

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 26th July 2018**

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 J Rowse
Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles

The Mayor welcomed the new Councillor Amy Pearce.

Before the meeting began Tom Fletcher from the Environment Agency spoke to the Council regarding the St Austell Bay Resilient Regeneration Project.

The project has recently been awarded 10.8 million of the total 20 million needed for the project. The scheme will need another 15 million over the next 20 years. This is over 25% of the national budget to be spent locally. The remainder of the funds are being secured by Defra. The government has said that EA funds already secured will be honoured and therefore the scheme is safe.

Works include maintenance of the River Par and the Treffry Canal, evening of the road surface in Par Lane and dropping the height of green space to accommodate water. Work is expected to begin at the end of 2018 or start of 2019 and end in 2022.

The next step is to build more detailed plans and Tom will be organising more consultation events to keep the Community aware of the scheme and any disruption that they may incur. Tom offered to give a detailed presentation to the Council once the plans have been approved.

1807/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillor S Ford.

1807/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th June 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1807/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1807/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1805/17 The Clerk has tried speaking to Co-op Customer Services and Hartnell Taylor Cook who act as our landlords and still not had a reply regarding having recycling receptacle in the Co-op car park.

1806/11 The Clerk has obtained the land registry documentation for the Travis Perkins site and sent the application for it to be added to the Community Right to Bid.

1806/22 Councillor Chamberlain asked if the residents of Polgrean Flats were guaranteed re-housing in the new flats when built. The Councillors who had attended Oceans consultation event believed this to be planned.

1807/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

I have had many complaints about speeding vehicles around the Town generally but especially in Station Road and St Blazey Road. He has also received complaints about the overgrowth in Middleway which forces pedestrians in to the road. Cornwall Councillor Giles is aware of the situation and liaising with the relevant departments.

I have been busy watering all the flower beds which is taking approximately 2.5 hours a day and have weed treated all the roads which have been brought to my attention.

I am concerned about a car which is using Piggy Alley as a driveway to the rear of their property as this is pedestrian access only and don't want to see anybody hurt as young children and mothers with prams use it.

The Councillors instructed the Clerk to write to the perpetrator.

1807/06 **A PRESENTATION REGARDING HOMELESSNESS**

Lois Wild, volunteer recruiter and Jackie Davis, events co-ordinator from St Petrocs Homeless Society told the Council that St Petrocs was founded by the Bishop of St Germans over 30 years ago. St Petrocs have incorporated Freshfields into their organisation and so are now offering a drugs counselling sessions and have a helpline.

On 16th November 2017 Cornwall recorded 68 rough sleepers, this was the tenth highest rated county in the Country however this figure was a drop from the 2016 figure of 99. St Petrocs have 6 supported accommodations and 7 move on accommodations and therefore have 85 beds. They also have 2 Resource centres where help is available.

The Society can provide various different types of help, meals, beds, clothing counselling and support to get them housed so if they know where to find the homeless there is a lot of help there. They urge the public to report any known homeless people to them so they can help.

1807/07 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

I am concerned that the facts regarding the Stadium weren't as portrayed! I voted against the Stadium, and the latest revelation has compounded my decision. It would appear, Cornwall Council have agreed to sink £3 million of the rate payers money into a project, which has no business plan! Questions are being asked as to how this has been allowed to happen, and answers are awaited!

I've had a meeting with Ocean regarding their house/flat clearing policy. At present when someone vacates one of their premises, it is stripped bare and any contents disposed of, regardless of how good it is. From now on, good items will be put into storage and a list will be given to me, to reuse with families in need.

I attended Flood Planning training at Dolcoath this month, which was a great insight on the responsibilities of developers on movement of water from proposed housing developments. I shall be able to look at future applications in a more strategic way, and voice my opinion with more force.

I attended Safer St Austell last week, to see how we might partner with them to achieve Safer St Blazey. There is a proposed walkabout in St Blazey, and when the date is confirmed, I will contact the Clerk, so that anyone interested in coming along are able to.

I have had Licensing Training in connection to taxi's and as a substitute member for the committee, I can now actively take part and vote. Something which has worried me greatly, is how an application can be affected. Did you know, if you are involved in an incident with the Police, very often you are asked if you will accept a caution rather be charged, did you know that a caution never leaves your records and can affect other applications for licenses for your entire life.

The Festival was sadly poorly attended; when I was out canvassing, many said St Blazey never had anything going on! Despite all the social housing estates and Station Road being leafletted no one came out, so I have tried, but to no affect. I will divert my time to something more worthwhile in the future.

I was proud to be asked to judge Par Carnival with my partner Dave, it was lovely to see so many people out enjoying the carnival, well done to all who worked so hard to make it another community success.

Councillor Giles informed the Council that she had been re-elected chair of our Community Network Panel and that the Kelly's site had been sold at auction the previous day and was endeavouring to find out who the purchaser was.

St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale has already saved 4 tonnes of material going to landfill and the figure is due to be updated tomorrow. Each morning there is a queue outside the shop and 40 bikes have so far been reused by new owners.

Councillor Nethercott told Councillor Giles that several residents had complained about the state of Rosehill Cemetery. Councillor Giles had reported this and the cemetery at St Blazey Church to the area surveyor yesterday.

1807/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

I was pleased to see that the Burrows car park has been completed, and to a very high standard. It was very much needed, looks great and I can't thank the Town Council enough for it.

I welcomed the exciting news last week regarding the funding of the StARR project and that the Government has given the full amount asked, over £10million pounds. This money has come from a national pot for flood defence and alleviation schemes for areas at risk throughout the country. Out of the pot of £40 million, St Blazey received a quarter of the pot and by far way, way more than any other area where they received smaller amounts. I believe this shows the understanding and commitment from the government of how at risk of flooding St Blazey is as a deprived area, and shows a relief belief from the Minister that this sum of money will really go a long way and transform our community in to that of a resilient one. Really great news and the project now has nearly all of the £30 million it needed to do what has been planned. A huge thank you to all involved parties including the EA and our MP for their hard work on this for the last 6 years.

Many will also have seen that the Wainhomes marketing suite is now at Par Running Track. The long term future of Par Library is at risk. This library is used by people throughout the PL24 community area. Cornwall Council is working with a number of Town and Parish Councils and other community groups to find sustainable, long term solutions to protect library services across Cornwall. Par Library is one of the libraries that is to be affected.

I have been working hard to find an alternative home for Par Library and I am delighted to confirm that I have secured, from Wainhomes, this marketing suite which they have kindly agreed to donate to the community for this use. There is a committed working group made up of myself, Cornwall Council Officers and representatives from Par Track Ltd who have been working on this proposal to house a new library at Par running track.

The suite is now on site but it will not be in use for some time. There is still a lot of work to be done before we can get formal agreement to progress with this project. The current library will continue as is until the new delivery model has been implemented. This really is exciting news. After approaching Wainhomes, asking them to give something back to the community, they kindly agreed to donate one of their marketing suites to the Par community to house our library. Wainhomes did not have to do this, so I cannot thank them enough. Keeping the library open was something that was very important to me, and something that I am determined to do, so securing a new home for it goes a long way towards keeping a library in the PL24 area. I will now continue to work with Cornwall Council, and Par Track Ltd, to ensure the suite can be used as the new home for Par Library.

As usual I have also been working on a number of individual casework issues so if anyone has any issues or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I just briefly want to mention the incident up at the Mount last week. An incident like this is very out of character for an area like the Mount. My thoughts go out to the victim and her family and I would like to thank the emergency services for their quick action in treating the victim, securing the estate and ensuring that neighbours were safe.

1807/09 **APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORY**

Councillor Roy Taylor volunteered to become the new cheque signatory, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1807/10 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

The Clerk has met with Matt Dixon from Huer construction and is waiting for a formal fee quotation for the extension at the Burrows.

Neighbourhood Planning – The Clerk asked if any of the consultation work from 5 years ago when some of the Councillors met with stakeholders and local businesses was carried out. The Councillors involved will investigate.

Councillor Jenny Moore is continuing to work through consultation work and questionnaires to write the policies.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk is still awaiting confirmation that the devolution has been completed but has met with a couple of tree surgeons to obtain quotes for work in the park.

1807/11 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Earlier today the Clerk attended a Cornwall Association of Local Council Larger Councils meeting and reported as follows:-

Anticipated Review of Parish Council Boundaries – It is not expected that this review will come into effect for at least another 5 years although work is expected to begin in 2019. It is still unknown who will undertake the review or when. There has not been a review in Cornwall since 1984 and Cornwall Council have never undertaken one before. We are not one of the councils expected to have a boundary reviewed but we could ask for one.

Due to a recent judicial review, there have been several fundamental errors in the current code of conduct, there is no national code and NALC are reviewing the current code.

The merger of Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset was discussed. A decision on whether the merger presents the right direction will take place in September. The merger would mean that 25% of back office services are shared and would create the 5th biggest police authority in the country. It would provide immediate savings which

would be reinvested in 100 frontline officers although there is no knowledge of where these officers would work. With harmonisation of council tax precepts to the Dorset level and therefore increasing for Devon and Cornwall a further 330 officers could be recruited across the force area with weighting applied to Devon and Cornwall recognising factors such as the geography, visitor numbers etc. A new website has been created which provides details of the proposal, FAQs and a survey to provide views - <http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk> the survey is open until 27th August 2018.

NALC have produced new standing orders which CALC are currently working on and will be distributed in due course.

Due to the new GDPR rules, Parish and Town Councils are longer being informed regarding enforcement cases.

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 22nd July to 11th August 2018 (24 hours weekends included), although the utility expects the works to be complete by 27th July 2018

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1807/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA18/06193 Conversion and extension to existing barn to residential.
The Granary Barn
To the West of East Crinnis Farm
Par Moor Road,
St Blazey

PA18/06221 Certificate of lawfulness for existing parking spaces constructed in accordance with decision PA15/05659 dated 11.9.2015 for extension to the Burrows Community Centre and additional parking spaces.
The Burrows Centre
Lamellyn Road
St Blazey

PA18/06114	Construction of two storey extension. Form an external front porch at the North elevation along with a sun lounge at the rear (south). Enlargement of the parking area and associated works. 54 Manor View St Blazey
PA18/05980	Demolition of garage and construction of new double garage. 45 Rose Hill St Blazey
PA18/06278	Advert Consent: 1 internally illuminated fascia, only CO-OP logo illuminates, 1 internally illuminated CO-OP logo, 16 non illuminated post mounted flat aluminium panels, 1 non illuminated wall mounted flat aluminium panel, 1 internally illuminated 4.5m totem, 1 internally illuminated 2m totem and 1 non illuminated membership mesh banner sign. Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd Middleway St Blazey
Results Received	
PA18/00825/PREAPP	Pre-app advice for the erection of a bungalow to replace existing annexe.
PA18/02417	Change of use of former bank to flat for domestic habitation and erection of detached garage. 31 Station Road. St Blazey APPROVED
PA18/04890	Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved: Erection of a single detached dwelling. Land West of Tanglewood Cornhill Road, St Blazey APPROVED

1807/13 **ALEXANDER HALL**

Alexander Hall is well used and hasn't had any problems recently.

1807/14 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk is finding it difficult to book the rooms due to lack of Wi-Fi.

1807/15 ACCOUNTS**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	578.00
Interest	1.94
High Deposit Int	
C/R room hire	

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1520.84
Wardens Wage	612.34
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	40.00
Insurance	366.54
HMRC	582.02
CC (pen)	499.83
D Isbel	33,720.00
EDF- fountain	115.76
Icon web-site	28.00
CC - Planning	117.00
St Aust Garden Mc	67.80
Land Registry	12.00
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	221.00
Eon	204.06
Cleaners Wage	52.43
Chubb (parts)	13.57
EDF (Elec)	21.00
SWW	122.00
EDF (Gas)	72.00
<u>PC</u>	
Cornwall Council	53.00
Locking	31.00
EDF	9.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Cornwall Council	117.00
EDF	128.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

**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.**

1807/16 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 Tamsin Chapman to the Town Council.

1807/17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30th August 2018 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.