

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 29th March 2012**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

G Allen, M Gill, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller, A Muskett-Geake & D Scrafton

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
PCSO Rebecca Harris
Charles Richards
1 member of the press

1203/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Putt & Seel.

1203/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2012 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1203/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1203/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1202/09 The Clerk heard at the Community Network Meeting on Monday 26th March that St Blaise Town Councils application to be involved with the Government Neighbourhood Planning Frontrunner bid had been successful. The Clerk will ask Andy England to speak to the Council at Aprils meeting.

Councillor Anderson will discuss with Councillor Hughes the possibility of a neighbouring Council joining with St Blaise to write a neighbourhood plan.

1202/13 Councillor Miller would like the Clerks working hours put on the next Agenda as he feels that the office could be open to the public longer.

1202/15 Councillor Miller would like the Clerk and Warden to have an appraisal as it forms part of the Training Strategy. A suitable time will be arranged.

1203/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

		Detected
Assault	6	1
Burglary Dwelling		
Burglary Other	5	
Vehicle crime	5	
Theft (Including from M/V)	9	1
Damage	3	
Drugs	4	4
Other	7	1
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Total	39	7
February 2011	19	8

There has been an increase in crime over the month of February with a high number of thefts; these included the theft of lead from Alexander Hall and Co-op. The number of burglaries has also been up; this is as a result of some shed breaks locally.

The figures for March are looking lower at the moment but the police are urging people to keep an eye on their vehicles due to a number of car thefts locally.

1203/06 **A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY WARDEN**

The Warden has cut back Piggy Alley and given a couple of resident's warnings regarding dog fouling. Kevin is keen to continue work on the Town Car Park and Councillor Heyward will discuss with him a suitable time to trim the trees.

Kevin asked if more trousers and fleeces could be purchased, the Council agreed.

Councillor Muskett-Geake reported that there is a lot of rubbish in Polgrean Gardens; the warden will pass the information onto Hands Together residents association as they are responsible for the area.

1203/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor reminded the Council that some money was still available from his community chest and said some money could be available for the jubilee celebrations.

Councillor Taylor has recently visited Cornwall Councils records Archive and he had enjoyed looking back in history and encouraged others to see for themselves.

Councillor Taylor is now on the Government Review Panel which looks for ways to improve services.

Councillor Taylor is continuing to support the Skatepark project.

Councillor Taylor showed the Council plans to improve Par Lane footway and asked the Council to make their observations known to Neighbourhood Services.

1203/08 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES

The young people from St Blazey and Par who presented to the Council at last months meeting have suffered a small set back due to a health and safety issue.

Councillor Hughes has been approached by some residents of the Mount who are concerned about the footpath that will lead into their private road from Porth Meadow. Councillor Hooper has also been approached regarding this issue. The Clerk will write to Cornwall Council asking for their comments.

Councillor Hughes urged the Council to engage with the neighbourhood planning process as it would have great importance when future planning applications are determined. Previous documents that were taken into consideration are now redundant, neighbourhood plans and the core strategy will be the document to be used in the future.

Councillor Hughes has recently sat on a standards determination panel and urged Councillors to use CALC or Cornwall Councils legal service department for advice before acting in a way that could be deemed inappropriate. If you are judged to have acted wrongly, consequences can be severe.

Cornwall Council is having guidelines written to involve local councils at the pre-application stage of the planning process for large developments.

1203/09 FLOOD ISSUES IN ST BLAZEY

Charles Richards reported that the first stage of the culvert work in Station Road has been completed; the second stage will take place later in the year. The surface water and sewerage pipes in the area surrounding Brooks Corner are scheduled to be cleaned in April.

Charles Richards, Councillor Taylor, Councillor Putt and the Clerk had walked St Blazey stream with the environment Agency who showed their recent work, their planned work and issues that needed attention but where out of their control.

Charles is having discussions with Cornwall Council as it appears that their public liability insurance may cover the wardens, it will not cover them in case of injury. A survey of household is being carried out regarding their insurance premiums as the local people are being penalised in having higher costs and higher excesses.

The British Red Cross will be carrying out a flood survey in the town early next week. The Eden Café hosted an evening on general flooding issues when presentations were given by both the Environment Agency and Charles Richards.

Charles has recently given a presentation to the Cabinet Office and has received a letter from the Prime Minister congratulating and thanking the Par/St Blazey flood group for their work.

The South West Regional Flood and Coastal committee will be coming to St Blazey on 19.4.2012 to discuss local issues. They are a group set up by DEFRA and are the public arm of the EA.

The Clerk read a letter from the Chairman of Cornwall Community Flood Forum inviting the Council to join. The Council RESOLVED to do so.

1203/10 **TO RE APPOINT B WHITE AS INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2011/12**

The Council RESOLVED to re-appoint Brian White as the Internal Auditor for the 2011/12 Accounts

1203/11 **PAR LANE SAFETY**

The Clerk has received the Road Safety Audit from Cornwall Councils Engineering Design Unit. Councillors have found the document difficult to understand and asked the Clerk if she could arrange for somebody can meet with the Council to explain the proposed changes.

1203/12 **THE BIG LOCAL**

The St Blaise, Par and Tywardreath Local Partnership have been toiling quietly but there have been delays at the national level while a new trust responsible for all 150 areas chosen to take part in the Big Local was established. This has finally happened. Our Local Partnership has become the first in the country to present the trust with the draft memorandum of understanding which will formally establish it. The Local Partnership is impatient to see some of the £1 million pounds being spent. Look out for news very soon.

1203/13 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council regarding the future provision of public toilets. The letter states that presentations through the local Community Network groups will provide an opportunity for debate. The Clerk has spoken with our Network Manager who has suggested we speak directly with neighbourhood services as the subject is too big for a CNA meeting. The Clerk will arrange a meeting.

1203/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk has today received correspondence from Nikki Mills to say that although the RDPE Regional Management Team have no capacity to fund projects, the CASE fund is being allowed to continue in Cornwall.

St Blazey Fountain – Residents living by St Blazey Fountain would like security measures put in the area as youths already congregate on the triangle. The Council will investigate this if disturbance issues arise.

St Blazey Car Park – Councillor Putt has spoken to a contractor who may be able to undertake the work of levelling the Town Car Park. A meeting is to take place soon.

Piggy Alley – The Clerk has heard from the solicitor dealing with the lease of Piggy Alley who is waiting to hear from Cornwall Council with the schedule of Condition to be incorporated into the lease. They are anticipating that this will be available by the end of the month.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee – The programme of events is as follows:-
Penarwyn 11am to 1pm. Face Painter, Nail Art, Hairbraider, Mr Bamboozle, Pollinators, Stalls, King & Queen, Craft Activities and Hot Dog Stall.
Transport to FC

Football Club- Paul Henderson will mark out the pitch for a mini sports day for Egg & Spoon races, Sack races, three legged races, throw a bean bag, wheel barrow races, skipping, 100 metre dash, 100 metre race and obstacle races. There will also be craft Stalls (weather dependent). Children's Teas will be provided and a Disco for older Children in the evening.

The Clerk asked the council if she could purchase coins and flags from the money budgeted for the event. The Council agreed.

1203/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

Location: Road from Edgecombe Road to Sans Lane, Kilhallon, Par
Timing: 29th February to 30th March 2012 (24 hours weekends included)
Reason: Cornwall Council – Dangerous Retaining Wall
Contact: M Hollow, Highways Service, Tel: 0300 1234 222

Letters of thanks have been received from Victim Support, Biscovey Academy, Cornwall Air Ambulance, Cornwall Blind Association and Penhaligon's Friends for their donations.

Nancy Gilbert has written thanking the five Councillors for attending Par St Mary's Methodist Church Spring Service.

Trevor Savory from Snowlands Angling Centre has written informing the council of a Diamond Jubilee Charity Weekend event they will be holding on the 2^{ns} and 3rd of June.

The Clerk read the Council an invitation to attend an event being held at Fourways on Friday 30th March 2012.

The Clerk showed the Councillors a Winter Wellbeing booklet produced by Cornwall Council.

1203/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been seven planning applications received, it was RESOLVED to not object to six of them.

- PA12/01237 Full Planning.
Change of use and extension to existing building to form café with A3 and A5 use including parking.
The Old Sunday School
Station Road
St Blazey
- PA12/01644 Full Planning (Amendment)
Erection of 22 dwellings.
Land at Par Lane
St Blazey
- PA12/01746 Full Planning (Amendment)
Substitution of Lanhydrock 3 storey front/2 storey rear split level with Lanhydrock full 3 storey house.
Land at Par Lane
St Blazey
- PA12/01751 Full Planning
Replacement of existing pedestrian access bridge with new.
The Eden Project
Bodelva
- PA1203392 Installation of a 10KW solar PV array for the generation of electricity for use in the surgery and export to the grid.
Middleway Surgery
St Blazey
- PA12//1896 TPO
1) Removal of limb of oak.
2) Reduction of branches of beech, apple and sycamore.
Roselyon School
St Blazey.

The Council RESOLVED to object to one of them.

- PA12/02189 Full Planning
Proposed new dwelling and associated works.
Millers Nook
St Blazey Road
St Blazey

Planning Applications results received.

- PA11/07103 Full Planning
Re-submission of PA11/03672 for conversion to 6 flats.
Acorn Childcare Centre
Church Street
St Blazey
APPROVED

- PA11/09742 New Agricultural Access
Bryn Gweath Farm
Luxulyan Road
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED
- PA11/10578 Variation of conditions 12 & 13 on planning consent C2/07/01121
Proposed conversion of clay dry into 4 letting units and managers flat.
Proposed full time occupation.
Wheal Rashleigh Holiday Cottages
1 Prideaux Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA12/00591 Full Planning
The erection of a new dwelling and associated works.
Trenython Road.
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN
- PA12/01222 Full Planning.
Proposed lounge and bedroom extension.
Grrenacres, Cornhill Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA12/01225 TPO
Application for felling of oak.
Plot off Old Roselyon Road.
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

1203/17 ALEXANDER HALL

A car has crashed into the railings outside Alexander Hall, the Clerk has arranged a quote for replacement.

1203/18 ACCOUNTS

Payments			Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	324.50		Broadband	33.38
Interest	2.28	1/12	SWW	55.00
Interest	2.16	2/12	Insurance(158.25)	158.25
Int (H/D)	75.12	2/12	HMRC	348.53
Hall Bookings	33.00	2/12	CC (pen)	339.04
			Clerks Sal	1020.49
			Wardens Wage	734.39
			Cleaners Wage	73.00

UK Fuels	78.17
Viking	315.17
Dave Smith	22.50
Euro PCs	130.00
Microsoft	61.94
Donations	1000.00
EDF	90.86
Wardens Van Tyres	88.00
Wardens Van MOT	54.85
Wardens Van Ins	381.46
Wardens Van TAX	210.00

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437.06

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The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1203/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Scrafton asked Councillor Taylor when the hatching at the bottom of the Mount and other road changes would be likely to take place; they are under consultation at the moment and can expect to be seen in the next 2-3 months.

1203/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 26th April 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.17pm.