

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 26th November 2009

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
 Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
 1 Member of the Press
 1 Community Warden

0911/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Taylor and PC Toms.

0911/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2009 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0911/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Anderson declared an interest in the Agenda Item to discuss the planning application for the land to the rear of Rosehill, St Blazey. Councillors Seel and Heyward declared an interest in the planning application 09/01442. There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

0911/04 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 0910/17 The Clerk has not received a reply to the letter asking for a service till to be installed at the Somerfield store once it became a CO-OP but has spoken to the property manager who informed her that it is unlikely due to the vandalism that the store suffers.

Minute 0910/17 E Veerman has cut the footpath from Par Moor Lane across the golf course to Fishermans Rock and the Local Maintenance Partnership has agreed to add this footpath to our agreement.

0911/05 POLICE CRIME FIGURES

Sergeant John Capp has asked that we add the proposals to the extension of the police Station to be added to January's Agenda where he will bring along the plans.

October 2009

	Committed	Detected		Committed	Detected
Assault	3	2	Burglary Dwelling	0	0
Burglary other	1	0	Theft of M/V	2	0
Vehicle Crime	14	0	Theft	3	0
Damage	5	0	Drugs	1	1
Other	1	0			
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Total	30	3			

0911/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes had attended the event at Eden to view EGS Energy's plans to build the UK's first deep geothermal power plant on land owned by The Eden Project. The build would be the size of a large porta-cabin although the hole would be 4km deep. He believed that this would be an asset as the surplus energy would go to the national grid.

Councillor Hughes attended the consultation regarding the Baal and West Carclaze projects and the Par Complex. He reported that Carclaze building would commence first but Par Harbour would be close behind. Orascom are eager to involve local people in consultation.

Cornwall Council has developed a pre-application discussion paper and questionnaire that he urges the Council to respond to. He is encouraged by the proposed procedures as he accepts that the current planning regulations do need improving.

0911/07 **OVERVIEW OF TOWN PLAN**

The Town Plan steering group met on 2nd and 23rd November, the questionnaire had been completed by a good range of people and that the finished document would be given to Cornwall Council and asked to become part of the Local Development Framework and hopefully adopted. He would be analysing and condensing the information then a consultation would take place involving the residents of St Blaise, developers and other interested parties.

0911/08 **COMMUNITY NETWORK AREAS**

Councillors Scrafton and Seel were proposed as St Blaise Town Council representatives to the Community Network Area with Councillors Miller and Gill deputising by Councillor Heyward, Councillor Putt seconded, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0911/09 **FOOTPATH OUTSIDE KEMUTEC.**

Councillors Taylor, Putt, Anderson, Heyward and Seel met on Tuesday 7th November to discuss the installation of a footpath outside Kemutec, it is proposed that we re-introduce the scheme that was abandoned by Cornwall Council.

Councillor Taylor has said that his budget of £2,200 for 2009/10 would be put towards the expense and that we should find funding for the remainder as he believed the overall cost would be in the region of £18,000.

Councillor Heyward would speak to the new land owner and the Clerk will forward this with a letter to arrange a meeting to discuss taking the project forward.

0911/10 **WASTE DISPOSAL AND STREET CLEANING IN ST BLAZEY.**

Councillor Seel has raised his concerns that the levels of rubbish collection and street cleaning are not to the standard previously. The Clerk told the Council that three street cleaners had been operating on Friday 20th November and been informed that the regular street cleaner had been off sick for some time.

Councillor Scrafton suggested that Cornwall Council be approached to see if there is a way that St Blaise TC could take on this duty. The Clerk will contact Martin Eddy.

0911/11 **INVESTMENT INTO A HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT**

The Clerk has informed the Council that she is unhappy with the present arrangement as no paperwork is forthcoming, without it the Council will fail the EOY financial audit.

Councillor Miller said that the interest in this account as opposed our deposit account was worth an additional £50 per month and suggested re-investing £80,000 for three months.

Councillor Putt proposed that all future investment into a high interest account is stopped until the paperwork is received. Councillor Seel seconded, 6 other councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Councillor Goddard proposed that the Chairman write to the deputy Chairman of Lloyds Bank and ask for an explanation as to why the paperwork was not arriving. The Council all agreed.

0911/12 **PARKING PROBLEMS**

The Council discussed the parking problems in St Blazey and decided that Cornwall Council should be asked for their schedule for patrolling St Blazey and the costs. It may be a duty that the Council could acquire.

0911/13 **DRESSING OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

Councillors will meet at St Blazey Church to decorate the Christmas Trees on Monday 30th November at 9.30am.

0911/14 **CAROL CONCERT**

The Clerk will reserve 13 seats at the Carol Concert for the Council, Councillors Hooper and Heyward will arrive at 5.0pm to put out the Chairs, they will also hand out the Carol leaflets and Carol Sheets.

0911/15 **TO SET THE PRECEPT for 2010/11**

After some discussion it was proposed by Councilor Seel that the Town Council request £49,000 an increase of 3.8% on last year. Councilor Scrafton seconded, 6 Councillors voted in favour and 1 abstained and so it was RESOLVED.

0911/16 **LLOYDS BANK, STATION ROAD**

A certain amount of concern has been expressed about the state of gardens and the boarded up shop front in the area surrounding Lloyds Bank, Station Road. Unfortunately the Council is unable to do anything about this as neither contamination or problems are arising due to this. The Council can not have involvement on private land.

0911/17 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk is meeting Colin Whitehead on Monday 30th to sign the access statement and plans to apply for out-line planning permission. Residents are complaining about the gate at the entrance to the Burrows Centre, the Clerk has obtained a quote of £250 to make the necessary repair. Councillor Heyward proposed that as landlords we accept the quote and repair the gate, Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, all were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Bus Shelter - The new bus shelter for Station Road will be installed on Wednesday 2nd December.

0911/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk informed the Council That the Brownies would be planting one hundred bulbs on the grass between Middleway and St Blazey road to commemorate their 100th anniversary.

The Eden Project and Fourways will be stocking the planters at the end of station Road this coming weekend.

The Clerk will try to re-arrange the meeting with Community Energy Plus for Wednesday 16th December.

The Clerk has received a letter from Eden Neighbours Forum asking us to clear the road surface and vegetation from Eden to Carvear Lane, the Clerk will forward their letter to Highways.

The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council informing us that they will be proceeding with the A390 Britannia Roundabout Improvement Scheme with a few changes and that the reduction in speed limit to 40mph will go ahead as planned.

Councillor Gill will attend the CAB Cornwall AGM on 3rd December.

The Eden Project will be working with various groups in St Blazey for a Seeds, Soup and Sarnie Project. As part of this they are eager to start a St Blaise Feast Day. They are holding a meeting on Monday 7th December to discuss the possibility of a parade with art work by local children and refreshments at the end. Councillors Anderson, Scrafton and Gill will attend on behalf of the Council.

0911/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to two of them.

09/01488 Full Planning
Retrospective Planning Permission for the erection of a retaining wall and
place decking above existing patio.
Homestead.
St Blazey Road
St Blazey

09/01472 Full Planning (CLOPUD)
Certificate of lawfulness application for proposed use of existing place of
worship, car park and grounds for private burial for members of the
congregation
Brethren Gospel Hall
Par Moor Road
Par

It was RESOLVED to object to one of them.

09/01442 Full Planning
Conversion of business premises into three two bedroomed flats.
The New Chapel
St Blazey Road
St Blazey

Councillors Seel and Heyward left the room while this application was discussed.

Planning Applications results received

09/01121 TPO – Removal of one small beech
Roselyon Cottage, 4 St Blazey Road
GRANT CONSENT

09/01156 Full Planning – Erection of Conservatory
6 Robins Close
GRANT PERMISSION

09/01242 Full Planning – Demolition of existing garage, replaced with two storey extension.
64a Polgover Way
GRANT PERMISSION

An amendment had been made to the footprint of the original proposal which the Clerk and Councillor Anderson responded on behalf of the Council with No Objection.

A letter has been received from Just Fir regarding a pre-application enquiry.

Councillor Anderson declared an interest the housing scheme proposed for the land at the rear of Rosehill But asked that the Council make a formal decision on the feasibility report. Councillor Seel proposed that the reasons given in October's minutes 0910/09 points 1-7 are taken to be voted on as a failure to support. Councillor Scrafton seconded, all agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0911/20 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk has contacted a handy man to have various repairs to the hall.

0911/21 ACCOUNTS

November 09

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	406.00 10/09	Insurance	144.20
Interest 10/09	3.45	SWW	43.50
Hall Bookings	529.50	Community Charge	83.00
		Electricity	37.00
		HMRC	285.21
		CCC	340.10
		Broadband	35.37
		Cleaner	132.00
		Chubb Fire Ltd	114.36
		Ocean Housing	5000.00
		BT	49.85
		British Gas	92.07
		Clerks Sal	952.82
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	938.95		7309.28

The council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

0911/22**TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Scrafton had attended the geothermal power event at Eden; he is very interested in the scheme and believes it to be a good idea. He is very interested to see how things progress.

Councillor Gill also attended the consultation regarding the Baal and West Carclaze projects and the Par Complex. He reported that most of the people attending who had concerns were due to traffic issues and infrastructure. He told us that consultation will begin by March 2010 with the view of outline planning being applied for by the end of September 2010. Chris Varcoe told him that 40% affordable would be hoped for at the Par Harbour site.

Councillor Anderson attended the book launch for "Tales of Par" by Burt Biscoe at the Welcome Home, Par Green where he presented the Town Council with a copy of his book.

Councillor Gill had visited the new owner of Biscovey PO and store that has some parking issues, the Clerk refer him to Highways. Councillor Putt has also visited the shop and been impressed.

0911/23**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 28th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.42pm.