

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, Postponed to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Pearce, K Simms & J Taylor.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Community Warden  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse.

1901/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors T Chapman and S Ford.

1901/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1901/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1901/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1811/15 A microwave and a chair trolley for Alexander Hall have been purchased.

1901/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave Pearce has cut the grass at Doubletrees, cut back trees at Hillside Avenue and the Mount. All the bus shelters have been cleaned and graffiti removed as well as it can be. Dave has cut the, debris from trees has been cleared and King Edward Gardens has been generally been made more presentable. Dave will be on holiday at the end of March and the beginning of April and so the planters will be renewed on his return.

The Council considered the three quotes received for replacing the flooring at the Station Road toilets Councillor Nethercott proposed that we accept the quote from

Harrowe Construction, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1901/06 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I am pleased to see that the pothole repairs at the top of Penpillick, look pretty robust and hope, now that they have been properly dug out and repaired, it has finally been resolved. A large pothole near the junction of Prideaux Rd and Bridge Street, has also been causing problems. A planned repair is imminent, I suspect this one will be a little more complex to repair as a spring runs under the road.

I was delighted that after a few calls and emails, I was able to get Cornwall Council to agree to fund a final repair at Trail Blayser Park. The rusty seat has also been removed. I'm hoping that in the spring, the Town Council can get the remaining seats sand blasted and repainted.

The Community Network Panel at the Burrows on 28 January hosted two guest speakers, one being Fran Turner from Ocean Housing. It was good to hear that plans for the new development at Polgrean were taking shape, and that they intended to spend £18million on updating their housing stock, much of which is in St Blazey.

I thought the turn out for St Blazey Feast last night was better than last year, it could have had something to do with milder weather as it was dry. I'd like to think it's more a case of community getting involved, hopefully even more will be out parading next year.

Some thought is now being given to how the effect of decreasing Cornwall Councillors from 123 to 87 will affect the Overhead and Scrutiny Committees. At last week's planning governance meeting, at county hall, a proposal of 11 sitting members instead of 15 was put forward.

And finally, I am very pleased to say, due to the success of St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale, we will be moving to new premises behind our current shop. The space will be five times as big, and will allow us to sell larger items of furniture, white goods and open a community cafe.

1901/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

I have been working hard on over the two months is to avoid the loss of Par Library. Last weekend I went to the current Par Library to say a final goodbye and thank you to staff past and present. The current building has housed the library for nearly thirty years. While the loss is very sad, it was a decision made before I became a councillor. I believe we should be encouraging this service, not looking to reduce it. As a result of this I looked to find an alternative home for the library rather than lose it. The loss would affect not just for Par, but the wider PL24 area. This was not an option for me.

While I am sorry to be losing the current library, I was delighted to have been able to secure a Wainhomes marketing suite which is to be the new home of Par Library at Par Running Track and I thank them for their help in making this happen. Today,

along with the Mayor, I went to the opening of the new Library over at the running track. The library will be open with the same opening hours, so I urge people to continue using the library as before.

In December at Full Council I was delighted to be one of the supporters of a motion to make Cornwall Council paperless for meetings. Last year the Council spent £8,500 printing and posting agendas. This is a waste of money and is completely unnecessary given that each councillor has been provided with an electronic device. Today's papers were over 400 pages long. I was therefore pleased that my fellow councillors voted in favour of this motion and that as of 2020 the Council will no longer issue paper.

At Full Council in January I was pleased to vote for a motion supporting the council spending £39million to purchase 250 homes which will be added to the Council's housing stock. These properties will be used for temporary accommodation to house local families in need of proper accommodation, many of who would have been reliant on bedsits and bed and breakfast establishments.

At the same Full Council I was also pleased to vote for a motion calling for a climate emergency. The motion called on the Council to provide and prepare a report to establish how Cornwall can sufficiently reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency, low-carbon fuels and investment in renewable energy. This is something I felt was important to support, given my support for the 'hot rocks' geothermal energy work being conducted by the Eden Project.

In January I was pleased to highlight the dog fouling reports in Cornwall. In the CC, I was actually quite pleased to see that Tywardreath and Par was at the top of list for dog fouling reports in by parish in Cornwall, and that St Blazey was also one of the top areas. This shows that those living in the local area have a zero tolerance attitude to dog faeces. In my eyes, the more reports the better. I along with those living in St Blazey are not amused by seeing our pavements covered with faeces. This should not be happening and is disgusting. While lack of bins is a contributor to the problem, I do not believe it is the main problem. I believe carless dog owners are the main problem. It is the minority spoiling it for the majority. It is so important it is reported. The more reports mean that resources get directed our way. The more reports, the more you will see the Dog Warden to catch the perpetrators.

I was in the local press in January talking about pavement parking following reports to me by those living in Porth Meadow and Manor View. Parking on pavements is not acceptable. I actually live in Porth Meadow and I will be the first to admit that it is a nightmare. The harsh reality is however, on all these new estates parking like this is a serious problem. There just simply is not the parking available on these estates. There really needs to be forward planning. Developers need to be talking to stakeholders and taking concerns seriously. Parking on pavements is unacceptable and would urge people to report it to the police on 101. This is, however a national issue and I have raised this with our MP Steve Double and Steve now hopes to raise this with the Transport Minister.

Last week we had the ‘snow day’ as many are calling it. The icy conditions mean that we take our lives in to our own hands when we drive on our rural roads early in the morning. Cornwall Council are committed to gritting the main roads in Cornwall, however on new, steep estates, like Porth Meadow and Manor View, it often means that cars can not come in or get out because the roads are not gritted and are dangerous because of the conditions and gradient of the steep hills. This is something Cornwall Council no longer do and haven’t now for some time.

After talking to a number of residents on both estates, I understand that people would be willing to grit their roads if they needed to get out, but can’t because the provision is not there to do so. I am therefore asking if the Town Council would consider purchasing and take ownership of two new grit boxes, one in Porth Meadow and one in Manor View, so that the provision is there should residents wish to come together and grit the road to allow access in icy conditions.

As you know, on the first Saturday of the month I hold my councillor surgeries. Now I will be holding my surgeries at Cornubia. If anyone wants to pop in for a chat, or wants to raise any issues or concerns, then please do pop in and see me.

The Clerk told Councillor Rowse that when CC removed the grit bins, the Town Council agreed to install them as long as it could be proved that the residents were prepared to do the grit spreading as the TC do not have the man power. Several people requested them and they were all asked to provide a short list of volunteers, nobody came forward. The Town Councils resolution still stands if a list of volunteers is forthcoming, the bins will be supplied.

#### 1901/08 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

I attended A Society of Local Council Clerks meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 when I was informed that Cornwall Council have employed another 5 Community Link Officers and therefore we may be having a new Community Link Officer.

Mark James from Cornwall Council was asked how much extra work and additional responsibilities we would be expected to take on in the future. He replied that it would be green spaces and enforcement however one of the Clerks at the meeting had received an e-mail by accident with information that CC intended to stop looking after street furniture and emptying dog bins.

#### 1901/09 **OVERVIEW OF THE CAROL CONCERT**

The Concert went well, the Clerk was instructed to write to MYCB, the Church and the School ready for next year when the concert will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm.

#### 1901/10 **TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Councillors Pearce, Moore and Simms volunteered for the committee, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED

1901/11 **TRAIL BLAZER PARK**

Cornwall Councillor Giles has agreed that Cornwall Council will install all of the items of equipment purchased prior to the ownership coming to light. This is being funded by Cornwall Council's Devolution Capital budget. These are:-

Address all the surfacing problems.

Repair the rope on the junior multi-play.

Repair the climbing wall to the junior multi-play unit and the climbing net to the toddler multi-play unit.

The following less urgent defects will be a matter for the town council:--

See Saw – Wood horse broken –temporary made safe

Tyre Swing chains – chain links worn

Long term measures for safety surfaces

The Clerk has had an e-mail from Cormac offering to undertake a visual inspection of the play equipment at a cost of £26.96 plus VAT per week, this is will include a visual inspection, litter pick and we will report back to you of any problems with the play equipment.

The Clerk said this would be necessary to keep the park open until 5<sup>th</sup> March when she and the Warden take the training. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1901/12 **CORNWALL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Cornwall Council wants to work with us on starting a potential programme of community governance reviews which can look at all sorts of issues affecting your parish. These can include changes to parish boundaries, varying the number of parish councillors, a change to parish warding arrangements or the name of a parish.

There is a meeting of Cornwall Council's Electoral Review and they would like our thoughts by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 on whether we have an interest in requesting a community governance review in our area.

The Government expects Cornwall Council to conduct community governance reviews periodically and one is now due following the completion of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)'s review of Cornwall Council's electoral arrangements.

We would not be committing to definitely wanting or not wanting a review as there will be further opportunities for your council to review its position.

The questions asked;

Do you believe your parish needs a community governance review?

If yes, which issues at this stage may you want to be reviewed?

Boundary of your parish

Number of councillors

Parish warding arrangements

Parish name

Any there other issues that you may want to be reviewed?

The Clerk was instructed to respond No at this time.

#### 1901/13 **MEMORIAL BENCH FOR KING EDWARD GARDENS**

Councillor Moore has been asked if a memorial bench could be placed in King Edward Gardens. The Clerk told the Council that it had been previously resolved that the Council could not provide the benches but would pay for installation and upkeep if they were provided.

Councillor Moore will check that the bench will be provided, if this is the case, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1901/14 **PROJECT LIST**

##### **New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –**

AD Williams have been given the contract, a provisional start date has been given as the middle to end of March.

##### **Neighbourhood Planning –**

On 25 January 2019 I had a meeting at Environment Agency Offices in Bodmin, regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and StARR project. In attendance were Tom Fletcher, Howard Simpson and Shaun Pritchard from the Environment Agency. Gaynor Mamo, Jenny Moore & Tony Nethercott from St Blaise Town Council. Louise Pyle (Ocean Housing), Sarah Furley and Gemma Hankins from Cornwall Council. All representing NP working group.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring together those involved in StARR, the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Cornwall Council Planning. CRCC were invited to attend but were unable to do so. It is vitally important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the StARR project and what it hopes to achieve. It was apparent from the outset that it will be necessary to summarise the green/blue plan (StARR) in particularly the flood amelioration policy in the plan, but also all other relevant policies. There needs to be an understanding of what each site in StARR needs to achieve.

The timetable for the NP was discussed, and Cornwall Council are to advise on that. Ocean Housing would be requested to produce a brief statement on what it is hoped to achieve at Polgrean, and also on the extent of the housing stock in St Blazey. There is optimism on the part of EA that they will be able to obtain additional funding to be more creative in how water in St Blazey is managed (e.g. wetlands, raingardens)

and this was discussed. It may be that wetlands areas will need to be managed by a Community Trust.

StARR will effectively remove the blight of flooding from St Blazey which should provide a stimulus for economic and social regeneration. For example, the Football Club is in an area prone to flooding, and their future plans should be reflected in the NP.

The climate emergency declaration by Cornwall Council was discussed and it is important that St Blaise TC support this. Tom Fletcher and Matthew Vowels from CDC will be coming to speak to the Town Council on 28 February 2019. Gemma Hankins from CC Neighbourhood Planning will be attending on 28 March.

## 1901/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The CALC Conference will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at County Hall, Councillor Nethercott will be attending as our CALC representative. Councillor Anderson agreed to take our second place.

Councillor Jenny Moore provided the Clerk with information regarding the Woodland Trust providing free trees. Councillor Moore thinks that this will work with the StARR project and so will work with Councillor Pearce to give presentation at the March meeting.

Luxulyan Parish Council have submitted the plan proposal for the designation of the Luxulyan Neighbourhood Area. The Council has no objections.

Cornwall Council will be holding a meet the planner's event at St Austell One Stop Shop on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5.00 – 6.00 pm. Councillor J Moore, J Anderson and T Nethercott will attend on behalf of the TC.

The Clerk asked the Councillors if we should continue the Local Maintenance Partnership for another year. All the Councillors agreed.

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

Location: A3082 Between Polmear Hill and Four Turnings Roundabout, Fowey and Polmear Hill, Par

Timing: 4th to 7th February 2019 (09:30 to 16:30)

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

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

Timing: 4th to 8th March 2019 (07:30 to 18:00)

1901/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA18/10912 Internal and external works to an existing dwelling to accommodate change of use as a short break service under class C2.  
Millers Nook, 2 Lambs Park.  
St Blazey

PA18/11700 Works to Trees subject to a TPO, felling of Horse Chestnut Tree.  
Roselyon School  
St Blazey Road.  
St Blazey

PA18/11701 Works to Trees subject to a TPO, Crown Reduction of Sycamore.  
Land at Middleway  
St Blazey

PA19/00041 Permission in Principle for residential development within the curtilage (garden) of An Skyber.  
An Skyber  
Trenovissick Farm  
The Mount  
St Blazey

## Results Received

PA18/02833 Construction of single dwelling.  
Land West of Cornish Arms  
Duke Street  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

PA18/11700 Works to Trees subject to a TPO, felling of Horse Chestnut Tree.  
Roselyon School  
St Blazey Road.  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

PA18/11701 Works to Trees subject to a TPO, Crown Reduction of Sycamore.  
Land at Middleway  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

1901/17 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk reported that Metro Rod had been called and cleared the drain outside the hall and that the PAT testing had been carried out.

1901/18 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk told the Councillors that we had not had a water bill for two years.

1901/19 **ACCOUNTS**

December 18

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	588.00
Interest	2.97
High Deposit Int	172.38
KEG Grant	5,000.00
Black Sacks	17.50
LMP	422.26

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1431.90
Wardens Wage	629.60
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	45.00
Insurance	183.27
HMRC	593.09
CC (pen)	511.32
Wardens Equip	22.34
Councillors All	1,321.00
Icon Web-sites	60.00
SWW (foun)	15.91
Burningshams grg	331.13
NP web-site	80.00
RDG Trees	3590.00
Earl Haig	150.00
DVLA	250.00
MCYB	250.00
Building Regs	1536.00
Purl Design	1248.00
Bodelva Tyres	48.00
Travel	205.50
Stationery	17.27
Carol Concert	29.10
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	221.00
Cleaners Wage	90.99
Chubb (parts)	13.57
EDF (Elec)	21.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	64.00
Cleaning Mats	5.70
Currys	99.99
Invotec	135.60
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	31.00

EDF	9.00
SWW	157.87
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Cornwall Council	117.00
EDF	120.00

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6,203.11	13,777.15

January 19

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	912.00
Interest	2.58
High Deposit Int	183.96
Black Sacks	17.50
Julian Foye	100.00

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1216.04

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1431.90
Wardens Wage	629.80
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	46.10
Insurance	183.27
HMRC	779.09
CC (pen)	511.32
SA Gdn Mch	348.26
EDF (foun)	149.50
Walter Bailey	17.40
Viking	83.22
<u>Alexander Hall</u>	
Bus Rates	221.00
Cleaners Wage	72.00
Chubb (parts)	13.60
EDF (Elec)	21.00
EDF (Elec)	-223.62
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	64.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	31.00
EDF	9.00
Cleaning	50.40
Cleaning Equip	14.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Cornwall Council	117.00
EDF	120.00
Broadband	69.99
<u>Burrows Centre</u>	
Wheal Jane Ent	630.00
AD Williams	7121.65

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12,652.88

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

**1901/20 TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore has completed Walking for Health leadership training.

Councillor Moore told the Council that a joint event between Grow St Blazey, StARR and the Environment Agency will be held at Wyevale on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Pearce asked that Cornwall council be written to about the pathway in Middleway which is need of widening as lone pedestrians have to walk in the road due to overgrowth. The Clerk was instructed to do this.

Councillor Simms asked who he should contact regarding St Blazey Reclaimed, the Clerk will forward him details.

Councillor R Taylor requested that the road improvements be resent to all Councillors.

**1901/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.11 pm.