e-mail with the Council, the Clerk has informed them that this will not be possible. The Clerk is waiting further instruction from them.

1601/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Many Town and Parish Councils have had to raise their precepts significantly this year due to undertaking services from Cornwall Council that they are no longer able to afford to carry out due to Government cuts.

The Clerk has explained to several of the Town residents that we are responsible for the Public Toilets, Piggy Alley, Dog Warden patrols and roadside weed killing and expects other services to be devolved to us.

1601/12 **ROAD NAMING**

Wainhomes have written to the Town council asking for suggestions for road names for the proposed development of land off Mount Crescent. Councillor J Taylor suggested Awdry which comes from the author of Thomas the Tank who based his books on the local Roundhouse and William West who is known as the last great Cornish Engineer, his foundry was in Station Road. All the Councillors agreed that these names should be submitted.

1507/13 **WASTE INCENTIVE SCHEME**

St Blaise Town Council has been the successful applicant for the Waste Incentive Scheme. The Clerk and Councillor Roy Taylor have met with Esther O' Bearagh and several schemes will be instigated locally to encourage recycling and cut down waste.

1507/14 **CAROL CONCERT**

The attendance at this year's Carols Concert was a little disappointing. Councillor Seel proposed that the Carol Concert be brought forward to 4.00pm this year, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed. The Clerk will investigate to see if this could be possible.

1601/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – There is to be a stand at the St Blazey Feast event on Wednesday 3rd February.

Burrows Centre – The Clerk has received the first quote for the extension and so will apply to PBBL for a grant.

1601/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended the Cornwall Association of Local Councils meeting on Wednesday 27th November 2016 and reported:-

Libraries –The Library services and One Stop Shops are to move to 4 Town Councils however the Registrar services are yet to be agreed. The 2nd tier Councils who have put in expression and have asked neighbouring Councils to share costs have not received a good response. The Councils involved have also found staffing levels heavy.

Devolution –Not all public toilets have yet been devolved. Four leisure facilities are currently addressing the devolution process. St Austell Town Council are the only 2nd tier Council discussing car parks.

Boundary Review – Cornwall last had a boundary review in the 1980's and there is an obligation for one to take place every 20 years and so we should expect to see this shortly.

Each Council was advised to read the governments new National Planning Policy Framework as there are proposals that could a heavy impact on the places we live.

The Clerk has received the following report from the first meeting of the St Blazey/Par Emergency Planning Group.

It was acknowledged that the 5 co-ordinators listed in the plan would unlikely be available during an incident due to responsibilities of their day jobs and their own flood risk. Amy Pearce reported that the Environment Agency considers it to be a conflict of interest for her to lead the local flood group. No names emerged from the discussion to take overall lead of the group or process. It was agreed that any future group needs to define specific roles for individuals to fill. It was agreed that the issue of emergency planning would again be raised at the next Town and Parish Council meetings.

Road Closures

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

Location: A390 From Bridge Street To Porcupine, Par

Timing: 29th January to 8th February 2016 (24 hours, weekends included)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16

Event: St Blazey Feast

Date: 3rd February 2016

Times: 17:30 to 18:15 hours

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

Location: Par Lane, PAR

Timing: 15th to 19th February 2016 (24 hours)

1601/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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| PA15/11225 | Regularisation of new dwelling
Land at Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey |
| PA15/11454 | Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
31 Polgover Way
St Blazey |
| PA15/11408 | A two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
5 Old Roselyon Crescent.
St Blazey |

- PA15/11955 Conversion of outbuilding into a unit of residential accommodation.
Cornish Arms
Church Street.
St Blazey
- PA15/12089 Listed Building consent
Conversion of outbuilding into a unit of residential accommodation.
Cornish Arms
Church Street
St Blazey
- PA16/00188 Alternative design of new dwelling previously granted under PA15/08047
Rosemont
St Austell Road
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to Object to three of them.

- PA15/06491 Hybrid Planning Application Comprising:
Outline Planning Application 9(All Matters Reserved apart from access) for 5.44ha of land for approximately 103 dwellings, 2,500m² of allotments, provision of school drop off with turning facilities in addition to footpath/cycle connection from Mountside Road to Lamellyn Road and detailed application for 86 no. Residential dwellings with associated access roads, footways, parking, landscaping, drainage and open spaces.
Land off Mountside Road
St Blazey

- 1 The planning application is for Outline Planning for up to 103 dwellings and detailed application for 86 residential dwellings but only includes the application form for outline planning with reserved matters and but no detailed application for the other.
- 2 The access onto the Mountside Road estate from Par Lane is already insufficient and will not sustain additional vehicles. The Mountside Road access is too narrow with poor visibility to the traffic on Par Lane. Par Lane has no pedestrian footpath in some areas which is regularly used by school children.
- 3 The Road through the Mountside Road estate will not sustain additional traffic as it is too narrow
- 4 Lamellyn Road is currently a quiet cul-de-sac with the local nursery/infant/primary schools situated at the dead end. It will be far too dangerous to have additional traffic for new housing using it even with the amended road layout.
- 5 The access from Manor View to the outline planning application junction onto Par Lane is barely adequate now and will not sustain additional traffic.
- 6 The sewers are inadequate for the current capacity and this will exacerbate the problem. Evidence from the EA will confirm this.
- 7 The water run off onto Par Lane and Harbour Road will exacerbate a long standing issue which is currently being looked into by SWW/CC and EA and no further build should take place until

current issues are rectified.

8 The S106 agreement section 1.1.2.2 Wainhomes will recycle stair casing receipts into providing more affordable housing in Devon. This is unacceptable as S106 agreements should be localised.

9 We have concerns that an archaeological site may be impacted. We do not accept that ploughing has already destroyed these and believe a further survey should be carried out 2.10 of the design and access statement.

10 We know the land is situated on old mine workings and the application does not include a mining survey. The application says that they waiting for a mine archive report 2.11 of the design and access statement.

11 The Design and access statement says that the local schools are not at capacity, these are the nearest senior schools, the local infant and junior schools are at capacity and have had to add 2 temporary classes this year.

12. The design and access statement says that there are buses to Lostwithiel and mention routes 293 and 296 that do not exist. St Blazey has little public transport to the east of the County.

13. The Town Council are currently writing a Neighbourhood Plan that will say that our preferred sites for future housing are north of the A390 partly due to flooding issues.

PA15/11628 Proposal for a new 3 bedroomed two storey dwelling with layby parking and associated works.
Land Adj to Belle Vue
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate.

Overdevelopment of site
Lack of off street parking

Lack of Amenity space
Layby parking will restrict amenity space and street parking.

PA15/11989 Conversion of retail building into a three bedroomed house.
Land and stores to rear of the Furniture Cellar
Station Road
St Blazey

1. The property is on a flood plain and adjacent to a river, we do not accept that there is little chance of flooding.
2. The current has no mains water supply and no foul drainage and so the proposed build will put additional pressure on the existing drainage and sewerage system.

Results Received

PA15/11225 Regularisation of new dwelling
Land at Uplands
The Mount
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA16/00188 Alternative design of new dwelling previously granted under PA15/08047
Rosemont
St Austell Road
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

1601/18 **ALEXANDER HALL**

During the winter break, the notice board was badly damaged, the kitchen window was smashed and the front door handle was broken. All have now been repaired.

1601/19 **ACCOUNTS**

December 15

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	423.00
LMP	349.00
High Deposit Interest	137.46 11/15
Interest	2.08
High Deposit Interest	138.37
Grow St Blazey Grant	500.00
Community Chest	100.00
Bus Shelter Grant	2706.53

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4,356.44

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1350.98
Wardens Wage	568.67
Broadband	28.82
UK Fuels	28.00
Insurance	216.83
HMRC	496.81
CC (pen)	466.14
Eclipse	14.38
Councillors All	1080.80
CIS	39.79
Carol Concert REF	53.11
Bus Shelters Ltd	2706.53
Icon Web Ser	78.00
Mount Char YB	250.00
Kittows	300.00
All Connections	7020.56
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	51.00
SE	157.76
CEF	25.25
Cleaners Wage	102.50
Chubb (parts)	12.78
<u>PC</u>	
British Gas	77.19

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15,198.99

January 15

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	732.00
Interest	1.25
High Deposit Interest	166.30
Black Sacks	24.50
J Foye	100.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1350.78
Wardens Wage	568.47
Broadband	29.92
UK Fuels	42.00
Insurance	216.83
HMRC	496.41

	CC (pen)	466.14
	Eclipse	14.38
	St Blazey Grow	500.00
	Viking	226.69
	D Smith	33.75
	Travis Perkins	29.25
	<u>AH</u>	
	SWW	73.00
	EON	51.00
	Cleaners Wage	65.60
	Chubb (parts)	12.78
	<u>PC</u>	
	Locking	62.00
	CIS	264.27
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760.75		4,503.27

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1601/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Jenny Moore had met earlier with Rob Lacey from Cornwall Council about Grow St Blazey, he told her about Green Infrastructure which could invite some funding locally.

The Clerk was asked to report the broken lights at the back of Co-op to the store again.

1601/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.