

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 28th March 2019.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, A Pearce, K Simms & J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Alyn Shott – Cornwall Rural Housing

1903/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cornwall Councillor J Rowse, St Blaise Town Councillors R Taylor, T Chapman, J Moore, T Nethercott and S Ford.

1903/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1903/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1903/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1902/05 The bench by St Blazey Church has been re-instated.

1902/07 The Council have received figures from Par Bay Big Local regarding monies that were reserved for St Blazey. The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with them.

1903/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave Pearce Is Currently on Annual Leave and therefore the Clerk told the Councillors that Dave work is up to date. The Clerk said that she was concerned that Dave would not be able to keep abreast of grass cutting with his current mower and would probably need a ride on but if one was purchased we would have nowhere to keep it. Councillor Pearce may have a solution.

John Gronwalt has been cleaning the toilets and from now on would be paid £30 per month cash.

1903/06 **PRESENTATION BY ALYN SHOTT FROM CORNWALL RURAL HOUSING**

Alyn Shott told the Council That Cornwall Rural Housing were a development trust set up in 1985 to provide affordable housing in Cornwall and three of the Scilly Isles. They have 350 properties over 51 sites of which 16 are shared ownership, the others are social housing.

The shared ownership allows a tenant to start with 25% of the property and can be built up to 100% through stair casing although 80% is the usual limit to keep the property affordable.

The trusts funds come from S106 monies which requires the tenant to have lived in the community for three years or worked within it for five. There is sometimes an exception to this if the proposed tenant has a specific need, for example a family carer. If it is not possible to house using this criteria, residents of surrounding parishes can be accepted although this is rare and if nobody fits this need then the property would be offered Cornwall wide although this has never occurred.

The Trust has been offered some land at the back of the Pack Horse Inn although through a planning pre-app access proved to be a problem. Alyn Shott would be pleased to hear of any proposed solutions.

The Trust are happy to work with organisations like Town Councils and therefore it was agreed that if the TC were to find land suitable for affordable housing they would talk with them.

1903/07 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

We had a very constructive stroll with the Environment Agency around the St Andrews Rd area, looking at the two options to help alleviate the flooding of St Blazey. The improvements of the tow path towards Par will give access to wheelchairs, making movement around the area so much easier. A leaflet will be sent out to the whole community in the next 4-6 weeks and there will be a community event w/c 20 May to showcase developments.

I had a look around Cosgarne Hall, St Austell who do a great job rehabilitating people down on their luck. St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale are very pleased to be partnering with them to help furnish the flats of those given permanent accommodation.

As of 1 April the planning department will change their way of working. Our division will be in Area 6. Officers will have an improved knowledge of the area they are covering and will have a central team able to offer policy advice to all the teams around the county. The public have long since been unsatisfied with the current planning system, hopefully this will provide a solution.

I attended the Spaceport member briefing, where Miles Carden highlighted how important Cornwall's part will be in future space travel. I commented that, with a date of 2028 being worked to, in order to ensure the children of Cornwall are able to

access the well paid jobs that this venture will create, the curriculum needed to be altered now, in order to maximise their opportunity.

PL24 Community Association are in need of an Admin Assistant (unpaid) to help with liaising on events and day to day business (not financial) anyone interested, should contact Gill Butler.

St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale moves this weekend to a unit behind the existing shop which is 5 times as big. Anyone who could spare a few hours on Saturday or Monday to help with the move, would be very welcome.

1903/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Councillor Rowse sent his report.

I welcomed the recent announcement that Cornwall would welcome the first stage of the Tour of Britain. This is huge for Cornwall, and for St Blazey as the Eden Project is one of the stops on the first stage. The race will give a massive boost to Cornwall's economy. Independent economic reports estimate that the race will generate over £3m of extra spending within Cornwall over the stage, and it is hoped that around 180,000 people will line the roads of Cornwall to watch. The Tour of Britain stage will be the biggest ever sporting event to be hosted in Cornwall.

The Tour of Britain is British Cycling's premier road cycling event. A total of 120 riders take part in the event and by hosting the first stage in 2020, it will give an opportunity for the public in Cornwall to see the world's best cyclists in action.

Earlier in the month I joined fellow Town Councillors on a walk around St Andrews Pond to discuss the STARR project and the Environment Agency's plans for the duck pond. With all the funding now almost in place, I am getting increasingly excited about the positive impact this £30 million project will have on Par and St Blazey. I would just ask the residents of St Blazey to be patient during this process. The slight disruption really will be worth it.

I was disappointed to hear of the recent incident at The Burrows. I understand that there has been substantial damage. I struggle to see that this was an innocent accident. I want those responsible to come forward and take responsibility for their actions

As ever it is my councillor surgery at Cornubia on the first Saturday of the month. I will be there from 10:30 – 11:30 if anyone wants to come and see me.

1903/09 **CLERKS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk told the Council that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a 2% increase in Clerks salary for 2019/20. The Clerk will go onto Scale Point 31. Councillor Jenny Taylor proposed that St Blaise Town Council give the pay award, Councillor Pearce seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1903/10 **TRAIL BLASER PARK**

The Clerk and the Warden attended Rospa training on March 8th and can now complete the weekly checks however we still need in depth quarterly check and an independent Annual check. It was agreed to approach Cormac regarding these.

The Clerk reported that the following work needs carrying out:-

Tyre Swing – Seat needs replacing

Zip Wire – Seat needs replacing, Area beneath needs digging out and bark laying.
Ramps need cleaning.

Seesaw – Need to get quote to repair.

Bay of flat swings – Seats need replacing

Toddler Swing - Seats need replacing

Signage – needs replacing.

Cornwall Councillor Giles suggested that we could apply for Community Chest money to replace the seats. The Clerk was instructed to get quotes for the digging out below the zip-wire and the seesaw and to arrange a new sign.

Other work:-

The entire park needs weed treatment – DP will do what he can.

All surfacing needs cleaning – DP will do what he can.

All seating needs work – The Clerk was instructed to get quotes for sandblasting with the intention of arranging a volunteer day to paint and other general tidy up.

There is a gate from Julian Foye to the park that Cormac used to get their equipment in but we do not have a key and neither does Cormac or Julian Foye, The Clerk will arrange new locks.

Youths congregate in the park of an evening and as yet have not created a problem and so it was agreed that the main gate will remain unlocked for the foreseeable future.

1903/11 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONTROL OF MONEY (Segregation of duties)**

The current system ensures that a Councillor should scrutinise all cash processes. Councillor Anderson does this and verifies all orders, purchases and payments. A Councillor to scrutinise all purchase processes and a person independent of the process to verify the transaction. Councillor Anderson does this and verifies all orders and purchases. A Councillor should scrutinise all General Ledger processes and a person independent of

the process to check all transactions. Councillor Anderson does this and verifies all orders and purchases.

Investments and Treasury – Councillor J Taylor advised that amendments are needed to reflect that Councillor Nethercott initiates investment transactions and reviews and approves investment transactions.

Councillor J Taylor proposed that the amended document be accepted, Councillor R Chamberlain seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1903/12 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

The clerk distributed the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy. Councillor J Taylor proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor K Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1903/13 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The clerk distributed the Financial Regulations. Councillor J Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor A Pearce seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1903/14 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

The clerk distributed the Standing Orders. Councillor J Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor R Chamberlain seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1903/15 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

On Sunday 17th March at 2.24pm a car being recklessly driven came down the drive at the centre spun and hit the Nursery wall causing tens of thousands of pounds worth of damage. The Clerk called the police who watched the CCTV but were unable to distinguish the number plate and due to the darkened windows of the car see who was driving and so are unable to take any action.

A structural engineer was called and deemed part of the building unfit for use. Happy Days have moved into the main hall and the Community centre users have been cancelled or moved to the community rooms.

Work started on the extension on March 25th but the builders have now been redirected to make temporary repairs to the damaged area.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor J Moore and the NP working group had a meeting with parties relating to StARR on 19th March, there were key representatives from the EA and Cornwall Council. This has resulted in a much clearer outline of StARR and how it should be referred to in the NP. As it was not possible to arrange an earlier meeting, it has put back the date on which it is hoped the TC will be able to sign off the plan which it is now hoped will be the TC meeting in April. Councillor Moore provided a revised timetable.

1903/16 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk has received correspondence from Luxulyan Parish Council regarding the police office at the community rooms. They believe that due to the restructuring of the police and the little use made of the office that they have to reconsider their support.

The Clerk will reply that they understand their position but unfortunately due to the contract we still have to keep the room for them.

Last month I gave the council details of a new scheme called CNA (Community Network Area) SOS. We sent an Expression of Interest for Trail Blayser Park. The Clerk has received a reply asking for Risk Assessment, Volunteer Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy, GDPR (and confidentiality generally), Safeguarding Policy (if they are involved with vulnerable adults/children), Public Liability Insurance, Governing Document/constitution.

Councillors decided that due to the red-tape it would more beneficial if we arranged our own event.

CALC have written asking if we wanted to nominate anybody to the Cornwall Planning Partnership which was established in September 2015 to bring together representatives from parish and town councils and representatives from the Planning Service including the portfolio holder, to discuss matters relating the delivery of an effective planning service in Cornwall. Councillor Jenny Moore has volunteered and none of the Councillors have any objections.

There is to an event called Creating great green spaces at Heartlands on 24th April from 9.30 - 4.30, the Clerk asked if anybody would like to attend along with Jenny Moore.

Further to the Polling District information received Polling District ATR3, Tywardreath and Par Highway and ATR2 Tywardreath and Par would form part of the St Blazey Electoral Division amendments has been received restoring them to the Fowey, Tywardreath and Par Electoral Division.

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 13th to 15th May 2019 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

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

Location: A390 From Bridge to Porcupine, Par

Timing: 2200 hours on 18th May 2019 to 0600 hours on 20th May 2019

1903/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA19/01387 Provision of first floor extension to property (above garage)
37 Treryn Close
St Blazey

PA19/01653 Prune an oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
Rosehill House
Middleway
St Blazey

PA19/02581 Proposed rear extension for kitchen and living room and
internal alterations for utility and bedroom.
4-6 Fore Street
St Blazey

PA19/01341 Change of use from industrial work space to a mixed
retail/community café/training room/office for community
organisation who work with families in crisis (Community
Recycling Shop).
38 Latham Powell Business Park
St Blazey Road
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to:-

PA19/02019 Proposed Garage
72 Par Lane
Par

Build too big for front of property, out of keeping with area/street scene.

Results Received

PA19/01387 Provision of first floor extension to property (above garage)
37 Treryn Close
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA18/02491 Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Four
bedroomed detached property with double garage.
Freedom House
Par Moor Road
REFUSED

1903/18 **ALEXANDER HALL REPORT**

Alexander Hall continues to be well used.

1903/19 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk has moved bookings from the Burrows Centre to the Community Rooms due to the difficulties at the present time (see project list).

1903/20 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	1032.00
Interest	1.77
High Deposit Int	187.62
Com room Income	66.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1431.90
Wardens Wage	629.60
Broadband	37.00
UK Fuels	51.25
Insurance	183.27
HMRC	591.89
CC (pen)	511.32
Clerks Travel	66.00
Wardens Equip	20.53
Wardens Uniform	20.00
Huers	1380.00
Wheal Jane	4121.88
J Evans	1400.00
CRCC	1440.00
SLCC	85.00
ROSPA	848.00
SWW (foun)	20.19
Van Insurance	542.59
<u>AH</u>	
Cleaners Wage	68.30
Chubb (parts)	13.98
EDF (Elec)	66.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	-89.54
Cleaning Mats	16.40
CEF	129.72
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	30.00
Cleaning	86.40
EDF	13.00

CIS	100.77
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
EDF	71.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1903/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore attended the Climate Change and Neighbourhood Planning conference on March 9th and reported as follows:-

Recent weather patterns show the non-stationarity of climate – variability will increase. There will be more extreme events. Climate change can be incredibly rapid 5-7 degree temp change in a couple of years. This information from the Greenland ice cores, pre glaciation.

This is the first human driven climate change. Climate resilience needs to be embedded at all levels of society and there is a need to understand the risks and uncertainties. We are not even adapted to present day weather – future change may be very rapid.

CO2 concentrations higher than they have ever been and will not reduce in the next 50 years at least. Sea level response to 3 degrees rise in temp is a 25 metre rise. There will be at least a 12m rise by the end of the century. We need to make decisions for 12 years hence, to reduce the temp by 1.5 degrees – which is still higher than pre industrial levels. We also need to maximise the production of food locally, ideally through small scale farming food businesses.

Emissions need to be halved by 2030, with zero emissions by 2040/50, and develop appropriate policies to achieve targets. Integration and expansion of woodland to support energy efficiency, offshore and wind energy production to be encouraged. Woodlands are a useful link between local energy and biodiversity issues.

In Cornwall, 48% of energy is provided by oil. NPs do not have to address climate change at all, but we can request that new homes be energy efficient, solar panels a feature of new developments and have a renewable energy policy. In relation to the climate emergency declaration, a leaflet has been produced which I shall try and get digital copies of. I asked further questions about this, as there are quite radical requirements in it. Her advice was to use it as a ‘pick and mix’ to at least progress addressing climate change and to keep the momentum going.

1903/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th April 2019 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.18 pm.