

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 30th November 2017

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
 Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Allen, R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, J Taylor and S Wheeler

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Community Warden
 Cornwall Councillor P Giles
 Cornwall Councillor J Rowse.
 Linda Chapman
 2 members of the public.

1711/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S Ford and Councillor K Simms.

1711/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th October 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1711/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1711/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1710/06 The trees in Piggy Alley have been cut back and the lighting has been serviced.

1711/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

October 2017

	Recorded 10/17	Recorded 10/16	Difference
Violence with Injury	4	7	-42.9%
Violence without Injury	5	3	66.7%
Rape	0	2	-100%
Other Sexual Offences	1	0	-%

Burglary Dwelling	1	0	-
Burglary Non-Dwelling	1	5	-
Vehicle Offences	2	0	-
Other Theft	0	4	-100%
Criminal Damage	8	2	300%
Public Order Offences	3	3	0%
Other Offences	1	0	-
TOTAL:	26	21	23.8%

Non notified offences	3	0	-
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Incidents Recorded	Recorded 10/17	Recorded 10/16	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	19	18	5.6%
Crime Not Recorded	0	1	-100%
Crime Recorder	9	5	80%
Public Safety	37	49	-24.5%
Transport	9	9	0%
TOTAL:	74	82	-9.8%

1711/06 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden is up to date with all his work and this week has been particularly busy erecting and decorating the Christmas Trees and decorating the Church wall. All the planters have been stripped and re-planted.

1711/07 LINDA CHAPMAN REGARDING THE ACTIVE PLUS SCHEME

The Active Plus Scheme, works with veterans to inspire people and help them back into training, education and work, is a fund supported by the European Social Fund and is also lottery funded. Active Plus run eight week courses that are 3 hours per week. The veterans have proved excellent at this work as they have compassion. The courses are at the Burrows Centre, St Blazey on Monday mornings, however there are other courses available in St Austell and Liskeard.

The scheme does not stop at the end of the eight weeks as they have helped people into work by supplying lap top computers, tools and even paid for an attendee to get his bike license. It is hoped that in future attendees will be able to help in the community. Active Plus are working with the Job Centre, Ocean Housing and PL24.

Active Plus can only run if they have attendees and so Linda asked the Councillors to pass the information to anybody who they think could benefit.

1711/08 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

Councillor Rowse and I had a site meeting at St Andrews Road Duck Pond, although not in St Blaise, as great many of our residents enjoy the area. FWAG – Farm and

Wildlife Advisory Group – have provided some funds for peripheral work but the pond is becoming a mud pile. A lot of work needs to be carried out, a facebook fund raising page has been set up which will attract match funding and prove local support.

I have had a meeting with representatives from the NHS with the view of starting a wellness café in St Blazey where once a month a community nurse would attend to speak to residents with ailments they are unlikely to visit the Doctors for. It would probably be held at Hands Together.

I attended a Growth and Economic Development meeting which led to a multi-agency forum. The forum discussed giving more consideration to infrastructure and the impact on the local community. The eco-village is a possible example of how new development should look when infrastructure is front ended stopping the over subscription to schools and other services.

I met with Rachael Tatlow of Cormac and toured the area, the drains in St Blazey are on next month's cleaning schedule. Escape lanes in the area have not been cleared for a very long time and so I have asked for the one on Penpillick Hill to be cleared. We visited the original part of Rosehill Cemetery and I have asked for the headstones to be moved to the perimeter wall to make a memorial garden with paths and seating. Working with PL24 in bloom, the area could be planted with bulbs and I am looking into funding for a green gym. I have spoken with somebody who may be able to help and I will keep the Town updated in a Newsletter.

Councillor Rowse and I visited the "Keep Cornwall Fed" kitchen where great work is being carried out. Some of the people helped are in short term need and after being helped are ready to help others.

Earlier today I attended the localism summit when the ever increasing role of the Community Network Panels was spoken and the local decision making. Each CNP is to be given a share of a fund for small road works, I am looking forward to carry out duties that have been overlooked for too long.

1711/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Earlier this month we had some big news for the Par and St Blazey area, the Cornwall Council Cabinet agreed to invest £8.3 million from their Capital Programme into Phase 1 of the STaRR Project. I was absolutely delighted by this news as this has been one of the things I have been putting pressure on Cornwall Council for since my election. The STaRR Project will transform our area, an economically deprived area, blighted with regular flooding, into a resilient and vibrant community. At Full Council, when all Cornwall Councillors meet, I took the opportunity to get assurances from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection that she will personally do all that she can to ensure this project now moves forward quickly and that tangible improvements are put in place as soon as possible.

I was also delighted to have formalised 'PL24 in Bloom' over the last month and we held our first planting session which saw our volunteers' plant some of the 3000 bulbs. It was a successful day, despite the weather.

I know questions have been asked over why we are trying to look after and maintain some of the green and open spaces that we pay our council tax for. I see that as a very one-dimensional view. As much as I agree that Cornwall Council and CORMAC have a job to do, I also realise that they are doing less and less to maintain these spaces. As much as I find this frustrating, I also see it as an opportunity to bring our three communities together (St Blaise, Par and Tywardreath) to take pride in the area that we live in, as we are the ones that see and use these spaces every day. So I am seeing this project as a positive one for the area, and would be grateful for the Town Councils support on this. I would also like to see the Town Council represented on PL24 in Bloom so am asking the Town Council to nominate a representative.

Whilst I am on the topic of all things PL24, I went to the PL24 Community Association AGM yesterday evening and I just want to put on record how much I appreciate all that they do for our postcode, and without them we would certainly be worse off.

Carrying on with the good news, as Chairman of the Par Beach Management Group, I am delighted to report that Park Leisure now have a beach wheelchair in place so that wheelchair users can use and enjoy the beach. This really is fantastic news and ties in with the group's plans to make the beach as disable-friendly as possible. The wheelchairs aren't cheap, so I would like to thank the Park Leisure team for purchasing one. I am also pleased to confirm that the main car park at Par Beach has now been regraded. This is the first time it has ever been regraded twice in one year, so I would like to thank David Hughes and Doug Scrafton for getting this arrangement in place.

Last bit of good news before I wrap up, and that's that I finally have a date for the clearing and maintenance works for the Brit Roundabout. After weeks and months of pestering CORMAC, the works are now scheduled with the Landscaping Team for the 8th December. It is also my understanding that we have had various organisations step forward wanting to sponsor the roundabout, so once I know the roundabout has been cleared and is a blank canvass, we can then take sponsorship discussions forward.

As usual it is my councillor surgery at Par Library on Saturday at 10:30am.

1711/10 **COUNCIL REPRESENTATION FOR HANDS TOGETHER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Roy Taylor volunteered for the role of Council representative to the Hands Together Association, all the Councillors agreed.

1711/11 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Councillors Anderson, J Taylor and the Clerk met with Rachel Tatlow, Highways and Environment Manager. We toured the area showing her the areas the Town Council are responsible for. Rachael agreed to repair the broken bench on A390 and cut the overgrowth outside the Fowlords public House. Rachael also will look into the

fencing at King Edward Gardens to see if this can be repaired before we have the park devolved to us.

Rachael told us that Cornwall Council have put the responsibility of cutting the hedges and ground abutting the road side onto the owners of the properties that also partner the road and therefore our responsibility to cut the growth on the Highway next to the Burrows Centre.

1711/12 **COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CLERKS CONTRACT AND AMMENDED RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER JOB DECRIPTION**

The Clerk had written a new RFO job description and amended her contract which was sent to all Councillors before the meeting. Councillor Wheeler proposed the new contract and job description be adopted, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1711/13 **COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR THE STARR PROJECT**

Further to Cornwall Council providing £8,300,000 funding to the scheme, Councillor R Taylor asked that a letter of support be sent to the team working on the project. All Councillors agreed.

1711/14 **TO APPOINT A FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY/CYCLE WAYS OFFICER**

Councillor Jenny Taylor volunteered for the role of Council representative as Footpaths/ Bridleways and Cycle ways Officer, all the Councillors agreed.

1711/15 **CAROL CONCERT**

The Clerk will arrive at St Blazey Church at 3.00pm on 3rd^h December to put out chairs for the concert if necessary, Councillors available will assist. Councillors Tony Nethercott and Jenny Moore will arrive at 3.15pm to meet and greet. Councillor Jenny Taylor will prepare the Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

1711/16 **TO SET THE PRECEPT**

The Clerk had written a budget with a proposed increase of 3%. Councillor Chamberlain proposed the increase, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1711/17 **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider if adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Clerk asked if the Risk assessment was adequate, and to consider that the Minute Book, Attendance Book and Declarations of Interest are being kept properly, the accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place, banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static. All agreed the Internal Controls are acceptable.

The Clerk asked the council if Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solutions Ltd should continue as our Internal Auditors for another year. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2017/18 Audit.

1711/18 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre – The Councillors agreed that a separate meeting should be held to discuss the future of the Burrows on January 17th 2018.

Neighbourhood Planning – Councillor Moore told the council that the working party had met on Tuesday and were taken through the collated questionnaire responses by Amy Thurtle from CRCC. The collated responses have been sent to each councillor. Themes coming out of the responses have raised some questions, one of which is regarding allotments. At the last count, we had only 17 people on the waiting list for allotments, and so Councillor Moore wants to gauge through the Facebook page whether there are more people interested. The Council gave permission but asked the question be worded as a gauge and no decision or placing decision had been made.

As with all surveys, it is those of advanced years who have the time to answer the questionnaire, however we have had a very good response rate from those under 30. Councillor Moore is currently doing a short course: ‘Political Participation in my Community’ and this has given her the opportunity to examine the questionnaire responses more closely. Councillor Moore particularly wants to review the responses of those under 30 and examine how they compare with those over 30. This will help reinforce the Plan in showing engagement with younger members of the community. Amy has very kindly separated out the responses of those under 30, to help the task.

The collated responses need to be signed off by the working party, before they are incorporated into the policies and forwarded to the planner. There will need to be a further consultation on the draft plan. The EA have suggested that this can be done jointly with their proposed event relating to the STaRR project, in February or March. Councillor Moore is meeting with the EA next week, to discuss this but mainly the drafting of the flood amelioration policy.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk will ask Cornwall Council to remove the graffiti from the lamp post in the gardens before completion.

1711/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Councillors Nethercott and Anderson along with the Clerk and the Warden erected the Christmas Trees on Monday. They were helped by seven members of the public, Amos, Putt, Diane Greene, John Gronwalt, Matt Strange, Chris Free, Lewis Rowe and Ben Rowe. The Clerk was instructed to write to each of them with the Council thanks.

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey.

Timing: 24th November 2017 to 1st December 2017 (24 hours)

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par and Rundles Walk.

Timing: 9th to 10th December 2017 (23:30 to 06:00 hours)

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 17th to 19th January 2018 (24 hours)

Intention Notice only.

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 24th to 25th January 2018 (22:00 to 06:00)

Intention Notice only.

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

Location: A390 Bridge Street to Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par

Timing: 25th to 26th January 2018 (22:00 to 06:00)

Intention Notice only.

1711/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

PA17/09446 Application for the formation of an “off road” parking space complete with dropped kerb.
18 Doubletrees
St Blazey

PA17/10292 To replace broken and leaking flat roof made of corrugated iron and fibre glass with a pitched slate roof.
4 Station Road.
St Blazey

PA17/10423 Proposed access improvements.
79 Landreath Place
St Blazey

Results Received

- PA17/08723 Listed Building Consent to replace dilapidated flat roof of garage with tiled pitched roof.
4 Station Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA17/09801 Erection of a second storey extension to existing bungalow including a single storey extension to rear.
53 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA17/09430 Listed Building Consent for demolition of single storey flat roofed extension, containing assisted toilet, sluice and store and replacement with larger single storey extension containing two larger assisted toilets, sluice and store, all to rear, west, of existing building.
Old Roselyon Manor Nursing Home.
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA17/09429 Demolition of single storey flat roofed extension, containing assisted toilet, sluice and store and replacement with larger single storey extension containing two larger assisted toilets, sluice and store, all to rear, west, of existing building.
Old Roselyon Manor Nursing Home.
St Blazey
APPROVED

1711/21 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk has ordered a new door for the Notice Board at Alexander Hall which has been shot.

1711/22 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk has had the rooms re-evaluated by the Valuation Office who have reduced the rateable value of the building from 5900 to 2075. Unfortunately this has only reduced the Business Rates bill this year minimally. The Clerk asked why and received the following response.

The last rating list was based on the 2010 revaluation, the Growth and Infrastructure Bill delayed the revaluation from 2015 to 2017. For those that would otherwise see significant increases in their rates liability, the Government has put in place a £3.6 billion transitional relief scheme to limit and phase in changes in rate bills as a result of the 2017 revaluation. To help pay for the limits on increases in bills, there also

have to be limits on reductions in bills. Under the transitional scheme, limits continue to apply to yearly increases and decreases until the full amount is due (rateable value times the appropriate multiplier). The scheme applies only to the bill based on a property at the time of the revaluation.

1711/23 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	876.00
Interest	2.68
High Deposit Int	147.09 10/17
C/R room hire	330.00
NP Grant	6,500.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1371.65
Wardens Wage	611.54
Broadband	25.45
UK Fuels	55.70
HMRC	557.20
CC (pen)	483.00
Eclipse	14.38
Aviva	280.90
CC	3275.50
Wardens Uniform	71.86
Wardens phone	10.00
Walter Bailey	30.00
R Heyward	200.00
SWW (foun)	14.68
Xmas Tree	80.00
The Range	11.28
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	285.00
EON	72.00
SWW	122.00
EDF	110.00
Cleaners Wage	66.83
Chubb (parts)	13.31
CEF	17.96
DS Electrical	55.49
Window Cleaning	18.00
<u>PC</u>	
PC's Bus Rates	51.00
Locking	30.00
Water	175.79
Cleaning Mats	43.00
EDF	9.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Bus Rates	304.00

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7,855.77

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1711/24 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor J Moore asked the Council if Grow St Blazey could apply for funding to work on an area to the side of the Town Car Park. The Council gave permission. Councillor Moore asked that the Council write a letter of support to the funders, the Council gave the Clerk instruction to write a letter.

Councillor Nethercott had attended the SABEF “Thinking Place” event and sees a distinct lack of work in our area, he assured the Council that he would do all he could to high-light local needs.

Councillor R Taylor attended the Cornwall Flood Forum Conference and has had further Flood Coordinator Training.

1711/25 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.02 pm.