

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, A Nethercott, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Community Warden  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
1 Members of the public

Before the meeting began, the Mayor told the Council that Councillor Amos Putt had resigned from the Council, Councillor Putt had been a Councillor for many years and would be sorely missed. Amos Putt has offered to keep working on the flower beds.

1707/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G Allen.

1707/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1707/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1707/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1706/16 The out-side tap has been fitted at the Community Rooms.

1707/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

June 2017

	Recorded 6/17	Recorded 6/16	Difference
Homicide	0	1	-100%
Violence with Injury	6	7	-14.3%
Violence without Injury	11	5	120%
Rape	1	0	-
Other Sexual Offences	1	2	-50%

Burglary Dwelling	1	1	0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	6	2	200%
Vehicle Offences	4	5	-20%
Shoplifting	7	0	-
Other Theft	6	6	0%
Criminal Damage	5	7	-28.6%
Public Order Offences	2	2	0%
Possession of Drugs	2	3	-33.3%
Other Offences	4	1	300%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33.3%</b>

#### Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 6/17	Recorded 6/16	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	28	25	12%
Crime Recorded	2	1	100%
Crime Not Recorder	28	3	833.3%
Public Safety	63	65	-3.1%
Transport	16	20	-20%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>20.2%</b>

#### 1707/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

Dave Pearce is currently off sick and has sent the following the report.

I have been busy watering and feeding the plants, spreading weed killer as well as keeping the toilets clean. All the LMP footpaths have been cut and are clear of overgrowth. I have cut the grass surrounding the welcome stones and pressure washed them both.

I have strimmed the paths behind Biscovey School and the path from the Mount to Par Moor for the second time. I have made my presence noticeable in these areas with the intention of reducing dog fouling. I have cut the grass in Piggy Alley and cut back overgrowth where needed.

I have filled in some of the holes in the surface of the Town Car Park with the concrete mix left over from paving of garden outside the Community Rooms and I have cleaned the footpath that runs from Station Road to Polgrean of leaves.

I had a phone call at home from a member of Par Carnival Committee requesting I deliver and collect the road closure signs which I did. I have repaired the planter walls at the entrance to the Town Car Park and re-fixed the boulders which had again been moved.

#### 1707/07 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

On July 4<sup>th</sup> I attended the extraordinary meeting called by the Town Team when it was resolved to dissolve the organisation due to lack of support from the businesses in St Blazey. I was upset by this but understood the reasoning given that only five businesses from the many members e-mailed an invitation attended.

I attended the Hands Together Coffee morning on July 5<sup>th</sup> and met many residents of the division including some I hadn't met before. The Hands together Summer Fete will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> between 3 pm and 5 pm. I hope to see you then. Councillor Rowse and I with some Hands Together members took delivery of timber which will be used to build the raised flower beds in the Hands Together Garden. I am looking to put together a working party to clean the space, make up the beds and will be grateful for any help.

I attended the Young Mums Open Day at Fourways, it was lovely to see so many getting involved.

Andy Stephenson from Cornwall Council and I had a drive around the division on July 6<sup>th</sup> and highlighted areas in need of improvement. Station Road will have traffic restriction notices stopping lorries from using this road unless they are delivering to a business. Hopefully this will help with some of the traffic issues until a decision is made regarding speeding measures.

The junction at Lamellyn Road near the convenience store which is prone to flooding due to a drain that is no longer fit for purpose is being looked at as a priority in order to take surface water away from the pavement on the Manor View side so the children can walk on it during the winter.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> I attended the Health Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council and I believe that the new joined up service strategy could deliver better care in the not too distant future. I met a developer who is proposing to build four houses behind the lay-bye on Tywardreath Highway in a bid to help achieve the government housing target. I asked him to consider his planned parking to avoid the lay-bye becoming an overflow car park.

I spoke at the launch of St Blazey AFC's new plans for the future and totally support the hard work and innovation of all those concerned to make the football club a hub for the community.

Councillor Rowse and I were judges at Par Carnival, I felt honoured to be asked and hope to be able to be more involved in the future. It was an excellent week and would like to congratulate and thank all those involved.

As you know, I sit on and am shadow cabinet member of the Cornwall Council Children and Families Scrutiny Committee. The corporate Director, Trevor Doughty and I met to discuss the deprivation in St Blazey. How can the people of the Town be helped, I am especially concerned about the hardship that will be suffered when the universal credit is introduced and claimants will have to wait six weeks for benefits during the changeover period. My fear is that loan sharks will be door knocking.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> I attended the Securing our Future co-production event with stakeholders. The event was attended by NHS personnel from across the county to share thoughts on how the future should look. We will meet again in September to consolidate our thoughts and make plans for the future.

Last night I attended the St Blazey Neighbourhood Plan meeting which brought to close another busy day which included the Par Bay Community Trust coffee morning. There is still much to be done before the building can open its doors to the public. Today I have been to County Hall to look at the options Cornwall Council have to take childrens services forward now that that have obtained £1.9 million additional funding from the Government.

Roselyon Coaches have had several of their buses damaged due to tree overgrowth, I have spoken to Paul Allen from Cormac regarding this but unfortunately there is not the money to act now. Going forward, a cutting plan will be implemented, to lessen the time wasted contacting landowners, hopefully reducing damage to Roselyons vehicles. Next year I intend to deliver letters to home owners who are causing this problem asking them to cut back their overgrowth.

There has been a recent issue regarding signage at Prideaux Road where traffic is being directed onto the A390 however satellite navigations are directing cars up to Cornhill causing severe traffic problems. Anybody suffering from these issues should contact Ian Merchant, the Estate Manager at the Eden Project or Rachel Tatlow at Cormac.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August there will be a surgery at Hands Together where I will be in attendance with representatives from Ocean Housing to give help, guidance and support with universal credits and its ramifications. Anyone wishing to have a chat on this issue or any other issue can make an appointment with me on my Facebook page. Appointments will be available from 6 pm to 8 pm.

I have spoken to our Mayor June Anderson regarding resurrecting the annual St Blaise Feast Day celebrations in either May or June. I would welcome any thoughts. I am prepared to use some of my community chest to support this event. I will be meeting with our community network manager, Tasha Davies, next week to set up a “go fund” account and I will apply for a grant from PBBL. I propose an event with local groups providing stalls, a barbeque, live band and even an outdoor cinema.

#### 1707/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

My apologies for not being able to make it here this evening but I have been hit by a cold and a nasty cough.

Firstly I'd like to thank those of you on the council that helped make Par Carnival Week a huge success this year. From the Fete and Carnival to the Pig and Duck Racing, it really was a fantastic week enjoyed by all which, most importantly, brought the PL24 community together in record numbers. I would personally like to thank the Carnival Committee for all of their efforts in making it such a success. We now have the 'Grow St Blazey' Fete on Sunday to look forward to which, I am sure, will be a great event too.

I have been dealing with lots of casework this month and one in particular that I would briefly like to share with you is with regards to Poldark Gardens. It was brought to my attention that the bungalows there, which are Ocean Housing bungalows, have been there since the 1970's/80's and have not had any major work

done to them since. However, over the years the doors of the properties have taken wear and tear as you can imagine. It was raised with me the doors of some of the properties have been leaking in heavy rainfall because of the state of them. I raised this with Ocean housing and, after a site visit and after asking Ocean to replace all the doors to properties up there, I am delighted to confirm that Ocean will now be replacing the front and back doors to all of their properties up there which is great news.

I have also been working closely with the residents of Porth Meadow as they deal with Blenheim's Estate in their takeover of the management of the grounds on the estate and will continue to work with them through this difficult situation.

I was also pleased to see that after writing to Highways about the roundabout on Brooks' Corner, in addition to the Town Council and Cllr Giles, that it has now been repainted. I am in the process of working with Highways to now sort the roundabout down at the Brit out on the A391 as it is fallen in to a hideous state of neglect.

I attended with Cllr Giles yesterday the open event down at Cornubia for the Par Bay Community Trust which I thought was a huge success in the way that it got people from the PL24 area down to have a look around the place and hear their vision for building.

As ever, if the Town Councillors have any Cornwall Council issues they wish to raise with me then please do not hesitate to get in touch. I want to work with you to improve St Blaise and the surrounding area.

#### 1707/09 **DAN RATCLIFFE TALK ABOUT HISTORIC ENGLAND**

Dan Ratcliffe works for Cornwall Council looking at the Historic Environment. He explained that their aim is to restore old buildings to fit with current development rather than stop development. Cornwall Council are currently working with English Heritage to make the St Austell Area a heritage action zone (HAZ) which could be of benefit to St Blazey as a whole. From what little is known of HAZ, it won't make a huge difference as far as the Roundhouse is concerned, but could help with the historic environment of St Blazey.

Historic England are working with the Luxulyan Valley Partnership restoring their heritage concentrating on the importance of the historic transport links and are looking for other projects in the Clay Country. They work with Heritage Kernow which is a combined group made of Cornwall Council, heritage and environment bodies.

Dan stated that Par Docks as this is an important part of local heritage which is often forgotten. Par Docks stopped being a transport link due to the size of the ships growing and therefore the dock itself would not be a viable project although there are buildings on the site that could be looked at. He is keen for heritage to attract funds to bring old buildings back into use.

He hoped that the project to restore the Roundhouse would begin within the next 2 years and was reminded of the importance of the William West Foundry. He was

asked if their work reached to farm buildings and said that they have a Countryside Heritage Officer that works with farmers to restore farm buildings. He was keen to say that they are not an advice service but worked on policy.

#### 1707/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk has received no updates in the past month.

#### 1707/11 **TO DISCUSS SETTING UP THE COMMUNITY ROOMS AS A SEPARATE ENTITY TO THE TOWN COUNCIL**

This was deferred until Councillors Wheeler and R Taylor have had an opportunity to discuss the matter.

#### 1707/12 **PROJECT LIST**

**New Community Centre/Burrows Centre** – The Burrows extension will include enlarging the car park.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – Councillor Moore told the Council that the previous evening they had had a very productive meeting. Councillor Nethercott produced the survey written by the young advisors for the young people of the town and Victoria Regan had given an update on potential sites for affordable housing. The Architect Tom Hancock attended the meeting and spoke about commercial build in the Town. Councillor Moore hope to have the flood alleviation policy in place by the beginning of September.

**King Edward Gardens** – The Clerk has been chasing the solicitor and is still waiting for information regarding overage.

#### 1707/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council informing us that the legislation that would enable local authorities to retain 100% of business rates and to also use discretionary powers to grant relief to support public lavatories which was contained in the proposed Local Government Finance Bill was dropped in the Queens speech made after the snap General Election.

Councillor Jenny Moore and I met with Jamie Grant from Wainhomes on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Jamie said that he was new to the company and appreciated that they had made mistakes in the past and so wanted to talk with the Council before any planning applications were made in the future.

Jamie said that they had an option to buy some land north of the A390. We told him about the STaRR project and that the Town Council would like to see this project come to fruition before any further build in the Town took place. We also said that access would be an issue and that the roads through the current Porth Meadow estate were insufficient for the proposed amount of homes proposed by PA16/04955 that is currently with the Planning Inspector.

He asked if we had any other historic issues and we told him that the houses at Porth Meadow had reduced the amount of affordable homes after planning permission had been granted and that S106 provision had been applied for to be spent in Devon.

Jamie agreed to research the STaRR project, look at the roads in Porth Meadow and look at previous S106 agreements before coming to speak to full council.

Councillor June Anderson and I attended the Town and Parish council Legal Event on 7<sup>th</sup> July. We had a presentation on the change in Data Protection Regulations and learnt that we will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer before the new regulations become law next year.

We had a presentation on common land issues and learnt more about the chancel affecting King Edward Gardens and the importance of taking out the insurance which is a one off cost.

We had an update on TUPE (transfer of undertakings Protection of Employment) and rules affecting a Judicial Review which is a legal process by which decisions and actions of public bodies can be challenged through the courts. It is a claim to review the lawfulness of (1) an enactment or (2) a decision, action or failure to act in relation to the exercise of a public function.

The Clerk asked if she could attend the SLCC legal event on 27<sup>th</sup> September, permission was given.

The flags were lent to Par Carnival Committee for their festivities, one flag has been returned badly damaged. The clerk was instructed to contact them requesting they make repair.

#### 1707/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been six planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

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| PA17/02789 | Erection of 7 light industrial units<br>Land at Par Moor Road<br>St Blazey  |
| PA17/06139 | Works to trees subject to a TPO. Remove a group of<br>Poplar and Alder Trees and crown lifting of Norway Maples to<br>five metres above ground level.<br>59 Treryn Close<br>St Blazey |
| PA17/05630 | Proposed two storey side extension incorporating conversion of<br>the existing garage and addition of a porch to the front<br>elevation.<br>38 Meadow Drive<br>St Blazey              |

- PA17/06568 Proposed two storey rear extension  
Bobtails Cottage  
8 Carveor Moor  
St Blazey
- PA17/05286 Retention of an ATM installed through the white rendered  
external wall with one user protection bollard installed in front  
of the ATM.  
Chrisseys Convenience and J Foye Furniture Store.  
10A Station Road  
St Blazey
- PA17/05287 Advertisement Consent for the retention of illumination  
polycarbonate black and green surround signage with  
illuminated white lettering. Halo illumination to polycarbonate  
surround.  
Chrisseys Convenience and J Foye Furniture Store.  
10A Station Road  
St Blazey
- Results Received
- PA17/04820 Retention of installed ATM pod below The Cornish  
Market World Entrance sign on a new concrete base. Two  
bollards have been installed on the ATM pod concrete base -  
Cornish Market World,  
Stadium Retail Park  
Par Moor Road.  
APPROVED
- PA17/04821 Non illuminated decal signage to ATM pod. “cash  
withdrawals and free balance enquiries” and “cashzone”  
Cornish Market World  
Stadium Retail Park  
Par Moor Road.  
APPROVED
- PA17/02334 Demolish fire damaged dwelling and construct three storey  
dwelling, purpose built for 4 number flats.  
24 Fore Street  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA17/002752 Variation of condition 7 – To allow first occupation of 10  
homes – of application PA14/01614 – before construction of  
highways.  
Land east of Mount Crescent  
The Mount  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

**APPEALS**

APP/DO840/D/17/3175504

Proposed permeable parking and shared access for dwellings

47 and 49 Doubletrees, St Blazey

**1707/15 ALEXANDER HALL**

Alexander Hall is currently being jet washed, paint has been bought to cover graffiti and the fire doors are to be repaired.

**1707/16 ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

Due to the Purchase of the Community Rooms we now own two Community Centres and so lose our small business relief on Alexander Hall. We now have to pay Business rates on three buildings as we own the public conveniences. When purchasing a second building you can keep your small business relief for a year. Cornwall Council say that they used their discretion and let us keep the relief as the business rates on the toilets were low and so can't keep any relief any longer.

**1707/17 ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	1224.00
Interest	2.09
High Deposit Int	147.53
C/R room hire	246.00
Black Sacks	21.00
High Deposit Int	142.39

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1371.65
Wardens Wage	590.93
Broadband	25.00
UK Fuels	48.03
HMRC	564.00
CC (pen)	483.00
Eclipse	14.38
Aviva	561.80
Cllrs Travel	23.40
WPS	15.00
Young Advisors	48.00
St A Garden Mac	71.70
Westcare	103.20
Wardens Uniform	12.00
Web-site	267.00
<u>AH</u>	
Southern Electric	261.18
EON	60.00
SWW	81.00
Cleaners Wage	64.78
Chubb (parts)	13.31
<u>PC</u>	
PC's Bus Rates	51.00
Locking	31.00

CIS	136.56
Wallgate	604.80
British Gas	67.29
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Travis Perkins	19.24
Fire Crest	324.84

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 1707/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Nethercott attended the St Austell and Clay Country Place marketing – workshop on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was to gather ideas about improvements to the area, Tony felt that only St Austell was looked at and made his feelings clear.

#### **PART TWO – ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

#### 1701/19 **CO-OPTION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR**

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Kelvin Simms to the Town Council.

#### 1707/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.29 pm.