

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 31st July 2014**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillors A Seel – Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

G Allen, R Blackie, R Heyward, G Miller, A Putt, D Scrafton,
R Taylor and S Wheeler

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)
Community Warden
2 x PCSO's
3 members of the public

Before the meeting an applicant of pre-planning advice for a new dwelling at the Mount presented his preliminary plans to the Council.

1407/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies have been received.

1407/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th June 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1407/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1407/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1406/11 Councillor Wheeler has contacted Cornwall Air ambulance with suggestions of night landing sites and has received forms that need to be completed by the land owners.

1406/12 Trail Blazer Park painting is to begin as soon as possible, unfortunately this could coincide with school holidays.

1407/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES****June 2014**

		Detected	Under Investigation
Assault	3	2	1
Burglary dwelling			
Burglary other	1		
Theft of MV			
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	1		
Theft (including from M/V)	6		1
Damage	3	1	1
Drugs			
Other	10	1	1
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>June 2013:</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>11</u>	

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE June 2014 – 74

Crime figures for June are positive with a decline compared to the same month last year. There are still four crimes under investigation.

1407/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has visited Polharmon Farm at the request of the land owners who are planning to site a wind turbine there. Councillor Taylor believes that there are suitable sites for wind turbines but Polharmon Farm is not one of them.

Councillor had a brief visit to Germany where he had seen an environmental Geothermal system, as proposed at the Eden Project, working. He was impressed by what he had seen.

He has met with Steve Bailey and been told that a Stop sign at the junction between fore street and Station Road is not usual but hopes that the lines can be re-painted.

He is pleased to report that the sleeper rail service between London and Penzance is to be re-introduced and the signalling is to be upgraded on the train service.

Councillor Taylor is disappointed at the proposed charges to be introduced at the amenity centres as this will increase fly tipping across Cornwall. The Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee at Cornwall Council has called this in and this will be discussed at a meeting on August 5th.

The 3 speed cameras on the A390 between Biscovey Fish Bar and St Blazey Church are to be replaced with 4 average speed cameras.

1407/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton has attended meetings in Truro 15 days in the 25 days since the last Town Council meeting of which 2 days was spent discussing the devolving of public conveniences and how devolvement could be improved. He has attended focus groups concerning the possible reorganisation of the Councils governance arrangements.

Councillor Scrafton has attended a briefing on economic development in the area, attended the King Edward Gardens consultation, a Community Network Area meeting and a Fourways Committee Meeting.

Councillor Scrafton attended an event displaying the latest plans for the Beach and had visited Par Docks for discussions regarding noise pollution audible from Mountlea Country Park. He attended a site visit for the Wainhomes proposed development off Mount Crescent and spoke against the proposal at the Central Area Sub Committee where the application was discussed and refused.

Councillor Scrafton had attended Par Carnival and wanted to congratulate the new Committee on an excellent event. St Austell Town Council have pledged £5,000 to the cost of the development company costs who are to assist with the bid for European funding.

1407/08 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave Pearce is up to date with all maintenance and has attended the road closure course and is looking forward to be able to strim around the welcome stones. He reported that both the pillar and the Bell Tower have been hit at the entrance to the Town Car Park, however he has made repairs.

1407/09 **ANDREW SEMOURSON – FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS**

Councillor Taylor told the Council of the immense effort Andrew Semourson has put into ensuring that flood alleviation work around the Town is carried out. He thanked Andrew personally and on behalf of all those affected. The Town Councillors added their thanks also.

Mr Semourson began by telling the Council that South West Water are to integrate modern drainage, all the low lining works are to be removed and a new gravity sewer is to be installed in Tredenham Close that will assist the residents of Brooks Corner. The new detached sewer, which will serve only a small amount of homes, will be in place before April 2015.

The surface water overload from St Blazey Road which currently enters the Tredenham stream is to be re-directed into the St Blazey Stream and an automated screen is to be fitted which will reduced all discharge size to less than 0.5mm.

SWW are working on an integrated urban drainage model which is expected to be completed by the end of September 2014 which will divert surface water and we will see the results by the end of 2015. The diverting flows will operate from the Burrows

Centre across to Bobs Road and the surface water will be re-directed into the Mount resulting in water in Par Lane will be reduced.

SWW are to continue to clean the sewers at Brooks Corners regularly but this is likely to be delayed due to Cornwall Councils flood alleviation work and the patching work in Par Lane.

The Environment Agency are currently cleaning all the streams and leats throughout the town and are lowering the depth of St Blazey Stream. The pumping station at Tredenham Close does not have a backup system which is a current requirement.

Cornwall Council are to start working on a flood alleviation scheme which includes the installation of attenuation tanks on August 4th. Work is expected to last 4-5 weeks and therefore we may see road closures in St Blazey Road, Par Lane and Lamb Park at the same time as road patching work in Par Lane.

Andrew Semourson voiced on behalf of the residents thanks to Cornwall Councillors Taylor, Scrafton and Hughes for their assistance seeing these improvement to fruition and special thanks to Teresa Frost from Cornwall Council Highways department who has constantly been on hand with her assistance.

1407/10 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL'S CAR PARK**

The Clerk has sent three letters asking for a £50 fine to be paid for parking overnight in the Town Car Park, all have been ignored. We have no way of ensuring these fines are paid without incurring large costs ourselves.

It was suggested that a height bar be installed, stopping Lorries entering the car park and ruining the surface. The Clerk will look into the costs.

1407/11 **COMMERCIAL WIND TURBINE AT POLHARMON FARM**

Protect our Valleys have contacted the Chairman asking that St Blaise Town Council put in an objection to the proposed wind turbine at Polharmon Farm, Fowey Town Council, St Austell Town Council, Lostwithiel Town Council, Tywardreath & Par Parish Council, St Winnow Parish Council, Lanlivery Parish Council, Luxulyan Parish Council and St Sampson's Parish Council have all objected.

St Blaise Town Councillors agreed at June's Town Council meeting that all Councillors would respond individually if they so choose but as it was not in our Parish and we are not consultee's, the Council would not put in a comment to the planning department.

The Councillors voted again with eight Councillors choosing not to comment and two voting that we should. The Council RESOLVED not to comment.

1407/12 **PHILIP VARCOE PLAYING FIELD**

Philip Varcoe reportedly left the field known as Philip Varcoe playing field to the children of St Blazey to remain in perpetuity as a place for children's recreation but the former Restormel Borough Council sold it. We have got a copy of Philip Varcoes' will and it isn't mentioned, however the land could have been gifted before he died and before the Town Council existed and therefore would have been held by RBC. This also seems a little odd as usually a covenant would have been put on the land stopping it from being sold.

The children from Doubletrees used to be able to get directly from the school onto the field and can't any longer as the entrance has been blocked. Doubletrees have spoken with the Cricket Club who are now making arrangements to allow access from the School onto the field for use on sports day and the like.

1407/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Burrows Centre – A member of the board of directors has suggested that we obtain new quotes for the extension of the Burrows Centre. Councillor Scrafton proposed that the Clerk does so, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Neighbourhood Planning – The Neighbourhood Planning Team have obtained £6,000 funding from DCLG and will be contacting CRCC who have experience in outing Neighbourhood Plans together to act as consultants.

WW1 Anniversary – The plaque has been placed inside the Chapel of Rest by W Withers, a local carpenter. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks. The unveiling service will take place on 2nd August at 11.00am. The service at Par Running Track will take place on 3rd August at 3.00 pm.

The Bell Tower – The Clerk has liaised with Par Old Cornwall Society and arranged appropriate wording for a plaque for the entrance to the Car Park. Councillor Scrafton will amend this wording to include reference to the Bell Tower and the Clerk will arrange for a plaque to be made.

1407/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk is concerned about ownership of the boat situated on the A390 as the Newspaper report only mentions that the Town Council donated some money and not their responsibility. Councillor Taylor will speak to Tony Nethercott to resolve the position.

The Clerk asked the Councillors for confirmation as to who would be attending the GWRSA event on 10th August. Councillor Seel apologised as he is now required to work. Councillors Putt, Anderson, Allen and Wheeler shall attend.

The Clerk attended the CALC meeting on July 23rd. A discussion took place regarding Cornwall Council services and opinion was that services vary across the authority greatly. Neighbourhood Planning was discussed and those Councils that have begun

the process are finding them difficult to complete due to the lack of a Cornwall Local Plan.

Transparency and the recording of meetings was discussed and we were advised to get quotes for recording equipment as this will need to be budgeted for as it is suspected that it will become a requirement. If a Council should decide to record its meetings the advice is to only keep the recording until the minutes have been approved. Members of the public should declare that they are recording the meeting if they are doing so.

Community Networks were discussed and the general opinion seems to be that although Network Managers are a good resource, meetings are not and was pleased to report that our meetings have proved to be of use. All Councillors should be aware that if they attend a Council Committee meeting and they are not a member of the committee, they are attending as members of the public. The exception to this rule is the Mayor is ex-officio on all committees with voting rights.

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

Location: Par Lane, Par
Timing: 4th to 8th August 2014 (0730 to 1800 hours)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions LTD- Resurfacing and Patching Works

1407/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| PA14/05569 | Convert small front garden into a parking space and lower kerb
8 Par Lane.
St Blazey |
| PA14/06254 | Extension to existing hair/skin/beauty/wellness building, including increase in ridge height, two storey extension and change of use of first floor (currently used as store room and staff facilities) to a health and fitness studio in conjunction with existing building
Hairworx,
Harbour Road. |
| PA14/06158 | Extension and conversion of garage and extend roof line and dormers over.
59 Rose Hill
St Blazey |
| PA14/06092 | Listed Building Consent
Proposed touring caravan park, tent pitches, toilet and shower facilities and revised vehicular access.
Britannia Inn
St Austell Road, St Blazey |

PA14/06091 Proposed touring caravan park, tent pitches, toilet and shower facilities and revised vehicular access.
 Britannia Inn
 St Austell Road
 St Blazey

PA14/06565 Erection of a conservatory
 13 Middleway
 St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to Object to:-

PA14/06806 Erection of a single detached dwelling
 11 Par Lane
 St Blazey

Over development of site, lack of amenity space, access onto Par Lane and exacerbation of flood risk.

The Clerk has received a letter informing us of the appeal to DCLG regarding the Planning Application for a house at land at Biscovey Road. We have also received 2 Letter's written by a neighbours of the properties opposing the build to the planning inspectorate and a letter Councillor Scrafton has written to the planning inspectorate opposing the build. Our original objections will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate and so St Blaise Town Council have decided to make no further objection at this time.

Planning Application Results Received.

PA14/1614 Full Planning
 Demolition of 1 existing dwelling and erection of 44 New Dwellings, associated Highway and Landscape Works together with provision of Open Space and associated infrastructure.
 Land East of Mount Crescent
 The Mount
 St Blazey
 REFUSED

PA14/04025 Application for a zip wire and adventure activity area.
 Eden Project
 Bodelva
 APPROVED

PA14/03223 Installation and service a 58 bedroomed YHA snooze box hostel with a temp 2 year PP to run as a YHA hostel on strawberry car park.
 Eden Project
 Bodelva
 APPROVED

PA14/03966 Installation of a wood burning stove
The Old Market House
Fore Street
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA14/04913 Change of Use
Former Hairdressers salon to flat
From this day forward
106 Par Lane
St Blazey
APPROVED

1407/16 ACCOUNTS

July 14

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	798.50
Interest (high)	106.76
Black Sacks	105.00
Interest	4.69
Hall Bookings	383.00 6/14
Eden Project	2250.00

Expenditure

Broadband	35.86
UK Fuels	32.01
Insurance	389.34
HMRC	489.98
CC (pen)	452.35
Clerks Sal	1307.13
Wardens Wage	520.00
Warden Training	66.00
Eclipse	14.38
SLCC	23.00
PD Hire	(28.20)
PD Hire	49.99
Cuddra Aquatics	50.00
Band	100.00
Info Comm	35.00
Fount Elec	44.81
Plants	44.65
Grahams Garden	5.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	89.00
Cleaners Wage	59.95
Chubb (parts)	12.78
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	52.00
Warden	31.00
CIS	82.44
M Stone	15.00*

	SWW	154.41
	<u>Shop</u>	
	BT	78.38
	Co-Op	2,250.00
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3,647.95		6,545.26

Councillor Taylor declared that he is related to the contractor.

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1407/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Cllr Anderson told the Council that works on Shorthorn Beach would take 3 years and Crinnis beach will take 4.5 years and may not run concurrently, therefore the build could take 7.5 years.

Cllr Scrafton asked if the deputy Mayor of St Austell had sought our permission before wearing regalia at a function in our Town. The clerk replied that he hadn't and when St Austell TC were asked they responded that he had been invited personally and not attended on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr Putt asked when the Warden could start smartening up the Welcome Stones and was told he could after this weekend's WW1 commemorations.

Cllr Allen reported that the overgrowth from Network Rails land is overgrown, the Clerk will report this to DB Schenker.

1407/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th August 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.