

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 27th March 2014**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillors A Seel – Deputy Mayor (late arrival)

Councillors:

G Allen, R Heyward, G Miller, A Putt, R Taylor and S Wheeler

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)  
PCSO Rebecca Harris

1403/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Scrafton and Blackie.

1403/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1403/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1403/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1402/11 New signage for the Town Car Park has been ordered.

1403/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

February 2014

		Detected
Assault	3	1
Burglary dwelling		
Burglary other	1	
Theft of MV	1	
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	4	
Theft (including from M/V)	11	1
Damage	1	
Drugs	5	5
Other	2	

**TOTAL:** 28 7

**February 2013:** 27 8

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE February 2014 – 74

Very little difference in the crime figures compared to the same period last year.

Councillor Putt told PCSO Harris that there had been an amount of vandalism in Trailblazer Park and he was now locking the area of an evening. The PCSO's will keep a check on the area.

1403/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor had been called to Trailblazer Park due to recent vandalism, he accompanied Councillor Wheeler where both were disappointed at what they found. Councillor Putt and Diane Green cleaned the area. The Councillors expressed their thanks.

Councillor Taylor has received training about the Budget and Welfare reform and has met with Tom French regarding regeneration. He has attended a meeting at Biscovey Infants and a Business Rates meeting regarding the NP/PBBL shop and reported that unfortunately they will have to be paid. He attended the Community Network Meeting and has had a discussion with a land owner regarding a piece of land in Polgover Way that could be made available for a community garden.

Councillor Taylor attended the presentation by the Exeter Students at Penryn report into the research that they had under taken in St Blazey and believes there is a fair amount that the NP steering group can use.

As a member of the CC transport and Waste committee he has been in discussion about the recycling of hard plastics which at the moment is not carried out in Cornwall, he believes this to be a possible option as although expensive will cut down on land fill costs.

1403/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton sent the following report:-

Apart from a very large number of meetings at County Hall and elsewhere I have relatively little to report to the Town Council this month.

I was delighted to participate in the launch of the St Blazey and District Town Team on 26 March. I thought that there was an impressive range of local business present, and see a real prospect of a coherent business voice emerging. I hope that the Town Council will give the initiative every possible support.

I attended a meeting of the central area planning committee on 17 March, when an application for a new house in Biscovey Road was considered, and refused.

I am aware that Wain Homes have now lodged a formal application for planning permission to construct 44 new homes on land off Mount Crescent. I have already expressed some concerns about this (see last week's St Austell Voice). I look forward to hearing the views of the residents of the area and, of course, of the Town Council.

#### 1403/08 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

I have had a busy month keeping the toilets clean and have checked on all the town council owned bins. I cleared the furniture from the shop and disposed of the tables at W Orchards. Due to the storms I spent a lot of time surveying the area for damage. I have cut down a lot of the overgrowth at Piggy Alley, which I then shredded using a Chipper which was hired. I have cleaned all the moss from around the fountain and pressure washed the fountain itself, the lamp on the fountain and the Planters at the end of Station Road. I have dug out the entry of the Town Car Park to allow for the bell tower to be sited. All the tools have been cleaned and the van has (with minimal work) passed its Motoring Efficiency Test. I have walked the Local Maintenance footpaths and I believe it is a task that I can undertake.

#### 1403/09 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Councillor Anderson and others have had discussions regarding the Carlyon Bay S106 money. Councillor Anderson believed it was to be spent on Housing Stock in St Blazey and properties purchased passed over to Ocean Housing. St Blaise Town Council would agree Tenancy agreements with both Cornwall Council and Ocean. Councillor Anderson requested permission to speak with David Renwick from Ocean regarding this matter. Permission was agreed.

Councillor Seel entered the meeting.

#### 1403/10 **TRAIL BLAZER PARK**

The Clerk has received a quote from Cornwall Council for £1,784.00 for the painting of the play equipment in the play park. The Community Network Manager has informed the Clerk that PBBL will soon be having an amount of money available that would pay for this and advised the Clerk to apply which she will do.

#### 1403/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Cornwall Council are not prepared to undertake the emptying of the bin at the Mount. Cory have sent a quote for £166 per annum for the service. Councillor Seel proposed we accept the quote which was seconded by Councillor Allen, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1403/12 **LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP**

As the Community Warden has informed us that he is willing to take over the cutting of the LMP footpath Councillor Taylor proposed that we cancel the contractors and add these duties to the Wardens Job Description. Councillor Allen seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1403/123 **NEW STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk had distributed new standing orders for St Blaise. Councillor Allen proposed we accept them, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1403/14 **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Clerk has distributed an Investment Strategy for St Blaise. Councillor Miller proposed we accept them, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED

1403/15 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning** – The Neighbourhood Planning Team have had the Exeter student's presentation and have had some help from Jess Pytel from Cornwall Councils regeneration team. We have a vision and are now ready to build Objectives.

**WW1 Anniversary** – Arrangements are continuing and it is hoped that Mount Charles Youth Band will be included in the celebrations. Councillor Miller proposed that the Council award the WW1 steering group £500 for the celebrations which any money spent will be matched by Par and Tywardreath Parish Council. Councillor Allen seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1403/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has accepted £250 from St Blazey Reclaimed for slightly less than half the price of the signs purchased.

St Blazey Labour Party have received a quote for £670 for a bench and £110 for hard standing to site a seat in memory of Jim Gummo. They have also forwarded draft wording for a plaque. The Council instructed the Clerk to respond positively.

Par Old Cornwall Society have written asking if a plaque is to be placed on the brick pillar at the entrance of the Town Car Park and offering a contribution to the cost. The Clerk has told them that one will be placed once the Bell Tower has been moved and will thank them for their offer.

The Clerk has received an e-mail regarding a proposed football youth team that may play from the Cricket Club. The Clerk was informed that St Blazey FC do not currently have a youth team. Councillor Seel will reply to the e-mail.

The Street Art has been painted over on the wall in Piggy Alley. Par Bay Skate Park group would like to hold an event to repaint the wall. The Clerk will ask the Football Club for their permission.

PBBL will be holding the launch of the shop on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014, the Councillors and NP steering group are invited to join in with the event.

Groundwork have today cleared the stream at the back of Co-op, the Clerk will write a letter of thanks.

#### 1403/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been three planning application received and it was RESOLVED to object to all three.

PA14/1614                      Full Planning  
Demolition of 1 existing dwelling and erection of 44 New Dwellings, associated Highway and Landscape Works together with provision of Open Space and associated infrastructure.  
Land East of Mount Crescent  
The Mount  
St Blazey

Access - The access is from Mount Crescent which is a very small cul-de-sac, off Manor Road which again is restricted in width where often two cars have difficulty passing and could not cope with increased traffic.

Flooding - The new dwellings are to be built on land that acts as a sponge which would increase the run off into the land below (Harbour Road) which already suffers badly in wet weather and many of the local premises have suffered in recent years. There is a lack of drainage in the area.

Clause - The local residents are concerned that the foundations of their homes will be affected by the heavy traffic in the area.

Traffic whilst building - the traffic during the build will not be able to access the site from Mount Crescent or Mount Road as neither are wide enough, could another access be created.

PA 14/01226                      Proposed touring and caravan park, tent pitches, toilet and shower facilities and revised vehicular access.  
Brittania Inn  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate

Contrary to the information supplied, the area was badly affected by flooding in November 2010 and note that the flood risk assessment refers to a different planning application covering a different area and is dated 2009.

We also have concerns as the application states that there will be no loss of parking whereas the plan shows a loss of 3 spaces at the entrance.

We believe the entrance to the proposed caravan park would be better placed coming from the other side and not onto the busy A390.

PA14/02196                      Full Planning  
Construction of a new two bedroomed detached dwelling.  
Ty Gwedden  
The Mount  
St Blazey

Access - The access from the Mount is not sufficient for another property, Harbour Road that leads to the Mount is a congested corner. Emergency services have difficulty getting to properties already.

Over development - The site is not large enough for the proposed development. The build will exacerbate an existing flooding problem in Harbour Road. We do not believe there is enough parking or amenity space at the site.

#### Planning Application Results Received

PA13/11538	Full Planning New detached 3 bedroomed two storey dwelling and associated works Land at Biscovey Road St Blazey Gate REFUSED
PA13/09207	Full Planning Removal of condition 8 attached to decision notice 96/24/00209: To enable annexe to be used separately 6 Luxulyan Road St Blazey APPROVED
PA13/09278	Full Planning Erection of single detached dwelling Land adjacent to 11 Par Lane St Blazey REFUSED
PA14/01419	S52/S106 discharge of conditions that traffic management and landscaping details should be received by Cornwall Council before building begins. Cornish Arms St Blazey Conditions discharged St Blaise TC not consulted.

#### 1403/18 ALEXANDER HALL

The RCLP group has now finished using the hall and therefore the hall is free all day on Mondays.

#### 1403/19 ACCOUNTS

March 14

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	379.00
Interest (high)	102.72
Black Sacks	35.00
Interest	3.61
St Blazey Reclaimed	250.00
J Foye	100.00 1/14

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870.33

**Expenditure**

Broadband	36.21
Wardens Wage	520.00
Insurance	175.11
HMRC	505.72
CC (pen)	427.38
Clerks Sal	1295.80
UK Fuels	30.01
Highway gar	124.83
Eclipse	14.38
PD Hire	104.40
Co Travel	26.85
CI Travel	123.90
Warden Tools	13.72
Hospitality	2.99
Van Insurance	326.08
Van Tax	220.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	42.00
SE	149.89
Cleaning mats	20.53
FA kit	2.25
Cleaners Wage	53.06
Chubb (parts)	12.78
Window clean	57.00
Light bulbs	20.01
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	(54.00)
Warden	31.00
<u>Shop</u>	
Rent	2250.00
Business Rates	1863.19

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8,484.09

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1403/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Cllr Putt informed the Council that he had instructed Dave to cut back our Bridleway.

1403/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07pm.