

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th July 2009**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

M Gill, D Hooper, A Putt, G Miller & G Allen

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
1 Community Warden
1 Member of the Press
4 Members of the public

0907/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Goddard and Councillor Seel.

0907/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2009 were amended to show the proposed police porta cabin to be sited next to the police station being of similar size to the storage unit currently in place and then confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0907/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda or of gifts of a value greater than £25.

0907/04 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 0906/05 The Clerk has received from PC Toms for the proposed plan for the new police building to be installed in the Town Car Park. The building would take up six parking places and therefore the Council needs to consider this in more detail. Councillor Putt will take up this issue.

Minute 0906/08 The Clerk has received a letter from Imerys inviting the Councillors to visit Par Complex and see the security measures in place. The Clerk will arrange this for Wednesday 12th August at 3.00pm.

Minute 0906/11 The Clerk, Councillor Anderson and Councillor Gill attended the first meeting of St Blaise, Fowey and Lostwithiel Community Network on Tuesday 28th July. They were informed that the proposed CAN's may not work as previously specified. There would be no voting, only informal discussions would take place but the Community Network Areas would work in all other ways the same. Parish and

Town Councils will be able to take over responsibilities from Cornwall Council and asset transfers will still be possible.

0907/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

No figures have been provided.

0907/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has had the Cornwall Council software installed onto his home computer and has undergone training from the Emergency Services as well as training in planning, Licensing and Corporate finance. He is learning more about waste and as a member of the shadow cabinet has met with the Chief Executive and four of the five Heads of Directorate.

Councillor Taylor is continuing his investigations with Theresa Frost with regard the flooding issues at Doubletrees and is promoting “joined up thinking” by all involved with local flooding issues. This includes the Environment Agency, South West Water, CC planning, CC Highways, CC Fire Service and St Blaise Town Council. Keeping drains and waterways clear of silt and avoidance of inappropriate planning decisions are key to the prevention of flooding.

Councillor Taylor congratulated Councillor Hooper for his efforts and the subsequent results with the flooding problems at Brooks Corner.

Councillor Taylor chaired the Community Network Area meeting on Tuesday 28th July and has e-mailed the Resolution of the group “ The potential loss of the Community Network Panel would significantly erode the ability of the group to work effectively” to all Cornwall Council members. The group also ask the question as a point of order, if the current Cabinet has the ability to overturn decisions made by the Implementation Executive. There is already a democratic deficit as there are now less primary Councillors in Cornwall. This takes the formal voice of the Town and Parish Councils in the County by watering down the Localism agenda which would be damaging to communities and may lead to further concentration of power in Truro. Prior to Cornwall Council elections held in June, Central government said the CAN’s would be in place for at least one year.

0907/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes apologised for not attending the CAN meeting on Tuesday.

Councillor Hughes informed the Council that there is to be an appeal site meeting on the land in Old Roselyon Road for the planning application for the proposed two houses to be built there. This is as a result of the footpath concerns expressed by residents. The meeting will take place on Monday 3rd August at 2.00pm.

Councillor Hughes thanked Councillor Hooper for arranging the meeting with the Environment Agency, the Highways department and the local people to look for solutions to the flooding problems in St Blazey Road. This meeting resulted in the drains being lifted and the Culverts de-silting.

0907/08 **CAROL CONCERT**

Councillor Gill asked that the Youth Choir (7 to 11 year olds) from Biscovey Junior School perform at this years Carol Concert Reception with Imerys Male Choir. The Council are in favour of this. Councillor Anderson will speak to Father Malcolm, Councillor Gill will speak with Biscovey School and Councillor Putt will speak with the Football Club.

0907/09 **OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS ON THE TOWN PLAN**

The Town Plan Questionnaires have now been collected and are now with Eurosmart PC's who will collate the information in preparation for a Town Plan to be written. Before this meeting began the draw was made for the prize winners and the names will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

0907/10 **ELECTED OR CO OPTED (Taking the issue to CALC)**

Cornwall Council when deciding on voting rights of the Community Network Areas it was proposed that Elected Councillors would only have voting rights. This proposal discriminates between Elected and Co-opted members and therefore the Clerk wrote to the department of Communities and Local Government for a view on whether this was acceptable.

The reply being that it is a matter for Cornwall Council who must comply with settled administrative law principles. The suggestion is that we take the matter to Cornwall Council and Cornwall Association of Local Councils. The Council RESOLVED to take this course of action.

0907/11 **FLOODING PROBLEMS IN ST BLAZEY**

Councillor Hooper is extremely concerned about recent flooding in St Blazey Road and Brooks Corner. On the 15th July he arranged a meeting with the Environment Agency and the Highways department to look at the area. The residents are concerned that if the 150 planned new homes at Par Lane are built this situation will be made worse.

Councillor Hooper is less than happy with South West Water and has asked the Clerk to contact them and request that a representative speak to the Council next month with representatives from the environment Agency and Highways.

Councillor Hooper was full of praise for the services that did attend the meeting i.e the Environment Agency and Highways and the help they provided in de-silting the Culverts.

0907/12 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk has spoken to Nalders who want to change the contract for transfer of the Burrows to us, The Clerk has spoken with Colin Whitehead who has asked that the Council accept a letter with the proposed changes

and not change the contract as it would mean taking the issue back to Cabinet. The Council agreed to proceed with a letter. The concerns are if planning permission is not given for an extension the building would be of no use to us.

0907/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has spoken with John Simmons about electors from St Blazey having to go to Gott Hall to vote when they could visit the Burrows for this purpose. He suggested the Council write with suggested changes. The Council agreed a letter should be written.

Councillor Anderson had suggested putting plants into the Trough in King Edward Gardens, the Clerk investigated this but found that there being no water out-let there was a risk of the trough filling with water. If the trough was to fill with water there would be is a danger of legionnaires disease and therefore the Council will leave it as is.

Councillor Putt had asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for the planters at the end of Station Road, the quote was thought to be excessive and it was decided that a working party would meet there on Tuesday 4th August at 9.00am to re-plant it.

Mr & Mrs Kennedy from Manor View and their neighbours are having their light blocked and gardens ruined by the trees at the back of their land. The woods are on land owned by Wain homes who are not prepared to cut them back. They have requested that the Town Council write to the land owners asking that they take some action. The Council agreed that the Clerk would write on the resident's behalf.

Cornwall County Training Partnership are arranging training on The New Planning System, the Clerk asked that she be able to attend these days on 5th and 19th October at a cost of £25. The Council agreed.

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

Location: ROAD FROM EDGECOMBE ROAD TO SANS LANE, KILHALLON, PAR

Timing: 19TH OCTOBER 2009 – 3 DAYS

Reason: VERGE MAINTENANCE

0907/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

09/00726 Full Planning
Install window in end wall, ground floor
Willowisp, 2 Penarwyn Woods
Par

09/00911 Full Planning
Conversion of Chapel into 1 bed roomed dwelling
The Old Chapel.
Biscovey Road
St Blazey

09/00925 TPO
Fell monteray pine to ground level
Land to east of Penarwyn House
St Blazey

Planning Applications results received.

09/00524 Full Planning - Proposed new garage.
242 Manor View
GRANT PERMISSION

09/00572 Full Planning - Extension.
22 Deeble Drive
GRANT PERMISSION

09/00614 Full Planning – Demolition of out buildings and erection of annexe.
Orchards, Biscovey Road
GRANT PERMISSION

09/00660 Full Planning/Change of use – Conversion of premises to flat.
Furniture Cellar, Station Road
WITHDRAWN

09/00674 Full Planning – Conservatory
52 Trenovissick Road
GRANT PERMISSION

09/00708 Full Planning – Conservatory.
251 Manor View
WITHDRAWN

0907/15 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Cleaner has resigned, Diane Greene will begin on 1st August 2009.

0907/16 **ACCOUNTS**

July 09

Income

Hall Bookings	1356.00
Interest 6/09	3.06

Expenditure

Insurance	144.20
SWW	54.50
Community Charge	83.00
Electricity	37.00
HMIT	249.35
CCC	314.89
Cleaner	106.00
Parish Plan	1248.90
Gas Safety Cert	60.00
Publication	55.60
Audit Commission	460.00
Bodmin Fire Protection	62.50
Travel	100.80
Cleaning Materials	19.48
Stationery	5.63
Postage	5.59
Clerks Sal	1885.64
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	1359.06

The Accounts RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller proposed that we invest the money in the high interest account for a further three months, Councillor Gill seconded, all agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk asked that the paperwork be sent by post as previously we have not been receiving the faxes.

0907/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Anderson and Putt thanked Kevin, the warden, for the lovely work he is doing maintaining the Welcome Stones.

Councillor Putt asked for and received permission to fix the bin in Trailblazer Park and asked the Clerk to arrange for the footpath from Polgrean Place to Station Road to be cut back.

Councillor Gill asked that the Clerk report the bad state of repair of the St Blazey Gate sign on the A390.

0907/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 27th August 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.