

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 25th July 2019.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, K Simms & J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Cornwall Councillor P Giles

1907/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors T Nethercott, T Chapman & Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse.

1907/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th June 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1907/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1907/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1906/16 The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner have responded to our request that their office at the Community Rooms be returned to us is to be considered at their next Estate Governance meeting which is scheduled for late August.

1906/16 The StARR consultation event on the 28th & 29th June at St Blazey Football Club was a success, Councillor Moore attended with stand about rain gardens which also attracted a lot of attention.

1907/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave has been extremely busy over the last month watering the flower beds. All the grass cutting, footpath maintenance and weed killing are up to date.

Dave has spent a lot of time working with Amos Putt at Trail Blayser Park.

The safety surfacing beneath the zip wire is being replaced this week. The seats to the baby swing and junior swings have been fitted and new links have been ordered to fit the new tyre swing. Expanding foam will be used to infill the safety surfacing.

The Councillors thanked Dave for his work and especially the flower beds as many compliments have been received. The Councillors also passed on their gratitude to Amos Putt for his work in the Park.

1907/06 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

I was pleased that Cornwall Council agreed to do a residents engagement session outside the St Blazey Co-Op to discuss Cornwall Council's plans to make Cornwall carbon neutral. Cllr Rob Rotchell and I stood outside the store on July 10th asking people what they thought were the most important tasks to be undertaken.

Top three in St Blazey were protecting our insects and bees, banning single use plastic and being better recyclers by utilising second-hand goods, which given the shop is in St Blazey was good to hear. We need to work hard now on our kerbside recycling, as we are currently near the bottom, let's show Cornwall, St Blazey can be at the forefront of recycling.

I attended the Cabinet meeting yesterday with Climate Change being discussed and the Council's future plans were discussed. A radical shake-up in planning was on the agenda, pushing developers to consider better energy saving when building new houses, and a Cornwall Housing pilot scheme, will see existing homes having a whole house retrofit to make them more energy efficient.

£1.7million has been prioritised, to be spend on the first phase of the Forest for Cornwall and the retrofit pilot. Bearing in mind the proposed forest will be 32 square miles in size (about 2% of Cornwall's land mass) this is not going to stretch very far I suspect!

The next steps towards changing waste and recycling collections across Cornwall were discussed, with the council looking to move to weekly recycling collections, including food waste and fortnightly residual waste collections. It is hoped the changes will help boost recycling rates across Cornwall by between 10 and 15 percent. The changes to collections will be rolled out between June 2021 and May 2022.

At the Network Panel meeting on Monday we had a presentation from Adult Social Care, with some sobering statistics! 1 in 4 of our population is 65 or over with the highest amount right here in Cornwall! It is no wonder our health service in the County is regularly on black alert! Many elderly come to Cornwall to retire, but our climate is not conducive with many of the diseases that affect the elderly and alas they have no family around to help them when they are ill. 60 people a day are staying in acute hospital beds in Cornwall who do not need to be there! Given that there are over 600 care worker vacancies in Cornwall we are on a collision course, creating a huge problem which is proving hard to resolve.

I know the Clerk has been contacted about the removal of some of the telephone boxes in St Blazey, one of which, near the Four Lords, you have agreed to its removal, I was wondering if we could ask that the box be left where it is and use it as a micro library? St Blazey Recycle is given loads of books, so could be stocked regularly. As there is no library close for the elderly who do not drive, I thought it might be a nice thing to do.

The EU grant application for St Blazey Recycle Reuse has been approved! This is the culmination of seven months of paperwork, paperwork and more paperwork! Work on installing the internal conservatory, industrial kitchen and community cafe starts next month. I completed my teacher training two weeks ago, so cookery classes will start in September.

1907/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

The situation continues in Biscovey concerning the mineshafts. As I have reported, I am working with Ocean Housing concerning the properties in Lesnewth and at the top of Lamellyn Road, the private ownership properties in Manor View and now am working with Highways. It is with regret that I have to confirm more features, and depressions, have been found both on Ocean land and on the highway. I have called a meeting with both parties to ensure there is a joined up approach on this matter. With the timing of the school holidays, this now gives us the chance to properly assess the situation. There was, however, no immediate danger to the school children while they were at school.

I appreciate life in Biscovey has been fairly frantic of late, with the issues with the mining features, and with the major gas works that are going on, and continue to go on for some weeks yet.

With these issues in mind, the school parking situation has heightened. I was pleased to see that the traffic warden has visited a number of times over the last few weeks where parents were parking dangerously and inappropriately, they found a yellow ticket on their windscreen.

Earlier this month myself, a Parks Officer at Cornwall Council and Helen Toms, the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer at Cornwall Council, held a consultation event up at the Burrows as part of the Bull Engine Skate Park consultation, only residents of three properties turned up. However, conversations were productive.

Along with the Mayor and Town Clerk, it was a pleasure and honour to see Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall, at Eden recently to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Big Lunch. PL24 Community Association hold our Big Lunch down at the running track each June and it's great to be part of the team that makes it happen.

At Full Council in July I was pleased to vote against a pay raise for councillors that are Chairs and Vice Chairs of committees. I voted against giving this raise for the simple reason that I cannot justify spending more of tax payers money on this, especially after council tax went up again this year.

At the beginning of the month I visited Falmouth University to attend the UK National Minority Summit as a member of Cornwall's Minority Status Working Group. At the event Lord Bourne, Parliamentary under Secretary of State, announced £200,000 of funding to promote Cornish culture, heritage and language. This is brilliant news and I firmly believe Cornwall Council should be doing all that it can to promote our Cornish culture, heritage and language. This £200,000 funding from the Government really will help with this and is most welcomed.

We are now taking suggestions for year two of the Member's Highways Scheme. It is looking like each Cornwall Councillor will have £10,000 to spend each year, so if there are any road improvements or schemes people want to see in Biscovey or St Blazey Gate do just let me know. We are hopeful that consultation for the double yellow lines on Par lane will start in August with a provisional start date for the works to be done in November.

Par Lane is currently closed because of there is a collapsed storm water pipe. The road closure runs until 11th August, the Council and South West Water are hoping to complete the work by 31st July.

1907/08 **CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTING ST BLAZEY**

The Council agreed that the Waste and Recycling Committee expand their remit to become the Climate Change and Waste & Recycling Committee. Councillors Chamberlain and R Taylor will join the committee working with our Cornwall Councillors.

It was agreed that at the end of our Electricity & Gas contracts, we would use a renewable energy supplier. It was agreed that having an Electric Charging point within the Town would be investigated.

1907/09 **ST BLAZEY FACEBOOK PAGE**

Councillor R Chamberlain proposed that he write a web-site with an associated Facebook page using Site Builder. All the Councillors agreed.

1907/10 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

Matt Dixon, Project Manager sent the following report:

Works have continued with the block and brick wall construction, the roof trusses and service installations. At this stage works are currently around 4 weeks behind the program but the contractor is confident that the final completion date is still achievable.

The under-floor heating pipework will be laid over the coming weekend to allow for floor screed next week. The remaining 1st fix electrical and mechanical work will also be completed next week to allow for plaster boarding & skimming the following week. While this is happening the remaining works to the roof will be completed so

that the scaffolding can be stripped. This will allow pathways etc. to be completed around the perimeter of the building.

The security of the compound has not been an issue and thus far there have been no complaints or conflicts with the public. The Cornwall Council Building Control officer has made five visits to site and has no concerns – works meet the required standard. The next visit is scheduled for completion of the works.

Preparatory works are complete and we await the contractors from SW Water and Western Power to connect the new incoming services. There have been some additional small variations during this month. These include some small new drainage items (requested by Building Control). There is no reason at this point to suggest that the project will not come in within budget.

The Councilors agreed the interim application for payment.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore reported as follows:

NP successfully screened, with comments below from James Evans, the planner. This is great news, and from an initial read the advice provided on policy wording appears useful and does not fundamentally change the policy direction. There is an ask for increasing to 15-20 dwellings by the affordable housing team but it seems a little half-hearted so I think we can explain why we have not followed this. Obviously we will now have to go through the advice in detail and look to reword the policies for the reg 14 version of the plan and associated documents, basic conditions statement, consultation statement etc.

As my current commission is now purely with the basic conditions statement, and this will be undertaken once we have the redrafted policies'. James Evans has confirmed he is available to continue working with me on the NP to do the work outlined above. He is not in a position to give a formal quote at present so I am proposing that the Council have a Budget for additional work from James Evans on the Neighbourhood Plan set at £3,000, Councillor J Taylor seconded the proposal, All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1907/11 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk told the Councillors that the Warden was being bothered at weekends and Bank Holidays by members of the public on his home telephone. There is a resident of Par giving out his home telephone number. These calls are due to the Town Council lending our property to others.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter saying that all communication should be directed through the office and that all handovers should be during the Wardens working hours.

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 2nd to 13th September 2019 (07:30 to 18:00 hours, weekends included)

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Location: Par Lane, Par

Timing: 22nd July to 11th August 2019 (24 hours, weekends included) although the utility expects the works to be complete by 31st July 2019

Reason for Emergency Closure: repairs to collapsed storm water pipe

Rachel Tatlow, the Cormac Highway and Environment Manager, responsible for the investigation work at Lamellyn Road reports:

Following the drilling works earlier this week, it has been determined that the small depression in the footway is a backfilled mine shaft. Weathered bedrock is about 1 metre below the ground level but there is more intact bedrock 2 metres below ground level, and therefore it is suggested that the cone of subsidence is not expected to be large and certainly not enough to warrant any additional fencing or to close the whole road.

The shaft does have a gas main and a large sewer over the top of it and there is the possibility that the sewer may have broken as a result of the shaft which has then exacerbated the depression at the road surface. Both service providers will be made aware and will be involved when we discuss remediation. There were no features found under the road.

The Clerk began the recruiting a new Councillor process by posting a public notice published on July 4th inviting the public to request an election. Cornwall council today confirmed that no requests were received. It is now necessary for us to fill the vacancy. The Clerk will post a notice on August 21st when she returns from holiday.

The Clerk told the Councillors that our Community Link officer has sent today information regarding Mobile Speed Visors, this will be added to next month's Agenda but asked the Councillors to look at the information in the e-mail which she will forward.

1907/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA19/05284 Construction of four high quality dwellings with associated garages, amenity and visitor parking.
Land North of An Skyber
The Mount
Par

PA19/05733 Proposed front and rear single storey extensions.
39 Hillside Avenue
Par

PA19/04813 Proposed Residential Development to replace existing 66
residential and 6 commercial units.
Land at Polgrean Place
St Blazey

Results Received

PA19/01979 Removal of existing garage building and proposed construction
of three-bedroomed detached bungalow, utilising part of the
existing large garden and orchards, with extended access
drive(over part of the demolished garage), turning and parking
facilities.
Land North West of Orchards
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED

PA19/02019 Proposed Garage
72 Par Lane
Par
APPROVED

PA19/04490 Erection of two-storey extension to the front elevation to
house a through-floor lift
4 Wilson Way
St Blazey.
APPROVED

PA19/04825 Works to Sycamore Tree (T1) covered by a TPO
15 Doubletrees Court
St Blazey.
APPROVED

PA19/05096 Proposed extension and improvements
16 Manor View
St Blazey.
APPROVED

PA19/05733 Proposed front and rear single storey extensions.
39 Hillside Avenue
Par

1907/13 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Car Boot sales at Alexander Hall are suffering due to the residents being moved out of Polgrean Place. We may lose their bookings as the hirers are not covering their costs.

1907/14 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

We may have to change alarm companies due to the electrician based in Station Road being so busy he cannot find the time to cover his current work schedule.

1907/15 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	1,246.00
Interest	1.18
High Deposit Int	94.02
Com room Income	12.00
Vat Refund	12,941.30
High Deposit Int	137.07 6/19

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	637.00
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	72.75
Insurance	198.43
HMRC	622.71
CC (pen)	554.58
Focal	6.00
Huers	4,000.00
AD Williams	52,518.36
Walter Bailey	75.97
Walter Bailey	27.55
Wardens Phone	10.99
Cormac	196.63
Donation	400.95
SWW (foun)	66.93
EDF (foun)	161.08
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	54.10
Chubb (parts)	13.98
EDF (Elec)	76.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	71.00
Window Cleaner	53.00
<u>PC</u>	
CC Bus Rates	54.00
Locking	30.00
EDF	13.00
SWW	96.18
Homebase	24.77
Howdens	12.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	71.00

	Firecrest	57.60
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14,431.57		62,061.92

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1907/16 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councilor Moore attended a Cornwall Planning Partnership Meeting on July 24th, a presentation on the Historic Environment was given by Nick Cahill from the Cornwall Council Historic Environment Unit. Topics covered included Changing Conservation Areas and funding, Advice on the Historic Environment including Listed Buildings and the World Heritage Sites for Neighbourhood Development Plans and commenting on planning applications.

There is to be a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding Advisory Panel set up for which terms of reference have been drafted. As Councillor Moore had already clarified, even if we are an area unlikely to generate CIL funding, we are still entitled to CIL and can apply for the additional pot of money that will be available.

The Advisory Panel will consider bids for this additional money and it should be noted that one of the criteria is that bids fit with adopted NDPs and/or Local Plan. For St Blazey, an example would be the improvement and development of additional footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways, as development has resulted in increased traffic on the roads and therefore impacted the infrastructure. The CIL funding panel process will not go to cabinet until September with a later date fixed for adoption.

Councilor Moore attended the SABEF meeting on July 22nd, unfortunately PBBL did not turn up to make a presentation, again. The discussions were largely about the Coastal Communities Fund and Masterplan approval for Green/White Gold. Plans and costings were available, and the sum of £4400 has been allocated to the Britannia Roundabout. However Darren Hawkes, responsible for Gardens has innovative ideas as regards roundabouts, including a system of underground tanks allowing watering, as well as low maintenance. I'm hoping to meet with him next week to talk this through, as these plans fit perfectly with StARR in that it is an innovative approach to flood amelioration and we all know how often the Brit roundabout area floods.

I am trying to get hold of Tom Fletcher from the EA to discuss this with him and have informed Claire Hurley from Cornwall Development Company that this is another potential to claim funding from StARR along with the car park as time is getting so short and some funds must be spent.

The over 60,s club at St Blazey Football Club run by Betty Hicks is thriving and will be included in a future television programme that will be promoting Social Prescribing.

1907/17 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th August 2019 at 7.30 pm.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12 pm.