

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 27th November 2008**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson  
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

**Councillors:**

M Gill, D Goddard, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller, A Putt & D Scrafton

**In attendance:** Borough Councillor Taylor  
Town Clerk  
1 member of the press  
Sergeant John Capp  
1 PCSO

**0811/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Allen, PC Toms, County Councillor Burley and Borough Councillor Bull.

**0811/02 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th October 2008 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

**0811/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**0811/04 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0810/17 The Clerk has written to Highways about the parking in St Mary's Road, the area surveyor will visit the area and let us know his views.

**0811/05 ALCOHOL RESTRICTION ZONES & LICENSING**

Jade Rowse and Sarah Kent from the licensing department at Restormel Borough Council spoke to the Council about the new Alcohol Restriction Zones in St Blaise. The previous No Alcohol Zones which were designated by the old byelaws ceased to have effect in 2006; the new legislation used to designate Alcohol restriction zones is the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and does not permit a simple ban on consumption of Alcohol. The Police can use their powers under these designations to confiscate alcohol or require an individual to stop consuming alcohol if they reasonably believe antisocial behaviour is or will be a result.

It was emphasized that the purchase and consumption of Alcohol by any body under the age of eighteen is illegal and that the police can take action if they believe an offence is taking place. Sarah Kent asked that if we believe any shop, pub or other is supplying alcohol to youths we should report this to the licensing department as there are tools that can be used to take action.

#### 0811/06 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

November 2008

	Crimes	Detected		Crimes	Detected
Assault	7	4	Burglary	0	
Burglary Other	6		Theft of M/V	1	
Vehicle Crime	4		Theft	2	1
Other	2	1			
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TOTAL	22	6			

PCSO Jim Shaw reported that again the crime figures had fallen and introduced the Council to the new sergeant John Capp.

Sergeant John Capp told the Council of his plans for St Blazey and that he had already increased the foot patrols in the area, he has been busy attending resident association and neighbourhood watch meetings. He is aware of the local problems and promises to address these.

Both policemen have visited residents in Lamellyn Road and asked them to keep diaries of anti-social behaviour. In the last six weeks there have been no reports of anti-social behaviour as a result of alcohol in this area.

#### 0811/07 **BOROUGH ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

Borough Councillor Taylor explained that due to cost low level lighting is not a possibility for the footpath beside the new play park at Bull Engine Park.

Councillor Taylor confirmed that the transfer of the Burrows Centre to St Blaise Town Council has had the final approval. Councillor Miller thanked Councillor Taylor for proposing the transfer originally and his help since; all the Councillors also thanked him.

#### 0811/08 **DRESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Councillors will dress the Christmas trees on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

0811/09 **CAROL CONCERT**

Councillors Heyward and Hooper will arrive early to arrange the chairs in preparation for the Carol Service. Seats will be reserved for Councillors Bull, Miller and Gill as they will be reading and Councillors Scrafton and Goddard will also attend.

0811/10 **AMMENDMENT TO ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Seel proposed that point 7 of the standing orders be amended to show Four members shall constitute a quorum, previous standing orders had said Three. Councillor Scrafton seconded, the Council were all in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

0811/11 **SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2009/10**

After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Seel that the Town Council request £47,200, Councillor Scrafton seconded, the council all agreed and it was RESOLVED to do so.

0811/12 **UPDATE OF THE PARISH PLAN MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

A meeting to discuss the parish plan had been held on 13<sup>th</sup> November when a steering group was formed. Councillor Scrafton and the Clerk will be meeting with an officer of Restormel Borough Council on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December to discuss funding available and other related matters. The next meeting of the steering group will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

0811/13 **ONE CORNWALL**

The Council discussed the Active Partnering Framework and whether we feel in a position to be part of a Pilot Scheme with the introduction of One Cornwall. The Council agreed that we should apply to run a pilot project as it could effect future funding and would provide training for the delivery of services which we will have to under take in the future.

Due to previous experience it was decided not to bid for Play Areas or Cemetery Maintenance. All agreed that the Street Cleaning, Litter and Public Convenience were being dealt with effectively which left Weed Control, Grass Cutting, Maintenance of Street Furniture and Maintenance of Street Trees. It is known that a lot of the ground in St Blaise is polluted with arsenic and cadmium but the Council agreed that grass cutting would provide us with the level of training required and we could meet the present standard.

Dave Goddard proposed that we submit a bid for the grass cutting, Councillor Gill seconded, Councillor Seel abstained from the vote, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 0811/14 **DONATION REQUEST**

A youth from St Blazey has requested financial assistance with her gap year project, a placement with Oyster Worldwide helping the needy in Zambia. Whilst the Council would like to help we have no power to award money to an individual and therefore we will write a letter of support and suggest funding sources that may be able to help.

#### 0811/15 **PROJECT LIST**

**Bus Shelters** – The new bus shelter is in place in Middleway, due to more residents using public transport as a result of free bus travel for many, we have had many requests for additional shelters. The next shelter will probably be sited in Station Road.

**New Community Centre** – Restormel Borough Council agreed the Transfer of the Burrows Centre ownership to St Blaise Town Council on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk will liaise with Colin Whitehead to ensure the next steps are taken without delay.

**Town Car Park** – The Council discussed the overnight parking and Lorries turning in the Car Park. The Council decided that signage may not be appropriate and would look into placing boulders.

**Welcome Stones** – The Eden employee currently maintaining the grass area surrounding the stones is retiring, the Council do not believe that the wild flowers look as good as hoped. The Clerk is meeting with the Eden Community Development Officer and will discuss this then. The dark paint on the signs is fading, Councillor Putt will investigate.

#### 0811/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has spoken with a resident who believes that the yellow lines in Station Road should either be removed or the parking restrictions enforced. The Clerk has passed these concerns to County Councillor Burley.

The sign in Fore Street prohibiting Lorries from Station Road cannot be seen if a high sided vehicle is stopped at the lights. The Clerk has received information from a resident that Andrew Dingle from Imerys is prepared to pay for a larger sign. The Clerk will contact Councillor Burley to see if highways will agree.

The Clerk asked the Council if they knew about placing a plaque on the wall in harbour Road where the seaman's institute used to be. The Council said that there had been talks in the past but this Council were not involved.

The Clerk has received a letter from a Cornwall County Council Community Development Officer asking for support for a growing and eating scheme proposed in Roche. The Clerk will write a letter of support.

The Clerk has received the following:-

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

**Location:** ROAD FROM BODELVA ROAD TO PRIDEAUX ROAD, ST BLAZEY, PAR

**Timing:** 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 – 1 MONTH

**Reason:** UNDERGROUND CABLE WORK

The Clerk showed the Council documentation from Cornwall County Council Highway Design Group for the provision of Disabled Parking Bays in Doubletrees and Landreath Place. The Council will object to the space in Landreath Place as they consider the proposed positioning dangerous but will suggest an area close by. The Council will object to the space in Doubletrees as they believe the proposed area unacceptable due to the volume of traffic on the A390.

At the Parish Plan meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Kittow family offered the people of St Blazey a piece of land to use for the good of the Community, the Clerk will investigate this further.

0811/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There had been five planning application received. It was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

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| 08/01558 | Full Planning Amended<br>Proposed annexe extension and art studio- resubmission 08/00329<br>53 Trenovissick Road<br>St Blazey Gate                     |
| 08/01621 | Full Planning<br>Conversion of store with link to dwelling to provide ground floor accommodation for elderly relative<br>107 Station Road<br>St Blazey |
| 08/01617 | Full Planning<br>Convert part of front lawn to gravel hardstand<br>54 Chyandor Close<br>St Blazey  |

It was RESOLVED to object to two of them.

- 08/01346 Full Planning  
Extension of house above garage to accommodate 4 bedroom and extension to porch.  
26 Polgover Way  
St Blazey
- 08/01646 Full Planning  
Partially demolish existing cottage, build replacement split level dwelling and garage with covered pool link.  
12 Bodelva Road  
St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

- 08/01398 TPO – Reduce extensive growth of sycamore, clean crown and remove dangerous material.  
Doubletrees Court, St Blazey.  
GRANT CONSENT

#### 0811/18 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk asked the Council if measures could be taken to employ a new cleaner as the present cleaner has said she may resign in the New Year. The Council agreed.

#### 0811/19 ACCOUNTS

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Interest	145.38 10/08	Insurance	130.96
Hall Bookings	212.00	C Tax	79.00
Hall Bookings	159.00 10/08	Water	54.50
LMP	309.60	EDF	37.00
		Broadband	22.62
		Inland Revenue	235.06
		CCC	298.82
		Clerks Salary	1037.65
		Cleaner	177.63
		BT	48.03
		British Gas	122.72
		Anchor Grafix	116.72
		Parish Plan	117.50
		Bus Shelter Ltd	2998.93
		Mayors Lunch	198.00
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	825.98		5,675.14

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

**0811/20****TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Seel told the Council how the Festive8 proceeds had been distributed.

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that he did not feel that he could give CATS the attention it warranted due to his commitments to One Cornwall and the Parish Plan and asked if another Councillor could take over his duties.

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that he would attend the Eco town presentation in St Austell on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Scrafton had attended planning training on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Councillor Scrafton and the Clerk will attend a CALC meeting in Truro on December 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the on going development of transition arrangements for the new unitary authority.

Councillor Scrafton and the Clerk will attend a One Cornwall council engagement event about the electoral review consultation in Liskeard on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**0811/21****DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm.