

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th November 2013**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor  
Councillor Adrian Seel – Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)  
PC Rob Toms  
1 member of the public

Before the meeting began Brian Ridgement of 60 Bobs Road spoke to Council regarding a conservatory that is being built at 58 Bobs Road. He told the Council that building work began a year ago without planning permission which has subsequently been applied for and withdrawn. The build is against his wall and has clear glass. The property belongs to Ocean Housing who are currently investigating.

Councillor Taylor has contacted the planning office and is waiting to hear if any enforcement action is to be taken. Councillor Seel said the build is not being built in line with the withdrawn plans.

1311/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

1311/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31st October 2013 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1311/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Putt and Seel declared an interest in devolution of St Blazey FC. Councillor Scrafton declared an interest in the placing of a bin at the Mount.

1311/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1310/08 Councillor Taylor has met with the Area Highways Manager at Polgrean Place who informed him that the size of the drainage pipes are dictated by the amount of water that they would calculate was to be carried. New building would impact on this.

1311/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

## October 2013

		Detected
Assault	5	4
Burglary dwelling		
Burglary other		
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	5	1
Theft (including from M/V)	2	1
Damage	8	4
Other	7	5
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>October 2012:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>

These are very positive crime figures for the month of October compared with the same period last year.

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE October 2013 – 103

1311/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has attended many meetings in the last month including local meetings, Par Bay Big Local, Neighbourhood Planning, Community Watch, St Blazey Reclaimed and Hands Together.

Councillor Taylor is assisting a resident with their Council Tax problems which have occurred since Cornwall Council changed the benefits system in April.

Councillor Taylor met with Matthew Taylor regarding local regeneration. Councillors Doug Srafton and Tom French and Martin Eddy were also present. They received some guidance.

Councillor Taylor has found funds that could be used for the replacement of yellow lines in Station Road, Fore Street, Bridge Street and others.

A radar box is to be fitted to a lamp post in St Blazey Road, this will detect the amount of speeding traffic and if the result proves enough of a problem a speed flasher could be introduced if funding is available.

Councillor Blackie asked about the Sea defence at Carlyon Bay as reported on local news, Councillor Taylor informed him that it was dealt with by the CC planning committee of which he is not a member.

### 1311/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton has attended several meetings and reported that the Par Carnival Committee would be holding an Emergency General Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. They have lost a lot of volunteers and are in need of more to keep the tradition alive.

Councillor Scrafton has met with residents of Lesnewth who are concerned about the parking during school opening and closing hours. He believes that there is a real safety risk and is talking with Ocean, Highways and the School.

He attended a briefing at Eden and reported that they are confident regarding their financial future and reported that their submission for an extension to the planning application for the Geo-thermal facility has been approved.

There is a consultation in progress to extend the 30mph speed limit from the A390 into Luxulyan Road and a 40mph limit from Polmear to Fowey.

As part of the Carlyon Bay s106 agreement, consultation is taking place on Par Moor Road which will see the extension of the current footpaths.

The cabinet at Cornwall Council are considering replacing the running track at Redruth with one similar in Truro, Council Scrafton is concerned as this could put Par Running Track at risk.

The threat of Cornwall Council to move 300 jobs from their offices in St Austell to new offices in Bodmin has been averted but jobs are still at risk.

Wainhomes have written to neighbours of a piece of land in Mount Crescent regarding plans for 50 houses to be built there. Councillor Scrafton is to meet with Wainhomes soon.

### 1311/08 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

Dave told the Council that he was weeding around the planters at the end of Station Road and uncovered a drain that has covered for many years. Councillor Taylor will investigate to see if this drain can be cleaned in the short term rather than wait until the next scheduled clean.

Dave has cleared a lot of moss off the footpath that runs from Landreath Place to Rosehill, he has cleared the area due to requests from residents but he asked the council if he could jet wash the area even though it was a CC responsibility. The council expressed their concern as it would not be covered by the Town Council insurance. Councillor Taylor will report it to Cornwall Council and see if they can remedy the problem.

### 1311/09 **DEVOLUTION - ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS BID**

Cornwall Council have to make millions of pounds worth of cuts and as a result need to reduce services which will mean a lot of the grassed areas in St Blaise will not be kept to the current standard. Local Councils have been asked to bid to the devolution

team for areas which they feel they could maintain. Cornwall Council will offer some funding for devolved services.

St Blaise Town Council considered four areas:-

King Edward Gardens – Councillor Putt proposed we bid to have the gardens devolved to St Blaise, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Bull Engine Park – Councillor Seel proposed we bid to have the grassed area devolved to St Blaise, Councillor Scrafton seconded the proposal, all the council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

St Blazey Football Club – Councillor Miller proposed we bid to have the football club and the reciprocal agreement with the Car Park area devolved to St Blaise, Councillor Scrafton seconded the proposal, 6 councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED. Councillors Seel and Putt abstained as they had an interest as did another Councillor.

Penarwyn Green – Councillor Taylor proposed we bid to have the grassed area devolved to St Blaise, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk was instructed to write that the council would also consider other Cornwall Council owned land including grass verges.

#### 1311/10 **STATION ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The “ladies” and “gents” signs at the public conveniences have been replaced. Cormac do not believe the pot-holes need to be repaired. The Clerk was instructed to sign the transfer documents.

#### 1311/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Alex Foulkes, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources gave a talk about devolution at the CALC conference on 20<sup>th</sup> November. He advised local council to take devolved services on license. This would ensure that if CC withdrew funding, the local council could stop the agreement if they chose.

#### 1311/12 **STATION ROAD PLANTERS**

Councillor Putt and Dave Pearce have re-planted the planters at the end of Station Road, due to frost it became a priority. They used the remaining plants from the area at the end of the Town Car Park which Councillor Putt has donated.

#### 1311/13 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS 2013 CAROL CONCERT**

Councillor Putt asked for a budget to purchase two Christmas Trees, Councillor Scrafton proposed £170 which was seconded by George Allen, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1311/14 **DOG BIN FOR THE MOUNT**

Several residents of the Mount have asked that a dog bin be installed in the area, the Clerk and Councillor Putt have visited and found an unobtrusive suitable place. Councillor Putt proposed that a bin be placed, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, 7 councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1311/15 **TO SET THE 2014/15 PRECEPT**

Cornwall Councillor Doug Scrafton believes that the maintenance of open spaces will cost St Blaise Town Council a fair bit of money in the future and we may be capped from 2015/16 onwards and so proposed an increase of 8%, Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, Councillors Blackie and Wheeler voted against the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 1311/16 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning** – The Neighbourhood Planning steering group are having a training evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> December to determine vision and objectives.

**New Community Centre** – The Clerk has been informed that it is no longer possible to extend planning permission, a new application must be made. Cornwall Council will not amend our heads of terms for the Burrows Centre at this time. We can re-apply in 2017.

**WW1 Anniversary** – Councillors Putt, Anderson, Miller and Allen have met with four Tywardreath and Par parish council and formed a committee.

#### 1311/17 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Residents of the Mount are extremely concerned about a letter they have received regarding Wainhomes plans to build 50 homes off Mount Crescent. St Blaise Town Councillors cannot pre-determine an application but will keep abreast of the situation.

Many residents have reported a broken post on the footpath between the Mount and Spit Beach. The Clerk has written to the land owner requesting permission to make repairs.

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

Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

**Location:** A390 from Bridge Street to Porcupine, Tywardreath  
**Highway, Par**  
**Timing:** 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (2100 to 0700 hours)  
**Reason:** Centurion Site Services - Essential Rail Track Works

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

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**Location:** St Andrews Road, Par  
**Timing:** 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
**Reason:** Centurion Site Services - Essential Rail Track Maintenance Works

The Clerk has been informed by English Heritage that the Traction Engine Turntable at the Roundhouse site is listed.

The Clerk has been received more detail on the mapping that Clear Mapping can produce. Councillor Seel said that there is a new business group being formed in St Blazey and to pass the information to them first.

At the CALC conference on November 20<sup>th</sup>, there was a presentation from South West Employers who for £350 per year offer Human Resource support. The Council do not feel this is necessary at this time.

The Clerk also learned that from April all Local Government Employers will pay the living wage instead of the minimum wage which will be £7.65.

Par Community association will be holding the 2014 Big Lunch Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> at Par Running Track. St Blaise Town Council decided to hold their own event.

Jan Philips from Groundwork Green Teams is running a project in Newquay with the Job Centre where the unemployed carry out environmental improvements. They hope to start a similar project in St Austell shortly and are asking for ideas.

Cornwall Council agreed to cease general weed treatment at the meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will obtain plans of the areas affected in the Town.

1311/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA13/10083                      Construction of a new three bedroom two storey dwelling  
    Ty Gwedden  
    The Mount  
    St Blazey

1311/19 **ALEXANDER HALL**

A brownie burnt herself on one of the pipes leading to a radiator, the Clerk will ask the Warden to lag the pipes. Chubb has said that our Risk Assessment is inadequate and we need warning beacons in the toilets. The Clerk will give other fire protection suppliers the opportunity to quote for these works.

1311/20 ACCOUNTS

November

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	397.50
Interest (high)	116.80
Black Sacks	42.00
NP	3102.00
Interest	5.27

**Expenditure**

Broadband	31.32
Wardens Wage	520.00
Insurance	175.11
HMRC	519.88
CC (pen)	427.37
Clerks Sal	1295.80
D& S bld	140.00
Asda	60.00
Eclipse	14.38
Viking	688.29
UK Fuels	37.50
DLH Eng	42.00
W Bailey	160.93
Mulled Wine	78.50
Lantra	110.00
Icon	70.00
BT	22.80
CALC	113.40
Travis Perkins	61.85
X mas Direct	15.14
E Veerman	443.40
Poppy Appeal	120.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	89.00
EON	42.00
Cleaners Wage	75.65
Chubb (F/A)	102.24
Chubb (parts)	12.78
Cef	86.37
D Smith	36.00
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	54.00
Toilet Warden	30.00
<u>Shop</u>	
Telephone & BB	33.60
Rent	

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3,663.57

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The Clerk asked that each councillor be asked individually whether the accounts could be approved. All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

**1311/21 TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Putt, Dave Pearce and Graham Hedger have built a wall around the stone at the entrance to the Town Car Park and planted the area. Councillor Putt has donated the plants and requested that we write a letter of thanks to Mr Hedger who gave his time freely. All the Councillors agreed.

Councillor Wheeler reported that the lid for the bin by Biscovey School was missing. The Clerk will get this replaced.

Councillor Anderson attended the Mevagissey Flood Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> which was attended by Stephen Gilbert MP. The government has produced a guide for insurance companies providing cover for householders affected by flooding. The main issue appears to be the amount of excess being forced onto these householders.

Other issues reported were:-

A drain in St Blazey Road will be by-passing the pumping station and feeding directly into St Blazey River.

Fibre glass linings have been put into the sewers in Tredenham Close.

The work on the culvert in Station Road has been completed. The water main has been moved but the gas main remains in the same place.

There is exploratory work being carried out at Par No 2 pumping station.

There is ongoing work being carried out in Par Lane and Brooks Corner.

Councillor Anderson attended the Par Liaison meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> and reported that Reclaym Ltd continue demolition work at Par Docks but this is only visible from the sea-side. Eco-bos are still committed to work on the Eco-Town and work is due to begin on the A391 in the New Year together with the technology park. Cornwall Council are driving forward with the first phase of the development of West Carclase and are eager to see detailed planning applications. Imerys plan to have solar farms sited at their tips.

Councillor Putt reported that Hands Together Residents Association are having difficulties, Ocean Housing are assisting them.

Councillor Taylor told the Council that the leaf litter project is working well and has received the first batch of debris. He has requested that they include Church Street and Station Road in the areas to be cleared.

**1311/22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.59pm.