

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 25th November 2010**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Chairperson

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
1 member of the press
1 member of the public

1011/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Taylor, Councillor Goddard & Sergeant Vickery.

1011/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th October 2010 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1011/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

1011/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1010/14 Councillor Anderson suggested that the Jenkins Family be approached to see if they would consider leasing Jenkins Field to the Council for allotments. This will be investigated.

1010/17 Councillors Anderson, Putt and Scrafton attended the walkabout with our Network Manager, Roy Taylor, Rob Toms, Lisa Grigg and representatives from the environment agency and CC highways department. Several recommendations were made to improve the Town. The Clerk will obtain the notes from the meeting and investigate ways of making progress.

1011/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

October 2010

	Committed
Assault	4
Burglary	1
Theft	8
Criminal Damage (Vehicle)	1
Criminal Damage (Property)	1
Drunk & Disorderly	1
Witness Intimidation	1
Driving Offence	1
Harassment	1
=====	
Total	19

1011/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES.**

Councillor Hughes apologised for not being available during last weeks floods and informed the Council that there is to be a multi-agency flood trial to be held shortly.

Councillor Hughes reported that no Cornwall Council cuts have been decided as yet but they are inevitable.

Councillor Hughes has been on a recent visit and toured other Eco Towns; he was shown what the houses will be like. Eco-bos are intending to submit a planning application in the first quarter of 2011.

Cornwall Council and other central stakeholders are currently deciding a definitive structure for the future of Par Beach; they are planning a larger meeting and will be inviting other community groups.

1011/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR.**

Councillor Taylor sent the Clerk the following report to be read to the Council:-

Please accept my apologies for non attendance at the Town Plan Committee and the next Town Council meeting. I shall be away on holiday until 03/12/2010.

On November 5th, I went on walkabout with some of the members of the Town Council, Rob Toms and CC officers. Confess I converted much of the meeting from the original intent to "spruce up the public realm" to looking into perceived problems with the leat drainage system. Not being prophetic, just using the opportunity to get attention for a subject I think important. The highways officers took away some recommendations to pass on to the Environment Agency.

On 17th November, we were greeted by the worst flooding in the town for many years.

I expected to be attending a Cabinet meeting at County Hall where they are agreeing an emergency budget and slashing spending across the county. Instead, my phone rang at 0615 and I was in St Blazey trying to be supportive of people whose homes are flooded or at risk of flooding. I also photographed the leat system in full flood and have passed relevant pictures on to highways for examination and clearance as needed. Since I have been a member of Cornwall Council, I have ensured that gully emptying is carried out as frequently as may be needed in flood prone areas.

There are some lessons to learn. People affected need one contact number available at all times for help and advice. It is essential that the leat system is cleaned properly and kept that way. Many people who had registered for notification by the RA flood warning system were not informed. The EA pump in Piggy Alley failed to start automatically and they had to give it a "kick start". Seriously flooded roads must be closed to traffic to prevent vehicles creating "bow waves" that worsen property damage unnecessarily. Get the message across that development in the wrong place that will make flooding worse should not be permitted. I am sure you can add more to this list.

On being advised that Station Road was no longer flooded I called Serco for a road sweeper. This was just before 4pm. The road was cleaned by 5pm. This was excellent service and I shall write thanking them.

I have been involved in a lot more but writing this on the 17th November flooding is on my mind.

1011/08 **ST AUSTELL AREA TOWN FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Scrafton attended the St Austell and Surrounding Area Town Framework Steering Group meeting on 4th November. Councillor Scrafton reported that it was an interesting and informative meeting and although he was happy to attend these meetings in the future, he thought that a member of the planning committee should also attend. Councillor Seel and the Town Clerk will also attend the meeting on 8th December. The minutes of this meeting are available in the office.

1011/09 **THE TOWN PLAN**

The Launch of St Blaise Town Plan was held on Tuesday 9th November at St Blazey Football Club. The event was well attended. The first meeting of the Town Plan committee was held earlier today when the different sections of the plan were distributed to each of the four Councillors on the committee to prioritise.

1011/10 **DRESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES.**

The Christmas trees will be dressed on Friday 3rd December. Councillor Heyward will provide the trees and the Councillors will meet at St Blazey Church at 10.30 and follow on to Leek seed Chapel.

1011/11 **THE CAROL CONCERT.**

The Clerk will reserve seating for the Councillors at the Carol Concert, Councillor Hooper will put out the Chairs, Councillors Hooper and Gill will meet and greet.

1011/12 **TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2011/2012.**

After some discussion and taking into account an extra £1,000 for the maintenance of the Fountain it was proposed by Councillor Seel that the Town Council request £51,450 an increase of 4.50% on last year. Councillor Heyward seconded and all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1011/13 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk asked as many of the Councillors as possible attend a meeting with Nikki Mills on Friday 3rd December to discuss the business plan that is necessary for the grant application. Planning Permission has been granted.

St Blazey Fountain – The Land Registry forms have been sent to Land Registry for the adoption of the fountain.

1011/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has been informed by Jan Philips from Groundwork, the regeneration charity, which she will be speaking to Imerys with regard to us gaining some of their land for allotments. Jan Philips is also actively working to arrange a neighbourhood walk with the aim of putting together a community green space map of St Blaise.

The Clerk asked the Council about the future of St Blazey Community Watch, the Council agreed that these meetings would continue and that the police should be asked to the January Council meeting and asked how they see the future of PACT.

1011/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- PA10/07179 Full Planning
Two Storey Extension to provide bedroom & en-suite ,kitchen and dining room, other internal alterations, re-provision of parking space and front porch.
Ash Grove
St Blazey
- PA10/05604 Full Planning
Retrospective application for conversion of garage to self contained annexe for family and friends.
3 Nevada Villas. St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

- C210/00823 Full Planning – To run a taxi business from home.
Dolphin Cars – 77 Polgover Way.
CONDITIONAL PERMISSION GRANTED
- PA10/04611 Full Planning – Proposed Sun Room.
Trenovissick Farm, The Mount, St Blazey
WITHDRAWN
- PA10/05353 Full Planning – Construction of a two storey, 3bed roomed house.
Land to the east of Penarwyn House, St Blazey.
WITHDRAWN
- PA10/05442 Full Planning – Demolish part of existing building and the erection of
an extension and additional vehicular access.
47 Trenovissick Road, St Blazey
WITHDRAWN
- PA10/05671 Full Planning – Extension to the Burrows Centre.
Burrows Centre, Lamellyn Road, St Blazey
CONDITIONAL PERMISSION GRANTED
- PA10/0807 TPO – Tree Works.
Roselyon Prep School, St Blazey
CONSENT GRANTED

1011/16 ACCOUNTS

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	423.00	10/10 Council Tax	78.00
Hall Bookings	377.50	10/10 SWW	55.00
Interest	4.00	10/10 Electricity	45.00
Interest (Inv ac)	149.12	10/10 HMRC	267.70
		CC (pen)	327.41
		Broadband	25.64
		Cleaner	78.00
		Clerks Sal	974.03
		10/10 SWW	11.50
		Purl Design	5287.50
		British Gas	123.80
		B.T	52.83
		Town Plan	94.88
		J T Groundwork's	1985.75
	=====		=====
	953.62		9407.04

The council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller asked if when the High Investment ends at the beginning of January 2011, the Clerk and himself could have delegated powers to re-invest. The Council all agreed providing the Chairman was in agreement.

1011/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Seel asked that the Clerk write to the environment Agency to ask why once the streams in Piggy Alley are cleaned; the silt is not taken away. The next time it rains the silt falls back in.

Councillor Hooper had attended the Community Flood meeting on Wednesday 24th November where Charles Richards was elected Chairman of the Community Flood Plan group. Councillor Hooper was dismayed as so many residents of St Blaise had been affected by the flooding as there were so many different causes.

Councillor Allen asked that the Clerk write to Network Rail as the overgrowth from their sidings is blocking the pavements in St Blazey Road.

The Town Council took the unusual decision to allow Charles Richards to take the floor due to the unfortunate circumstances of last week.

1011/18 **A REPORT FROM CHARLES RICHARDS**

Charles told the Council that he will be working with many of the Agencies and Cornwall Council to update the Community Flood Plan which had failed last week. Wardens and volunteers have already been appointed to help deal with any future emergencies. The group want to be pro-active and pre-empt any future floods and he feel that with a community voice the town will be better prepared to react if any future flooding occurs.

The Clerk will write to Steve Gilbert MP asking him to remind the government of the promises they have made and write to Prince Charles to ask for a contribution to the Cornwall Flood Fund.

1011/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 27th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.23pm.