

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th June 2016**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Allen, G Miller, J Moore, J Taylor, R Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton
Three members of the public
The Community Warden

Before the meeting began, the Mayor expressed the condolences of the Council to the family of Brian Brokenshire who died earlier this month. Brian had been a member of St Blaise Town Council for many years and had served the Town well.

A local resident Pauline Giles addressed the Council regarding a project that she is working on with local children and young women. Pauline has been visiting schools teaching girls how to check their breasts for lumps. She is now working on a second project teaching cooking skills. She asked the Council to consider having Alexander hall adapted to allow a training kitchen as she has funding for this and portable kitchens. The Clerk will add this to the July Agenda.

1606/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Putt.

1606/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 23rd May 2016 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1606/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no expressions of interest on items on the Agenda.

1606/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1605/04 Councillor Allen asked if he could remain a Burrows representative as he was not present when the officers were elected. The Council gave consent.

1606/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

May 2016

	Recorded 5/16	Recorded 5/15	Difference
Violence with Injury	4	4	0%
Violence without Injury	6	4	50%
Other sex offences	0	3	-100%
Burglary non-Dwelling	1	3	-66.7%
Vehicle Offences	0	2	-100%
Other Theft	1	4	-75%
Criminal Damage	3	6	-50%
Public Order Offences	0	1	-100%
Possession of Weapons	1	0	-
Trafficking Drugs	1	0	-
Possession of Drugs	2	0	-
Other Offences	0	1	-100%
TOTAL:	19	28	-32.1%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 5/16	Recorded 5/15	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	10	20	-50%
Crime Not Recorded	2	0	-
Crime Recorded	6	11	-45.5%
Public Safety	36	52	-30.8%
Transport	11	10	10%
TOTAL:	65	93	-30.10%

1606/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave Pearce has replanted all the flower beds and planters with summer plants. He wants to continue spraying road side weeds with weed killer but unfortunately it has been too wet.

The Clerk told the Council that a telephone message had been received from Mr Child who lives at Old Roselyon complimenting Dave on his great work. All the Councillors thanked Dave.

1606/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

The footbridge bridge nearest to Alexander Hall has been damaged, closed temporarily by Amos and Dave for safety reasons (thank you), repaired by I believe Co-op contractors and reopened.

I attended a function in Newquay organised by the Remain movement. One consequence of the subsequent BREXIT vote is doubt about the availability of European funding for the Starr project, for the Eden Geothermal energy project and potentially for the purchase / restoration of the Roundhouse.

I have attended two Roundhouse board meetings and received a brief visit to the town from the new CC CEO. Flooding / planning / yellow lines and the Roundhouse were brought to her attention and Doug and I have a meeting with Glen Caplin (Economic Development and Culture Manager) arranged for Tuesday 12th to discuss ways in which CC could assist us to bring the Roundhouse project forward.

I attended a Cornwall Community Flood Forum board meeting and a member catch up for the Community Network Area, an abortive emergency planning meeting where Charles was the only other attendee. Both Councillors Stuart Wheeler and Jenny Moore attended but at the wrong times. I attended a garden party at Eden, a Hands Together meeting, Burrows Board and Biscovey Governors Resources meeting.

I also attended a Housing and planning bill briefing - deeply worrying content, a PBCT meeting and PBBL meeting and Town Parking Review member briefing.

Cornhill Road has had three coaches and one other wide vehicle attempting to use it this year. The Cormac officers have now agreed to provide signage at either end of the road.

1606/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

The referendum decision to withdraw from the European Union raises question marks over funding for two projects of enormous importance for the local community. These are the Eden Project's Geothermal project and the STARR (St Austell Area Resilience and Regeneration) project, which is intended to address the plight of those in St Blaise whose lives are blighted by flooding. Both projects were due to submit their bids for millions of pounds worth of EU funding today. It is not now clear whether such bids are likely to be entertained during the period of our negotiation for secession, or whether they are likely to be put into the 'pending' tray. I have therefore written to our Member of Parliament asking what assurances were secured from Brussels by those advocating withdrawal about funding of this nature, and further asking for confirmation that, should funds not be available from the EU, the guarantees we were given during the referendum campaign about envisaged EU spending being picked up by the Government, will come into play.

Representatives of the Department of Communities and Local Government visited the area to look at projects for which they had given funding at the end of the last financial year. One of these was the St Blazey Roundhouse, which received £50,000 for a feasibility study. This is a project in which I am involved, with Councillors Roy Taylor and Jenny Moore. I was delighted that the representatives were so complimentary about the way in which our project had spent their money.

The (second) inspection of the Cornwall Local Plan has now concluded, and the Inspector appears to have been largely satisfied. He raised no issues of specific concern to St Blaise, and it is hoped that Cornwall Council will be able to complete its final public consultations and adopt the plan, possibly in September. This is relevant to us all in that it will enable Cornwall Council to demonstrate the existence of a five-year land supply (used by developers to convince appeal hearings that their appeals

should be allowed), and thus make it easier to defend appeals such as the one concerning land above the Porth Meadow and Manor View estates.

I was pleased to welcome Kate Kennally, Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, who paid a brief visit to Par and St Blazey recently, and who looked at issues relating to flooding. I will leave Councillor Roy Taylor to amplify.

Finally, I attended an all-member briefing at County Hall on 21 June about the Government's policy on housing. That briefing was webcast, and those interested should be able to find the recording of it on the Cornwall Council website. Suffice it to say that the information provided then was disturbing – and particularly worrying should you or anyone you know be young and looking for access to sensibly-priced housing in our area.

1606/09 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

The Clerk has signed all the paperwork for the purchase of the police station and the money has been transferred to our solicitor. The Clerk was asked if a visit to the building could be arranged before completion. If completion takes place before the next meeting, the Clerk was authorised to arrange for the sign to be made. All other purchases and changes will wait until after the next meeting.

1606/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The referendum decision to withdraw from the European Union may have an effect on local Councils according to NALC but as yet we are not aware of what these may be.

1606/11 **CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCILS LETTER TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS ACROSS CORNWALL**

Camborne Town Council is seeking the freehold of the Recreation Ground including the Rugby Pitch (which is used by the entire County) to be devolved to them. This would provide the flexibility it needs to manage the site for increased investment and improvement in the facilities. The Council believes that this is the intent of the Localism Act; to allow communities to manage the assets that affect the quality of their lives.

Camborne Town Council have launched a petition which has been signed by nearly 3000 people to date, but they need as much support as possible. Camborne Town Council would be extremely grateful if St Blaise Town Council would show its support by resolving to send a letter of support to J Pollard CC, J Rowe CC and Ms K Kennally, Chief Executive Officer Cornwall Council. They also ask that a letter of support is sent to our local Cornwall Council ward members requesting their support.

Councillor Seel proposed that a letter of support be sent to J Pollard CC, J Rowe CC and Ms K Kennally, Chief Executive Officer Cornwall Council. Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Cambourne Town Council also ask that we promote their petition, the Councillors all signed this.

1606/12 **CLERKS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk told the Council that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a 1% increase in Clerks salary for 2016/17. Councillor Wheeler proposed that St Blaise Town Council give the pay award, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1606/13 **TO CONSIDER A BEE PROTECTION WORKING PARTY**

Councillors Wheeler and Moore are interested in the protection of Bees as they are a major part of our planets ecosystem but unfortunately their numbers are declining. They would like to see a ban of neonicotinoids and the introduction of windflower planting throughout the Town and other bee friendly planting. They are both instrumental in setting up a new Group "PL24 Bees".

The Council agreed that representative should be appointed to this working party and they would be Stuart wheeler, Jenny Moore and Roy Taylor.

1606/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – The Hearings for the Cornwall Local Plan Examination in Public have now concluded. By mid-June, the Inspector will confirm to the Council what further changes need to be subject to further public consultation. The Local Plan is progressing and should be 'in place' around September although it is believed that this to be closer to October / November time depending on the need for Cornwall Council to carry out more consultation.

At the Grow St Blaise event (30th may) it was good to see that residents were very interested in the NP and every person spoken to completed a brief survey intended to gauge interest in the theme areas and potential policies of the NP.

The survey will remain open throughout the summer and we are keen to hear of other events and community activities that the display can be taken to / people engaged with. People were most interested in; Local Services; Affordable Housing; Green Spaces and Historic Buildings (being protected).

People were less interested and supportive of more industrial units / workspace so this will be an area of further investigation as the policies are developed (that need to align with the policies of the Local Plan).

Based on responses to the survey and proposed policies CRCC are developing a more in-depth series of questions around each theme so that final policies (for formal consultation as part of the legal process of the NP) can be drafted. Although we are aware that a household survey may not yield many responses (hence the continued need to be out in the community engaging) this is an opportunity to raise awareness of the NP.

Burrows Centre – The Centre is picking up several bookings due to Lostwithiel Community Centre being closed currently.

1606/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has forwarded the STARR flooding consultation and was instructed to write a letter of support.

The Clerk read the Councillors a letter from Steve Double MP regarding 100% retention of business rates by local authorities. It is not yet known whether CC will pass this down to Parish and Town Councils and advises us to write to Cornwall Council with this request that this be done.

1606/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

We have received two planning applications, it was RESOLVED to not object to either of them.

PA16/04399 Creation of vehicular access.
54 Par Lane
St Blazey

PA16/05545 Conversion of garage/out building to a one bedroom annexe.
The Old Vicarage
24 St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate.

Pre – application advice.

PA16/01140/PREAPP
Advice sought for agricultural building to house livestock, store fodder and machinery on existing agricultural land.
Land at Bodelva.

Results Received

PA15/11955 Conversion of outbuilding into a unit of residential accommodation.
Cornish Arms
Church Street.
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA15/12089 Listed Building consent
Conversion of outbuilding into a unit of residential accommodation.
Cornish Arms
Church Street
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA16/00028 Demolition of one existing dwelling & erection of 44 new dwellings and associated highway and landscape works together with provision of open space and associated infrastructure. (revision to affordable housing allocation and house types relating to planning approval PA14/01614)
Land east of Mount crescent
Mount crescent
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

1606/17 ALEXANDER HALL

The Notice Board outside the hall was vandalised earlier in the month, the Clerk asked if a metal framed replacement could be purchased. The Council agreed.

1606/18 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	952.00
Interest	3.72
High Deposit Interest	
WPD	12.49

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1340.80
Wardens Wage	568.47
Broadband	28.08
UK Fuels	55.00
Insurance	230.29
HMRC	548.04
CC (pen)	482.96
Eclipse	14.38
Viking	136.32
Coodes	29322.80
Nomix	524.64
Grahams GM	38.00
Hays Nursery	201.60
St Austell TC	6.50
CL Travel	47.70
Stationery	13.24
Warden Tools	39.94
Postage	2.06
AJM Delivery	225.00
Wardens Phone	20.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	20.00
Cleaners Wage	109.04
Chubb (parts)	13.02
D Smith	63.00
Equipment	30.95
Cleaning Mats	13.63
CEF	10.63

	<u>PC</u>	
	Business Rates	53.00
	British Gas	68.40
	Plumbase	12.65
	Locking	30.00
	<u>Roundhouse</u>	
	Sumo	5280.00
	Savilles	28800.00
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1606/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor J Taylor asked why the TC applied for the events permission from Cornwall Council for the KEG event in May but not for other local events. It was explained that King Edward Gardens will be devolved to the Town Council and as the event was partly consultation on what the people of the Town would like to see there, it was sensible to have it as a TC event and be covered by TC insurance.

Jenny Taylor asked if other events could be handled in the same way and was informed that each would be considered by the TC if requested.

Councillor Moore thanked the Clerk and the Warden for all the help with the fete on May 30th which produced some good consultation results for the NP and devolution of KEG and raised money for St Blazey Reclaimed. A Street Party is to be held in Landreath by Hands Together and Ocean Housing on September 10th.

Councillor Moore informed the TC that The Council of British Archaeology will be engaging local heritage engagement Officers that they will connect with them and build a Countrywide network. Jenny Moore has registered as our representative.

1606/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

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