

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 25th June 2009**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

M Gill, D Hooper, R Heyward, G Miller & G Allen

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
PC Rob Toms
1 Community Warden
1 Member of the Press

0906/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Goddard and Councillor Putt.

0906/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th May 2009 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0906/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda or of gifts of a value greater than £25.

0906/04 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 0901/15 The Clerk has still not heard back from Somerfield's about the repairs to the bridge at the rear of the store.

0906/05 POLICE CRIME FIGURES

		Detected		Detected
Assault	7	5	Burglary Dwelling	0
Burglary other	5	1	Theft of M/V	0
Vehicle Crime	3	1	Theft	8 2
Damage	10	2	Drugs	0
Other	4	4		
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PC Toms said that although it was a busy month, there had been a good detection rate. There are high burglary and damage figures but these were mostly at Biscovey School.

There has been a spate of vandalism at the back of the shops in Landreath Place and the police are watching the area. Councillor Seel has seen a lot of empty alcohol containers strewn around the Landreath and Polgrean areas and was informed that the police task force have visited the area and action has been taken on four of the six visits.

Councillor Hooper has heard reports of youth problems in Lamellyn Road, PC Toms said he was aware of the problems and that the area was being patrolled regularly, he would personally patrol this coming weekend.

PC Toms said that there are plans for St Blazey Police Station to be manned daily and asked if the storage unit in the Town Car Park could be replaced with a Port cabin of similar size. The Council said that they have no objection.

0906/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Roy Taylor gave the following results to the Cornwall Elections held on 4th June 2009.

Conservatives = 50

Lib Dems = 38

Independents = 32 (of which 1 is an independent /Independent and not a part of the administration)

Mebyon Kernow = 3

The Conservative and Independents have formed an Administration. The Liberal Democrats do intend to give constructive opposition and have formed a voluntary shadow cabinet. Mebyon Kernow is not part of the administration but is still negotiating hoping to get something from the Tories.

Councillor Taylor has taken on Waste and the Environment and passed housing to a competent colleague.

Councillor Taylor has been consulting with Teresa Frost (Area Highway Manager) regarding putting a pathway outside Kemutec to the Doctors Surgery. They have also been discussing the footpath in Par Lane from Manor View to Lamellyn Road and reconfiguring the white lines for safety purposes.

There is a problem with Japanese knotweed in Penarwyn, Councillor Taylor has a contact in the Environment Agency who may be able to help, and he has also spoken with Teresa Frost regarding the recent flooding at Doubletrees.

A group "friends of Par Beach" has been established, Councillor Roy Taylor urged the Council to help in any way they can in assisting Par & Tywardreath Council in their objective to control the area.

He informed us that Cornwall Councillors now have no budgets of their own but the area network had a small joint budget.

0906/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes introduced himself to the St Blaise Town Councillors as he is new in his Councillor position to St Blaise although knows the surrounding areas well.

Councillor Hughes told us of the willingness of Par & Tywardreath Council to take over possession of Par Beach but was eager that the caravan site be kept. An organisation "Friends of Par Beach" has been set up and anybody can become a member for nominal fee. The fee will help with the running costs of the beach.

The Caravan Park would like to close the public footpaths that access the beach and therefore Par and Tywardreath Council would like as many letters as possible with your personal experiences of using these footpaths to help them keep these open.

While canvassing recently Councillor Hughes had heard from several residents concerns over the recent planning application for the erection of two dwellings on land at Old Roselyon Road, Application Number 08/00779. St Blaise Town Council opposed the planning application due to the interference with the public right of way and the removal of the safety barriers. The residents concerns mirror the Councils and he asked that we keep a close eye on the situation. The application was refused but there is an appeal (APP/D0840/A/09/2103700/WF)

As a point of interest Councillor Hughes said that a disabled parking bay costs the applicant £3,000 and did not give them sole use of the space even though it may be directly outside their front door.

Councillor Seel asked both Cornwall Councillors to look into the Street Cleaning in St Blaise as the standard has dropped, he also asked the Clerk to report the problem.

0906/08 **PAR DOCKS**

Councillor Hooper asked PC Toms about the apparent lack of security at the almost redundant site at Par Docks and the siting of PCSO's there.

PC Toms has visited Andy Dingle and reported that there are always 8 staff on site and as many as 30 at certain times. The site is patrolled daily. From July the PCSO's will have an office at the site that Imerys have provided.

From July (site closure) CCTV will be in place and a security company will be patrolling the site regularly and more fencing will be placed. The Police will be training the dogs at the site also. Once the gates are finally close, only those with key fobs will have access to the site i.e. The Boat Club and Angling Club.

The Council will write to Ross Facey and Andy Dingle at Imerys voicing their concerns about the possibility of trespasses getting hurt.

0906/09 **OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS ON THE TOWN PLAN**

The Town Plan Questionnaire is currently being delivered; Councillor Anderson thanked Councillor Gill for rallying people to get the Town Plan twinned with the envelopes. An extra special thank you to Councillor Heyward for staying up very late one Thursday evening doing the same and hand delivering to many of the addresses in St Blaise. The Clerk was also thanked as her input to the Town Plan is not part of her duties.

Councillor Heyward asked if a questionnaire was completed from just out-side the Town, would the persons details still be entered into the draw. The steering group had not discussed this and therefore it was **RESOLVED** to allow entrants from very nearby.

Councillor Seel felt the plan was too long after doing a straw poll, but members of the steering group explained that many of the questions could be ignored and that a great amount of time and care had been spent compiling the questionnaire.

0906/10 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk has spoken to Nalders and believes all the paperwork for the transfer of the Burrows will be completed before the next meeting.

Bus Shelters – The Clerk will order a new shelter for Station Road.

0906/11 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk read the Council a letter from Serco who will be patrolling St Blazey with a highly visible campaign to assess the Dog Fouling problem. The programme will involve an increased presence for a set period of time, handing out “doggie bags”, posters and a stop and talk approach by the wardens commencing July 6th.

The first informal meeting of St Blaise, Fowey and Lostwithiel Community Network will take place at Alexander Hall on Tuesday 28th July 2009. Councillor Gill and the Clerk will attend.

A member of the public has written to Cornwall Council regarding the state of the Bus Shelter at Lamellyn. The Clerk has responded to Natalie Warr, Transportation Officer with our reasons for not replacing the shelter at this time.

The Clerk has received a letter from the department of Communities and Local government regarding the discrimination by Cornwall Council between Elected and Co-opted Councillors. They say that they are unable to provide a formal opinion as the rules of membership for the Community Network Areas is a matter for Cornwall Council. However they state that Cornwall Council need to comply with settled administrative law principles and any decision made must be reasonable, proportional and rationale.

0906/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

09/00660 Full Planning/Change of Use
Conversion of existing first floor in to caretaker's accommodation.
Furniture Cellar
Station Road
St Blazey

09/00674 Full Planning
Construction of Conservatory
52 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey

09/00708 Full Planning
Erection of Conservatory
251 Manor View
St Blazey

Planning Applications results received

08/01646 Full Planning – Partially demolish cottage, build replacement dwelling.12 Bodelva Road. PERMISSION GRANTED

0906/13 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Hall is due for its Five year Electricity Safety Certificate and the Annual Gas Safety Certificate.

0906/14 **ACCOUNTS**

June 09

Income

Hall Bookings	644.00
Interest 5/09	3.43
WPD	10.35

Expenditure

Insurance	130.96
SWW	54.50
Community Charge	83.00
Electricity	37.00
HMIT	249.11
CCC	314.89
Cleaner	80.22
Parish Plan	350.00
Chubb	29.36

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0906/15**TOWN BUSINESS**

Richard Heyward voiced his concerns about the discrimination between Elected and Co-opted Councillors and said he was originally co-opted. He did not want to serve on a council that has two classes of Councillor and gave the Chair his resignation.

The Chairman Asked Councillor Heyward to re-consider but Councillor Heyward would not be swayed.

Councillor Gill said how much he enjoyed hearing the Youth Male band from Biscovey School perform at the Clay Futures event held at the football club at the weekend. He asked that they perform at this years Carol Concert and that this be discussed at next months meeting.

0906/16**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 30th July 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.