

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

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

Councillors

G Miller, A Putt, R Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Peter Crawford
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
1 member of public

Before the meeting began Peter Crawford, a representative of Wainhomes spoke to the Council regarding the application for 44 new homes off of Mount Crescent. He explained that the previous application had been refused on noise issues and that the new application had addressed these. The new plans show that the proposed houses now have additional insulation and double glazing. Mechanical ventilation will also be put in which will be needed because of the triple glazing.

He told the Council that the highways issues had been addressed as they would now be putting in a virtual footpath. The Councillors do not believe the proposed footpath extends enough and are mainly concerned with the highway issues. They believe the new estate would have a detrimental effect on the current residents of Mount Crescent lives.

Councillor Taylor took the opportunity to ask Mr Crawford's opinion of the road safety issues at the entrance to Porth Meadow. Mr Crawford told Councillor Taylor that the Town Council had been offered six parking spaces on the land where the site office had been based for a £1. The Clerk reminded the Council that the reason that the offer had not been accepted was that the Council would have had to pay both sides legal expenses.

1411/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Seel, Councillor R Blackie and Councillor Doug Srafton.

1411/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th October 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1411/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1411/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1409/09 Councillor Wheeler informed the council that the seat to be placed on the corner of Old Roselyon Road and Middleway has a six to eight week delivery time.

1411/21 Councillor Putt informed the council that the plaque had been placed on the pillar at the entrance to the Town car park.

1411/16 The Mayor thanked the Councillors for accompanying her to the Remembrance Service at St Blazey Church on November 9th.

1411/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

St Blazey Police sent their apologies but sent the following figures.

October 2014

	Recorded 10/14	Recorded 10/13
Violence with Injury	4	3
Violence without Injury	4	2
Vehicle Offences	1	1
Other Theft	3	4
Criminal Damage	6	11
Public Order Offences	2	3
Other	0	1
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 10/14	Recorded 10/13
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	18
Crime not Recorded	0	1
Crime Recorded	6	17
Public Safety	48	42
Transport	3	10
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>88</u>

The PCSO had informed the St Blazey Community Watch meeting that the way that crime figures are recorded would change. The Council asked the Clerk to see if we could still receive detection figures.

1411/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

The Warden is confident that all works are up to date and is unaware of any issues. The Councillors were informed that a hole had been drilled into the door of the

cubicle in the gent's toilet in Station Road PC's which he had filled but it has been re-drilled.

Councillor Wheeler has received reports from the public that they are pleased with the footpath work that Dave has carried out.

1411/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has received a telephone call from Councillor Blackie who has complained about the overgrown hedges in Lamellyn Road, St Mary's Road and Biscovey Road. Councillor Taylor has informed him it is the property owner's responsibility to keep these trimmed. Councillor Blackie complained about the weeds on the pavements in the same area, Cornwall Council stopped pavement treatments from this financial year, the Warden has been trained and will start the treatment in the spring when we have the appropriate weather.

Councillor Taylor has influenced Cornwall Council who have had to halve the road salt budget to reorganise their scheduling so that now all roads currently salted will continue to be salted but with larger vehicles but less of them and therefore the process will take longer.

Councillor Wheeler asked about the grit bins which were removed a few years ago by Cornwall Council, Councillor Taylor told him that St Blaise Town Council will provide the bins if local residents could form a group to carry out the process.

Councillor Taylor who is also the Chairman of Fourway's Youth Club has looked into ways the service could continue without funding from Cornwall Council. It is suggested that the current staff set themselves up as an organisation that could then obtain grants to continue the service. Cornwall Council may be prepared to cover the core costs, rent and electricity for example, for a length of time.

Councillor Taylor is keeping his interest alive regarding the repair of the Roundhouse Turntable, there are organisations who have committed to assisting but no work has yet started.

He has visited Doubletrees School who are planning to start a sensory garden and has visited Newquay Airport who are involved in far more than is commonly known. Westland Helicopters have their training site based there as well as many other business enterprises.

Councillor Miller asked his opinion of Cornwall Councils media activity in view of recent TV coverage. He replied that he is confident that action has been taken to ensure that the recent media coverage will not be repeated.

1411/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton sent his apologies.

1411/09 **CAROL CONCERT**

Councillor Wheeler will arrive at St Blazey Church at 5.30pm on 14th December to put out chairs for the concert, Councillors Miller and Taylor will arrive at 5.30pm to meet and greet.

1411/10 **TO SET 2015-16 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

The Clerk told the Council that the current budget is sufficient but does not know how we could be affected by Cornwall Council cuts or how much road weed treatment will cost. Councillor Taylor proposed that the precept be increased to £74,000 which equates to a 5.3% raise. Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1411/11 **TO ADOPT NEW RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had distributed a new Risk Assessment for St Blaise Town Council, Councillor Miller proposed that they be adopted, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1411/12 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

We have no further news.

1411/13 **DECORATING OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk, the warden, Councillors Putt, Wheeler and Taylor will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 3rd December at St Blazey Church to decorate the trees.

1411/14 **RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

Sadly Councilor Heyward has resigned from the Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, public notice of the vacancy shall be given by posting a Notice on the Council notice board Monday 1st December.

1411/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Burrows Centre – The Clerk has not received a quote from the builder currently studying the plan for the extension. Happy Days have asked if they can put their sign above the entrance door. The Councillors decided to refuse the request.

Councillor Blackie asked Councillor Taylor to report that the new fire doors at the Burrows have too big a gap under them. The Clerk said this had been rectified for some time.

Neighbourhood Planning – Statements have been displayed in the shop for comment.

1411/16 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk has sent photographs of the footpath that runs by Biscovey School, provided by Councillor Wheeler, to the Countryside Information Officer at Cornwall Council. A site visit is to be arranged to see what improvements can be made within a limited budget.

1411/17 PLANNING MATTERS

There has been three planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to two of them.

PA14/10500 Proposed replacement box bay projection
53 Rose Hill
St Blazey

PA14/10988 Two storey rear extension and associated works
281 Manor View
St Blazey.

The Council Objected to:-

PA14/10204 Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 44 new dwellings,
associated highway and landscape works together with provision of
open space and associated infrastructure.
Land east of Mount crescent
Mount crescent
St Blazey

Results Received.

PA14/09927 Proposed extension and general alterations.
Re-submission of PA14/04138
Rievaulx
Biscovey Road
APPROVED

PA14/06158 Extension and conversion of garage, extend roof line and dormers over.
59 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA14/05569 Convert front garden into parking space and lower curb.
8 Par Lane
St Blazey
REFUSED

PA14/03170 Application to demolish existing garage and rebuild garage with infill annexe and roof space across the annexe and garage.
16 Rose Hill
St Blazey.

1411/18 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk, the Warden and the Cleaner have thoroughly cleaned the hall and Dave Pearce has carried out some decorating.

1411/19 **ACCOUNTS**

November 14

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	444.50
Interest (high)	122.05
LMP	349.00
Interest	6.17 10/14
Par OCS	115.00
Eden	96.00

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3,165.62

Expenditure

Broadband	43.06
UK Fuels	76.40
Insurance	195.87
HMRC	481.58
CC (pen)	452.35
Clerks Sal	1307.33
Wardens Wage	608.77
Eclipse	14.38
Mulled Wine	70.06
Cormac	2140.80
BT	70.80
Comet	699.99
DLH	3.00
Town Team	75.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	78.50
EON	89.00
SE	(157.76)
Cleaners Wage	71.50
Chubb (parts)	12.78
Wardens Equi	47.23
<u>PC</u>	
Bus Rates	52.00
Warden	31.00
Bunzl	123.71
<u>Shop</u>	
Phone	96.00

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7,868.25

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1411/20**TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Putt said that he had not seen any Lorries parking overnight in the Town Car Park and therefore the reinforcing of the stones seems to have had the required effect.

Councillor Wheeler is concerned that the overgrowth at the entrance to the Co-op is affecting visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles. Councillor Putt will speak to the land owner and ask for his permission for the Warden to cut them back.

Councillor Taylor said that he was pleased that the yellow lines outside Lloyds Bank had been repainted when the ones in Fore Street had been.

1411/21**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th January 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.