

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held electronically on Thursday 30th July 2020.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, A Pearce, A Seel, K Simms and
J Taylor

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor P Giles

2007/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2007/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2020 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2007/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2007/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

2006/18 As superior landlords of the Burrows Centre, the Council need to agree a grant of lease to the Burrows Centre Ltd to allow them to sub-lease to Bright Eyes Nursery. The Councillors agreed to this.

2007/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave has cut Trailblaiser Park, King Edward Gardens, Doubletrees and Piggy Alley and they are now up to standard. All the footpaths on the Local Maintenance Partnership have been cut. All the Planters are being watered and fed daily.

All the roadside weed killing has been carried out. We are waiting for CPMR to service the pump at the fountain and the van has been serviced. The roof at Alexander Hall which was leaking into the kitchen has been repaired.

Dave has cleaned the guttering and cleared the down pipes at the Community Rooms and has cut back the trees behind the building and the Polgrean Station Road footpath.

2007/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I have received information that 922 cases had been dealt with since the breakout of the Covid 19 epidemic, some repeat food box help, and much more!

This has included sourcing and delivering ovens, fridges, computers, furniture, and furnishing 3 flats for homeless individual, baby milk, nappies and food for people with intolerances. 46 of these cases were out of the PL24 area, and paid for by a charitable benefactor, due them not being able to access help from other agencies during lockdown.

In St Blazey I have actively helped in numerous cases of:

- Access rights to children in relation to Covid19
- Debt advice/ Universal Credit assistance
- School Vouchers
- ACAS advice
- Drug related issues
- Alcohol issues
- Child welfare
- Business Grant help
- Furlough advice
- Issues with Social Housing providers
- Employment advice regarding incorrect furlough resulting in referral to HMRC

The food box deliveries have slowed considerably, and some semblance of normality has resumed, but it has highlighted shortfalls that need to be addressed. Shielding ends tomorrow and with regards to the Isolation group, Par, Tywardreath & St Blazey will continue to assist those who need it.

At the Neighbourhoods Meeting this afternoon, it was reported that Public Health were working with Cornwall Council to look at how they could respond to a localised Covid 19 outbreak if one arose in Cornwall. It could be a care home, campsite or Town. I believe St Blazey's Emergency plan does not involve such things as pandemics, as none of us saw this coming, but if it can happen once, it can happen again. I would like to suggest that an amendment is written, highlighting roles and responsibilities should we have a second spike.

County Lines still proves a massive problem in Cornwall, there is a distinct shift in the sort of drugs being distributed in our county. Heroin is now being replaced by crack cocaine, which has a very different effect on people's personalities, especially regarding aggressive behaviour. Anyone who has any information about drug use in St Blazey, can contact me privately.

Last week I was re-elected as the Chair of the Network Panel, and am very keen to keep the meetings online, in an attempt to draw more people in to the meetings, as they can participate from the comfort of their own armchair. Network Panel is a great opportunity for residents to keep updated as to what is going on, not only in their town or village but those adjacent, which often affects the surrounding area. I don't think residents understand the concept of the Panel, and I am sure that they would be

more involved if they realised topics like policing and local highways issues are discussed, like where to place yellow lines.

Councillor Moore had attended a SABEF meeting on July 22nd where the drug, drink and general anti-social behaviour has got out of hand in St Austell was discussed. This is a huge problem for St Austell, so asked the Town Council again to be aware in case CC simply try to move the problem down the road to St Blazey. SABEF wrote to Kate Kennally - Chief Executive of CC who has responded 'we will do everything we can' etc.

The Clerk was instructed to write to CC ourselves, making it clear that we don't want people moved here.

2007/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

This has been a difficult month for St Blazey, particularly with the news of the job losses at the Eden Project. I was so sorry to hear this terrible news and my thoughts are with the many locals who will be affected by it. I know this was the last resort. Unfortunately, when we are hit with a pandemic as hard as we have been, the knock on effect to the economy will always create many challenges. The last couple of weeks have not been easy. I am sure they have not been easy for anyone at Eden - the management and particularly the staff. If any of the staff who live locally want to talk to me, please do get in touch and I will do all that I can to help.

I have spent a lot of time this month working with the residents of St Marys Road to sort out the green area just across from Ash Close/Ash Grove. Earlier this month I sent a letter to all residents who live around the green providing an update on the situation. As you may recall, earlier this year, just before lockdown, I held a consultation on the future maintenance of the green following interested from a resident-led group to take on the maintenance of it.

A lot has changed since my consultation took place. Firstly, I became involved in this matter a couple of years ago when residents wanted some of the trees cut down and trimmed on the green. I was then asked to get involved again following a consultation, or lack of, that took place by some of the residents around the green. This was not a proper consultation and a number of residents raised concerns over the nature of it, the bias of it and that a significant number of them did not receive anything about the consultation. At that point I decided to do my own consultation as the local councillor. In response to the consultation that I did just before lockdown, the results I received were helpful, however I came to my recent decision based on two key reasons. I decided that, at present, it was best of the council to maintain the green and this matter should be re-visited in the new year given we may yet have a second spike of COVID-19.

Last week I asked Cornwall Council to fully cut the green because it is a green, open and recreational space. The grass was cut, but only round the edges on Friday afternoon last week. I was not happy with this and made it very clear that I wanted the grass cut completely. I was therefore pleased to see the grass had been cut first thing Tuesday morning.

2007/08 **COMMUNITY NETWORK HIGHWAYS SCHEME**

The Clerk has received several requests from residents, listed below:-

Extend double yellow lines on the 'car park side' from the existing lines on the car park entrance, towards the Bus Stop adjacent to 192 Old Roselyon Road.

Installation of a Bus Parking Bay on the Bus Stop to prevent cars double parking on the lay-by outside 192-198 Old Roselyon Road. This will make it safer for persons using the bus. Currently they are having to walk between parked cars to the middle of the road to mount and dismount the bus.

Remove existing double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road from the car park from the left-hand edge of 195 Old Roselyon Road wall to the garage entrance next to 199 Old Roselyon Road

Install double yellow lines on the Old Roselyon Road/Polgover Way junction to prevent vehicles parking between the existing lay-by and the Polgover Way junction.

Yellow lines from the bus stop in Middleway (left hand side going up the hill) down around the corner to the end of the grassed area in Roselyon Road.

Yellow lines on Par Lane into the entrance to Penarwyn.

Speed reducing chevrons/rumble strips that give the optical illusion of speed and also generate noise from No 4 to 16 Par Lane.

Yellow lines on A390 between Nos 69 and 87 Rosehill.

The Councillors will consider these and decide which ones to put forward before the next meeting.

2007/09 **CIL**

Councillor Moore attended a Cornwall Planning Partnership on July 14th and reported that after Bob Egerton's (CC Portfolio holder for culture and planning) resignation, Tim Dwelly is now in post and he is very keen on the Town Centre Regeneration funding.

CIL was discussed at length, Councillor Moore volunteered to go on to the CIL panel. Councillor Moore believes that we should consider getting an application in for the cycle/pedestrian route improvements between the Par Inn and the market, along Par Moor Road. This could be worked jointly with Tywardreath and Par Parish Council.

St Blaise Town Councillors agreed.

2007/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Since Cornwall Council have said that they will only be cutting verges and open spaces once a year and only cutting one metre on urban verges, the Clerk wants to

make clear that whilst we are up keeping the flower beds there is nothing we can do about the surrounding overgrowth.

2007/11 **RE-INTRODUCTION OF BEAVERS**

Councillor Moore attended a meeting on 13th July which was aimed at the bringing together interested parties. The takeaway message was:

- (i) Find a site
- (ii) Approach CWT and Imerys
- (iii) Approach partners/landowners
- (iv) Conduct a feasibility study
- (v) Raise funds (StARR could be regarded as match funding)

All who attended were in favour of the reintroduction of beavers, and as can be seen the initial area for reintroduction to be explored is Par/St Blazey catchment.

At the FANAG meeting on 20th July, for those who could not make the earlier meeting the Beaver Man - Chris Jones gave a presentation on the benefits of beavers being reintroduced, to control water flow. As a result a visit to the beavers on Chris' farm has been arranged for 6 August.

There was agreement from StARR (Mark Allott) that the reintroduction of beavers would be supported by StARR (not financially though). Councillor Moore has made contact with Dan James and he is considering how Eden could work with StARR. The obvious approach is that he talks directly to Mark Allott so am hoping they will arrange to do this. He also assured me that the wild planting scheme for St Blazey will take place through Eden, next year. I'm proposing the scheme be called 'Gwenenow' which is bees in Cornish.

2007/12 **THE TRAVIS PERKINS SITE (William West Foundry)**

Councillor Moore has tried contacting Travis Perkins with the intention of finding out their plans for the site and is not very impressed with them. If this goes up for sale, this could attract funding from CiL.

2007/13 **EDEN PROJECT REDUNDANCIES.**

Councillor Moore would like a letter of support written to Eden from the Town Council asking if they think there is anything we can do. The Councillors agreed to this.

2007/14 **RE OPENNG OF HIGH STREETS FUND**

The scheme was discussed but with no guarantee that any money that the TC spend would be reimbursed would not be applied for.

2007/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore has sent a list of places in St Blazey to all Councillors asking why they are considered of merit. Unfortunately little response has been received and therefore is working hard herself.

Devolution of Play Areas

Cornwall Council have sent a plan of Polgover Way with Highways on to be transferred, we do not have the facilities to take these on and CC do have an obligation to maintain them. The Clerk is trying to have this amended and therefore we are at a standstill until resolved.

The Clerk has received quotes from Sovereign for wood furniture but has had difficulty getting a third quote due to current working practices but will persevere.

2007/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

During lock down the Clerk signed and returned a service level agreement with Cormac to complete the quarterly play inspections for Trail Blaiser Park.

Power for People are a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the Local Electricity Bill to become law. The Bill aims to solve the current problem whereby local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, are unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. This is because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The Bill would fix this problem by establishing a Right to Local Supply that would make the costs of selling locally generated clean energy proportionate to the scale of the operation. This would benefit the existing community energy groups across the country and, even more excitingly, create the opportunity for huge growth in such groups and other local clean energy providers.

If the Bill became law it would be excellent news for Parish and Town Councils that wished to set up their own energy companies to sell locally generated renewable energy to local people, as the set up and running costs involved would be proportionate and thus a fraction of what they are now. The revenues received by such councils could be ploughed back into local emissions reduction schemes and other local services and facilities.

The Clerk asked that St Blaise Town Council pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill.

St Blaise Town Council (i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy; (ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity; (iii) further recognises that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally

generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so, · that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities; (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, expressing its support.

The Clerk asked Councillors if a new post and toilet sign could be purchased at a cost of £250.73 + Vat. The post would house the Evolis Speed Sign. Councillors gave their permission.

The Clerk has received a draft provisions act and asked the Councillors if they have any issues:-

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 247
 PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT POLGREAN PLACE AND
 LANDREATH PLACE, CORNWALL PL24 2LH
 OS GRID REFERENCE: E: 206858, N: 054470

Councillors have no issues.

The Clerk has received a letter from CC regarding financial support for Town and Parish Councils and will be making an application.

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

Location: Par Lane, Par

Timing: 27th July 2020 to 30th July 2020 (24 Hours)

2007/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA20/05013	Retrospective Consent for an extension to garden shed.
RT/TN/JA	29 Station Road
	St Blazey

We have expressed concern about the possible increase to flood risk that this extension makes. We don't think the flood risk assessment truly addresses the issue. Any construction in this flood plain will reduce the volume available for flood water.

PA20/05526
RT/TN/JA/JM
Proposed extension and alterations along with reconstruction of porch.
2 Sea View Terrace
St Blazey

PA20/05718
RT/TN/JA
Proposed ground, first and loft rear extension to property
27 Rose Hill
St Blazey

Results Received

PA19/09542
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.
Lower Bodelva Farm
Prideaux Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA20/03958
Double storey rear extension
29 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA20/04244
Request to remove limbs from a large Eucalyptus Tree subject to a TPO
Rosehill House
St Blazey Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

2007/18 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

Alexander Hall

The Annual Intruder inspection was carried out on July 29th.

Due to Covid 19 and us not having any bookings Yoga returned last weekend and Slimming World will be returning on August 12th.

St Blazey Community Rooms.

We have no bookings at this time.

June Anderson Hall

We have bookings for every Monday to Friday evening from September as long as we are not given any further Covid restrictions.

2007/19 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	0.00
Interest	0.44
High Deposit Int	24.04 6/20
High Deposit Int	20.89

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45.37

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1581.87
Wardens Wage	652.20
Broadband	24.33
UK Fuels	15.25
Insurance	208.25
HMRC	617.35
CC (Pen)	554.58
Mark Grassam	30.00
Viking	114.59
St Austell GM	57.60
Bodelva Car Rep	20.00
Corona (foun)	22.82
Burningshams Gge	125.84
Stationery	12.00
<u>AH</u>	
Business Rates	250.00
Chubb (parts)	14.47
EDF (Elec)	62.00
SWW	74.00
EDF (Gas)	58.00
Cleaners Wage	44.60
CIS	141.40
Chubb F/Alarm	274.49
<u>PC</u>	
EDF	12.00
Business Rates	55.00
Locking	30.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
EDF	72.00
Business Rates	104.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Corona	89.94

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5,318.58

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2007/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors R Taylor and A Seel said that they would continue to be available remotely but will be continuing to self-isolate until further notice.

Councillor Moore reported that the landscaper has indicated that work will start on the Britannia Roundabout in September, it is high on the list after the A391 work. In the meantime Cormac will be asked to tidy it.

Councillor Moore attended a SABEF meeting on July 22nd and reported that they have been employing consultants to do a place making exercise on St Austell. Cornwall Council are now investing in this, and have instructed ANOTHER set of consultants to go through the same exercise. This is bad enough, but we were then required to answer three questions put by these consultants. This did not need to be done this way, a 10 minute presentation plus asking us to email in responses which they could then collate. But no, we must have spent over an hour on this exercise. And of course CC will be paying the consultants for their time engaged in this exercise, unnecessarily I feel. I have made my views known on this, which is why I report it here. I did however get St Blazey on their agenda, as this is supposed to be about the St Austell Bay area.

At the same meeting there was a presentation from Martin Winn on Business in the Community. Business in the Community is the oldest and largest business led members organisation dedicated to responsible business. Its early days for him, but this organisation could make a difference to the area.

Councillor Moore reported that the WhiteGold festival has been postponed to 19/20 June 2021, but there will be a virtual greengold festival on 19 September 2020.

Councillor Moore told the Council that the art installation that is proposed for St Blazey Ponds in conjunction with StARR work, is well on its way to getting full funding, and feels it will do a lot in putting St Blazey on the map as far as SABEF is concerned.

Councillor Moore asked the Council if they would pay for the installation of the Memorial Bench at King Edward Gardens. Councillors considered the request but due to the Councils current financial position were unable to give consent.

2007/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 27th August 2020, time and place to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.37 pm.