

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

**Councillors**

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Rob Andrew  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
Community Warden  
22 Members of the public.

Rob Andrew, Head of Environmental Assets at Cornwall Council addressed the Council regarding the proposed closures of the Parks at Penarwyn and Polgover Way.

Rob began by apologising for not speaking to the St Blaise Town Council or residents about the proposals sooner and said that protocol had not been followed.

Rob explained that Councils country wide have had to make cuts mainly due to the increased costs of social care. The first meeting with St Blaise Town Council had taken place yesterday when a proposal was put forward to devolve the assets and the land they are on to the Town Council with a grant. At the meeting the park in Deeble Drive was also added to the devolution talks but it was unclear who owned the assets or who maintained the grass areas but it is now known the land is owned by CC and the grass cutting is currently contracted to Cormac.

St Blaise Town Councillors said that they were keen to keep the park operational.

The Roselyon residents said that they had formed a committee and wanted to know who would be responsible for insurance. If the devolution is successful, the insurance would be the Town Councils responsibility.

Mr B West said that he was part of the original residents association that had seen the play equipment installed in 1991, but said it had faded away over time and was concerned that if they would be responsible for the equipment the same could happen again with the same result. He was reassured that if the devolution is successful, the park would be the TC responsibility. Mr West told the Council that there was a lot of support and that they had 150 votes to elect a committee.

One of the residents said that they were a community and would help however they could, they will carry out manual work and fundraise for years to come.

A resident was concerned that the money would not be split equally between the three parks and was told that the Town Council would spend money where it was needed.

Councillor Moore told the residents that the green areas would be protected by the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Chamberlain asked Rob Andrew to confirm that temporary repairs would be carried out during the devolution period, Rob said this would be done if funding is available.

Andrew Sweet a resident of Old Roselyon Road is concerned about the proposed yellow lines opposite the car park between 190 and 192 Old Roselyon Road. It was explained that these were not part of the original proposal and the Town councillors agreed to ask for them to be removed.

Meeting resumed at 8.35pm.

#### 2001/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from St Blaise Town Councillor T Chapman and Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse.

#### 2001/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

#### 2001/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2001/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1910/07 Councillor Anderson thanked the Councillors for naming the new hall after her and said she felt honoured.

#### 2001/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave has been unable to paint the seating in Trail Blazer Park due to wet weather. Somebody had sprayed WD40 all over the safety surfacing at the park and he had to spend hours cleaning it off with warm soapy water. The container has had an attempted break in and as a result an additional lock has been fitted. All work is up to date.

#### 2001/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I am frequently asked by residents what Cornwall Council do with their Council Tax, and thought it might be useful to share a breakdown of exactly where it goes, and

perhaps it will allow residents to understand the complexity of the issues Cornwall Council face. This is how every £100 the Council receive is spent.....

£25 Caring for adults who are in need of help  
 £23 helping children and young people get the best start in life they can  
 £16 on housing benefit for people on low incomes, helping to prevent homelessness  
 £10 planning and building new affordable homes for local people, major road schemes, schools and buildings  
 £7 collecting rubbish and recycling, looking after our countryside, parks and beaches  
 £6 fixing and maintaining roads, street lighting and running public transport  
 £5 running the council and holding elections  
 £3 fire and rescue services, fighting and prevention  
 £2 helping people keep well and stay healthy  
 £2 on online services to improve access to the council by the residents  
 £1 libraries, registration services and maintaining trading standards

I understand resident's frustrations when they contact me with a problem and can't understand how their issue cannot be resolved speedily, the reality for Cornwall is, our population is growing, we have a huge elderly population which adds to the burden on services and people must come first.

At Full Council last week, I challenged the purchase of new diesel refuse trucks, which would mean committing to another 8-10 years of using vehicles whose emissions would not assist in the Councils climate emergency carbon neutral proposals of being carbon neutral by 2030. We have agreed a budget to buy a new fleet and gained an assurance from the portfolio holder, that electric vehicles will be properly considered before the final decision is made.

As you will know, Cornwall Council have agreed an ambitious tree planting project called the Forest for Cornwall. The plan is to plant 8,000 hectares of trees, but this is going to take time and the trees will take many years to be effective. I asked that the City Trees project be looked at, as it would help alleviate Carbon from the air here and now, and is as effective as 275 trees.

City trees are towers, filled with moss, which digest carbon and emit oxygen simultaneously. In areas along the A390, there isn't the capacity to plant 275 trees, so this could be an ideal solution, siting them in area with a high traffic flow. The cost of these structures are currently being looked at I am hopeful that we will see some of these structures along our roads in the future.

We had the quarterly Network Panel meeting at the Burrows on Monday evening, even though these meetings discuss important issues like highways, not just for St Blazey, but Par, Tywardreath, Fowey, Lostwithiel, the clays and Biscovey, no public attended. I would urge anyone with an interest in their area to attend, it is after all, once every three months and is a useful way to know what is going on, and if, indeed you agree with it!

St Blazey Recycles Cookery School started on 13 January, not only are the students enjoying it, but they are also volunteering in the week to help run the community café,

which is now open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30 – 2.30 hope to see some of our residents come and support them.

And finally, you will all know that St Blazey Recycles storage facility at the former Roselyon School site was burnt to the ground over Christmas. This fire was started deliberately, and if it wasn't for the quick actions of a resident on the neighbouring estate, houses and lives could have been at risk. Six appliances attended this fire. If anyone has any genuine information to assist the apprehension of the offenders, please contact the Police, or if you do not wish to do that, contact me.

#### 2001/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

2020 is off to a flying start, and I am pleased to confirm that, by working with Cornwall Council, we have secured a dog fouling pilot scheme in both Par and St Blazey.

Dog fouling is clearly an issue in our area and it is something I have been raising for the last twelve months after figures showed that St Blazey had one of the highest reports last year for a town council area in the whole of Cornwall.

Cornwall Council is piloting Keep Britain Tidy's 'We're watching you' anti-dog fouling campaign at hotspots across Cornwall and the aim with this pilot is to see if it's as effective here as it has been elsewhere in the country before rolling it out more widely. The Council has paid for 'We're watching you' signage and monitoring forms for 13 places across Cornwall to test at dog fouling hot spots.

I am delighted that we have managed to secure both Par and St Blazey as two of the places where the pilot will be run. If the campaign proves successful at the 13 hot spots, the Council will look at rolling it out more widely, providing signage and monitoring forms for more places across Cornwall.

Recently I provided an update on Par Beach in my position as Chairman of the Par Beach Management Group. Although not directly in the Town Council area, I believe it is relevant given the amount of people who visit and use the beach who live in St Blazey.

There has been a number of developments at Par Beach of late, so I want to you on all the good things that are happening there.

Pop up site - An opportunity has arisen for a 'pop up site' on Par Beach for a local business to operate on the beach. The tender at Par Beach is an open tender to explore the widest range of options for the site which could vary from food and drink sales, ice cream sales, deck chair hire, and fitness companies like yoga or stand-up paddle boarding and other services. The intention is to find new and exciting ideas for the concessions which assist in enhancing an area.

Dogs on Beaches consultation – I am pleased to confirm that, following Cornwall Council's most successful consultation where over 13,000 people responded, there will continue to be no restrictions on dogs on Par Beach.

Beach huts – There will be another push for the beach huts again this year. The council will be looking for someone to run them for us, so if anyone is interested in running a little business, let me know!

2001/08 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR R CHAMBERLAIN THAT ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL**

- a) Declares a climate Emergency;
- b) Pledges to work towards making St Blaise carbon neutral by 2030.
- c) Work with Cornwall Council to assist them with their declaration to make Cornwall carbon neutral by 2030;
- d) Act as a voice for the community to lobby for action on climate change, raise the profile and share lessons with others.
- e) Continue to work with the community of St Blaise and its surrounding parishes to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans:
- f) As a member of the St Blazey Waste/ Recycling and Climate Change Committee assist with the preparation of an Action Plan within 3 Months to address this emergency

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

2001/09 **CLOSURE OF PARKS AT PENARWYN AND POLGOVER WAY**

Councillor Seel proposed that in principle the three play parks be devolved to the Town Council on the proviso that funding is available, the devolution takes place within a suitable timescale, land registration is simple and lease/contract information is available. Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2001/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The Clerk received a call from Cornwall Waste and Environment asking for a payment due on the emptying of the bin in King Edward Gardens, it was explained that our Warden does this. This was followed by them stating that they would remove the bin but the Clerk said no as it was part of the devolution.

An e-mail was received saying – The waste team were unaware that the site had been devolved back in 2018 and that you were emptying the waste from the litter bin.

I've discussed with Geoff Passmore the waste arrangements (which had Biffa originally empty the bin) and we have both agreed that the best plan of action will be to hand over the bin to the Town Council to manage from now on. We will instruct Biffa to stop emptying the bin, remove our stickers and serial numbers from the bin (if not already removed).

To re-iterate, all waste matters for the site in terms of the litter bin will be down to the Town Council to manage.

I will update our records accordingly.

#### 2001/11 **RENT REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS**

Councillor Seel proposed an increase to £40 per session for Alexander Hall and this to be matched at June Anderson Hall with a 50% reduction for regular users and the Community Rooms to remain the same. Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Councillor Pearce left the meeting.

#### 2001/12 **PROJECT LIST**

##### **Neighbourhood Planning –**

Due to various setbacks, no progress has been made since September.

#### 2001/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Cornwall Council is piloting Keep Britain Tidy's 'We're watching you' anti-dog fouling campaign at hotspots across Cornwall. The aim of this pilot is to see if it's as effective here as it has been elsewhere in the country before rolling it out more widely. The Clerk and Warden are monitoring Station Road, footpath between Polgrean and Station Road and Piggy Alley.

Station Road and Polgrean have not been a problem so the Clerk asked for another suggested area. Councillor Chamberlain thought that the footpath between Lambs Park and Old Roselyon Road may be problematic and therefore this area will be targeted next.

After last month's meeting when the Community Link Officers helping other Town and Parish councils with their Climate Emergency Plans, Councillor Nethercott spoke to our CNO to see what could be done. A meeting was arranged to clash with our TC meeting. The Council was instructed to report this.

The Clerk has written a letter giving the Town Council's undertaking to maintain a commemorative seat in King Edward Gardens for its life.

The Clerk has received a letter regarding the proposed car park at Par Track, a letter will be written expressing that it is out of our area and planning permission has been granted but to assure the complainant that a porous surface is to be installed. The Clerk has received an Off-Street Parking Order that does not affect St Blazey, the Councillors chose not to respond.

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

Location: Beach Road, Carlyon Bay and Crinnis Road, St Austell and Church Road, Charlestown and Holbush Arch Road, St Austell

Timing: 17th to 21st February 2020 (07:30 to 18:00)

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

Location: Urban Footway F7142, St Blazey – Polgrean Place

Timing: 13th February to 1st June 2020 – (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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

Location: Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 2200 hours on 25th February to 0600 hours on 26th February 2020

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

Location: B3269 Between Edgecombe Road And Castledore Castledor, Par and B3269 Between Castledor And Little Pinnock, Castledore, Fowey and B3269 Between Little Pinnock And Polglaze Farm, Fowey and B3269 Between Polglaze Farm And The A3082 Roundabout At Newtown, Newtown, Fowey

Timing: 2nd to 6th March 2020 (07:30 to 18:00)

## 2001/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Notes have been added to two of them.

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| PA19/10345 | Construction of short term letting accommodation to support the existing restaurant, bar, and letting accommodation business.<br>Britannia Inn<br>St Austell Road<br>St Blazey Gate |
| PA19/11135 | Installation of below ground storage tank with associated pumping station and highway drainage works.<br>Doubletrees School<br>Doubletrees<br>St Blazey                             |

St Blaise Town Councillors would like to make known that 60 years ago there was a stream that ran from the gardens in Doubletrees into the field that now houses Doubletrees School and car park. When these were built, there was a culvert that was back-filled. At ground level, the granite lentil can still be seen.

PA19/11144 Construction of overland flow and storage feature with associated highway drainage  
Land Adjacent to St Austell Road (A390)  
Near junction with Trenovissick Road  
St Blazey

Considering the elevated position of the proposed storage feature, the Councillors cannot see how the water will enter the tank rather than flow down Rose Hill or Trenovissick Road.

PA19/10844 Certificate of lawfulness for existing of single storey side extension to form garden centre.  
The Range  
Stadium Retail Park, Unit 1  
Par Moor Road  
St Blazey

PA19/10872 Creation of Parking Area  
48 Chyandor Close  
St Blazey

PA19/11172 Single storey rear extension  
Oak Tree House  
Cornhill Road  
St Blazey

PA19/11172 Internal and External works to an existing dwelling to accommodate change to use as a short break service under use class C2 9decision PA18/10912) with variation to conditions 2 and 3.  
Millers Nook  
2 Lamb Park  
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to:-

PA19/10872 Creation of Parking Area  
48 Chyandor Close  
St Blazey

The proposed driveway is on a lay-by and so will reduce parking in the road and stone chippings will move and block drains.

#### Planning Application Results

PA19/11172 Single storey rear extension  
Oak Tree House  
Cornhill Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

2001/15 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE  
ANDERSON HALL**

Alexander Hall now has a working Smart Metre. The Community Rooms could do with more bookings. June Anderson hall will have its furniture delivered next week.

2001/16 **ACCOUNTS**

**December**

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	1448.00
Interest	2.47
High Deposit Int	25.13
Com room Income	320.00
Doubletrees	594.00
Black Sacks	10.50

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	657.80
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	59.66
Insurance	205.32
HMRC	627.90
Furniture at Work	422.40
Web-Site	60.00
Cllrs Allowance	1441.00
Burrows Ext AL	2589.60
Burrows Ext Elec	270.19
Burrows Ext (cups)	59.19
Carol Concert	57.01
Wardens Phone	10.99
DVLC	260.00
MOT	46.00
Clerks Travel	54.90
Xmas Cards	8.00
Stationery	24.28
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	77.20
Chubb (parts)	13.98
Chubb (F/A)	130.18
EDF (Elec)	76.00
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	71.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	30.00
EDF	12.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	64.00
Viking	154.80
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2400.10	9,422.81

**January****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	858.00
Interest	0.50
High Deposit Int	24.94
Com room Income	88.00
LMP	422.26
J Foye	100.00
Vat Refund	31,772.33
JA Room Hire	270.00
Burrows Alarm re-im1,	589.60

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35,125.63

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	806.60
Broadband	29.50
UK Fuels	50.00
Insurance	205.32
HMRC	1,022.50
CC (Pen)	554.58
Furniture at Wk	1,267.20
Cost Cutters	1,231.92
Burrows Ext Elec	134.77
MCYB	250.00
Scribe	462.00
Fourways	2,500.00
Cormac Sol	196.62
Viking	415.61
St Austell GM	330.69
EDF (fountain)	146.63
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	63.91
Chubb (parts)	13.99
EDF (Elec)	-21.59
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	71.00
CEF	36.91
Co-Op	5.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	30.00
EDF	12.00
CIS	40.51
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	64.00
BB	15.00

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11,846.58

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

**2001/17 TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore updated the council regarding the Britannia Roundabout as plans are progressing. Jenny had hoped to have a plan from Darren Hawkes – Landscape Design, but this has not materialised. It is in Cormac's programme for May but Darren hopes it will be before then as do Par Garden Centre as that is their busiest time of the year. After the SABEF meeting next week, Jenny is meeting with Alex,

the Structural Manager from White Gold, Jenny says everyone is very enthusiastic about this project.

At the Eden/StARR meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> which Councillor Moore organised and Councillors Seel and Simms attended, bringing together Eden, Starr and the EA to discuss the natural flood amelioration in the area. This was a very productive meeting. A further meeting in 6 weeks' time was suggested by Dan James, and this has been arranged for 24 February.

During the meeting, I discovered that Juliet Rose is tasked with setting up wildflower/pollinator planting, and St Blazey is now on the agenda for this. I am meeting with Juliet on 19 February to find out more about the project and look at areas that might be suitable.

Key points are:

1. That there is clear definition as to which organisation (CC or EA) is leading on which sites in the area
2. The Eden Project is to share information with the StARR Project and vice versa
3. The Eden Project should be involved in the planning process
4. There should be consultation and engagement with the community over proposals
5. Aspirational as well as identified StARR project sites should be considered
6. Increase biodiversity through engagement with the natural environment
7. Input into future planning by the Environment Agency

StARR have appointed an ecologist, and I discovered last week that the University of Exeter, Penryn has appointed an environmental person, starting on 10 February. Their remit is to look at the wider catchment I understand.

Last year the Council received an email from residents of St Marys Road regarding the green space, they wanted action taken regarding the area. They emailed Councillor Moore yesterday as they have apparently been in negotiation with Cormac and the Council and have now formed a residents group. They reported that Cormac will be clearing the area on 7 Feb. They are looking for funding for plants, which can be dealt with through GrowStBlazey (subject to the committee agreeing). Councillor Moore has indicated that there is unlikely to be funding through the TC but suggested that an application to a Community Chest may be appropriate. I am arranging to meet with them, but there are additional options through StARR and the Eden Project.

Councillor R Taylor has attended the Community Network meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January and a Climate Change meeting earlier today. Reports will follow.

Councillor T Nethercott attended a PL24 meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> and said that the future of the group needs to be discussed.

## 2001/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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